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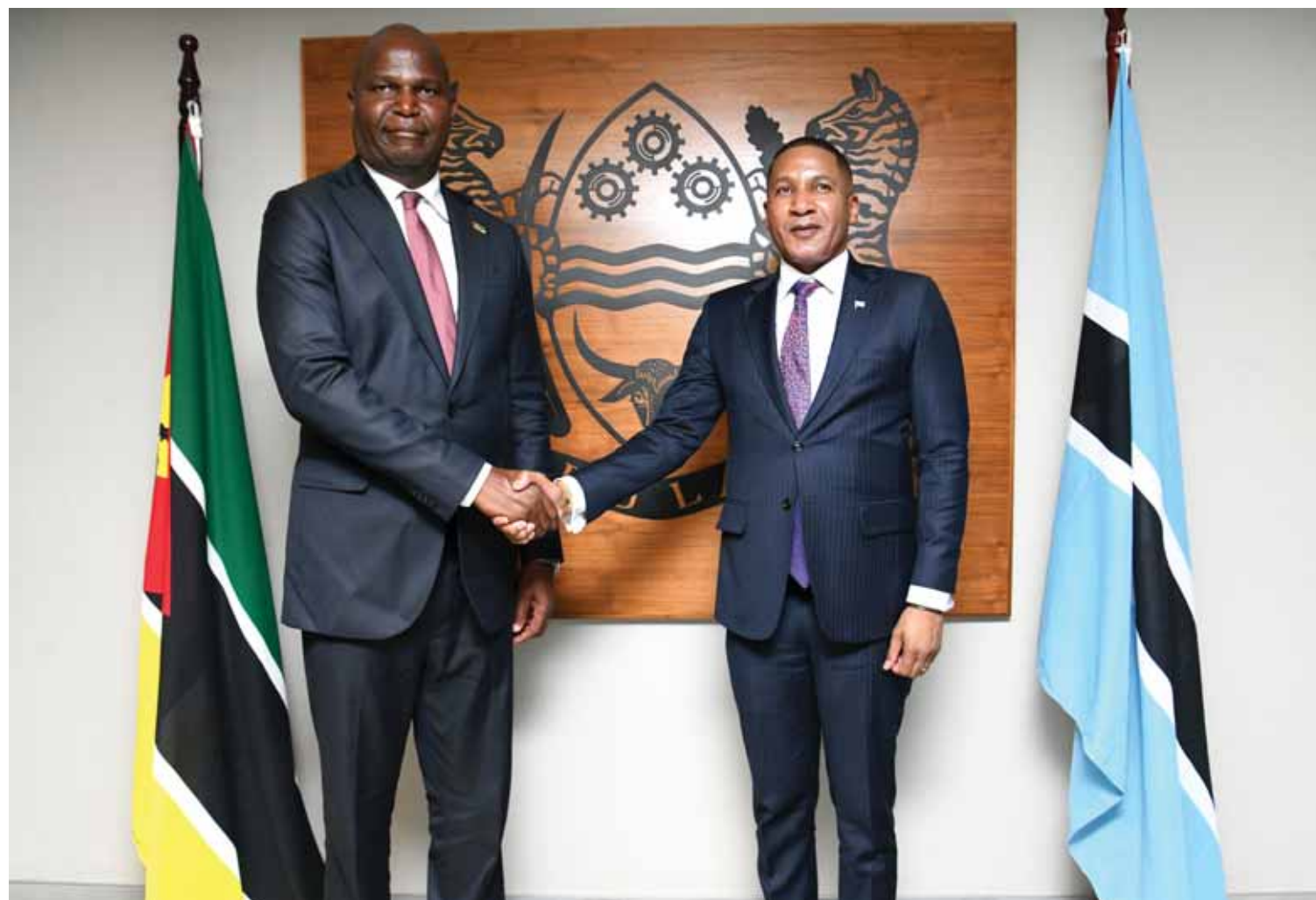
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President Advocate Duma Boko (right) meeting his Mozambique counterpart, Mr Daniel Chapo at the Office of the President during the latter's three-day state visit in Gaborone yesterday. President Boko said Botswana and Mozambique, which were commemorating 51 years of bilateral relations, were seeking to strengthen ties and deepen cooperation in areas such as the livestock industry, including Botswana's supply of foot-and-mouth disease vaccines to Mozambique. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

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Gaolathe calls for economic resilience



Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe addressing a kgotla meeting in Tsabong on Friday. He stressed the need for prudent financial management at both state and household levels so as to navigate the economic headwinds that the country faces. Photo: Phenyo Ramatu

Naomi Leepile
TSABONG

Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe has called for a fundamental shift in mindset, as the country faces declining revenue from its primary export, diamonds.

Addressing a kgotla meeting in Tsabong on Friday, Mr Gaolathe revealed that national revenue generated from diamond exports had plummeted from nearly P30 billion to P12 billion.

“You should take responsibility for what happens in your country; your diamonds, your money, your tourism,” Mr Gaolathe said, emphasising that national resources must be guarded and managed with heightened accountability.

To navigate these economic headwinds, Vice President stressed the urgent need for prudent financial management at both state and household levels.

He also urged citizens to adopt a new financial mindset focused on discipline, resourcefulness, and long-term sustainability.

Central to his message was a call for diversification, challenging Batswana to stop relying solely on traditional revenue streams and instead venture into entrepreneurship, create new income sources, and build local

businesses.

“Our country will not fail when Batswana are there and working together. Government cannot do it alone; we must work side-by-side to discover new streams of income.”

Fostering a strong home-grown enterprise culture and expanding local productivity, he noted would directly bolster national economic resilience and strengthen the purchasing power of the Botswana Pula.

Highlighting youth empowerment and skills development, Mr Gaolathe underscored the importance of technical and vocational training models like the Botswana Technical Education Programme (BTEP).

He assured the community that international partners and foreign investors were showing renewed interest in Botswana, with many eager to back youth-led enterprise initiatives and provide crucial capital and skills transfer.

At the same time, to ensure that no citizen got left behind during the economic transition, Mr Gaolathe reaffirmed government’s commitment to reviewing and strengthening social protection programmes to cushion vulnerable members of society.

Addressing localised development concerns, Mr Gaolathe brought welcome news to Tsabong residents regarding local health infrastructure.

He assured the community that the long-awaited construction of the Tsabong Primary Hospital remained a top priority, stating that the project was in the pipeline and would soon move into implementation.

For his part, Assistant Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Mr Motsamai Motsamai urged farmers to build economic resilience by diversifying their income streams rather than relying solely on traditional livestock rearing.

Acknowledging the devastating impact of agricultural shocks, Mr Motsamai highlighted how dual threats such as Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreaks and recurring climate hazards like El Niño routinely threatened single-source livelihoods.

He encouraged local producers to explore alternative agricultural and commercial ventures, citing apiculture, small-scale horticulture, and off-farm commercial enterprises as viable income generators capable of sustaining households during tough times.

The meeting also served as a platform for residents to voice their growing distress over strict FMD movement controls, as they decried the prolonged movement restrictions, warning that the entire Kgalagadi District had been brought to its knees.

With pastoral farming serving as the primary economic lifeline for the region, residents emphasised that the inability to market and sell their cattle had pushed families into severe financial hardship, leaving local commerce effectively paralysed.

“Without selling our livestock, our lives have come to a standstill. For us, cattle are our only source of life,” a resident, Mr Sam Brooks pleaded, appealing to Vice President for urgent government intervention, targeted relief measures, and a re-evaluation of current disease control protocols to help revive the district’s pastoral economy. **BOPA**

Ministry unveils strategic plan

Mpho Mosojane
GABORONE

The Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs has launched its Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Strategic Implementation Plan (CRVSSIP) 2026 - 2031.

The five-year plan demonstrates the country’s commitment to establishing an inclusive, contemporary system of public administration through implementing a comprehensive CRVS platform and aims to provide a continuous and reliable source of vital statistics and population data at both national and global level.

Officiating at the ceremony on Thursday, Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Major General Pius Mokgware implored stakeholders to strengthen partnerships for the successful implementation of the plan, emphasising on key lessons to be drawn from the previous strategy.

As one of the critical outcomes of the strategy, Minister Mokgware highlighted the launch of a modernised, robust and digital CRVS data management system that aims to ensure enhanced data availability for informed policy-making, public health initiatives and social services.

“The digital system will ensure accurate and timely recording of births, deaths, marriages and divorces ultimately promoting the rights and welfare of all citizens.”

According to the minister, the digital system will streamline processes, improve accuracy and completeness of data, strengthening interoperability between CRVS and other information management systems to facilitate seamless data sharing and real-time updates, which are key for national planning and evidence-based policy formulation.

Through its global mission

to ensure that every citizen was registered and protected, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) views the robust CRVSSIP as the foundational ‘book of life’ necessary for safeguarding human rights, advancing gender equality and driving evidence-based governance.

Speaking at the event, head of UNFPA Botswana, Ms Tlangelani Shilubane-Peterson noted that the strategy represented a key milestone that preserved human dignity and legal identity.

“When a birth is registered, a child acquires a legal identity, unlocking access to education, healthcare and social protection. Without civil registration, individuals remain invisible to the state and vulnerable populations risk being excluded from development progress,” she said.

A key outcome of the Strategy is the review and harmonisation of the legal and policy framework to address existing gaps and align with international standards to ensure the protection of data privacy and security while creating an enabling environment for effective coordination and service delivery within the CRVS system.

Launched under the theme: Strengthening Civil Registration

and Vital Statistics Systems for Inclusive Governance and Sustainable Development, the strategy aims at raising awareness of strategic priorities aiming at protecting the legal identity of all citizens as well as strengthening coordination and accountability mechanisms.

The Strategy was developed through a structured, consultative and evidence-based, multi-sectorial task force comprising representatives from various ministries, United Nations (UN) agencies and key sectors using key lessons from the 2026-2020 Investment Plan. **BOPA**



Minister of Labour and Home Affairs Major General Pius Mokgware and head of United Nations Population Fund in Botswana, Ms Tlangelani Shilubane-Pietersen during the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Strategic Implementation Plan launch in Gaborone on Thursday. Minister Mokgware implored stakeholders to strengthen partnerships for the successful implementation of the plan. Photo: Washa Bofelwang

Duo elevates bilateral relations

Bonang Masolotatse
GABORONE

Botswana and Mozambique have signed an agreement establishing a Bi-National Commission to elevate their 51-year bilateral relations to create a high-level joint meeting to manage all cooperation issues.

Welcoming President Daniel Chapo of Mozambique yesterday, President Advocate Duma Boko said Botswana was looking to forge strategic ties to enhance trade relations. President Boko noted that the two nations were looking to strengthen relations and deepen cooperation across multiple sectors, including the livestock industry, where Botswana produces Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccines and supply Mozambique. He added that the country would continue to provide Mozambique and the region with ongoing support against the virus. President Boko further highlighted the energy sector, noting that Mozambique was upscaling its hydropower project and that Botswana was eyeing

further cooperation. Also, the President said Mozambique was accelerating the expansion of Matola Port, an essential oil storage hub for fuel arriving by sea, which would be core to regional oil importation. The leaders also agreed to collaborate in transport, logistics, regional connectivity, tourism, defense, security, law and minerals. On shared security challenges, President Boko stated that both nations faced cross-border crime, thus work together on law enforcement. He expressed enthusiasm for the return of peace and stability to Mozambique's Cabo Delgado region following past extremist insurgencies, adding that Botswana deployed forces under the SADC Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM) and looked forward to continued cooperation on regional and continental issues. For his part, President Chapo appreciated Botswana's role in SAMIM, which contributed to peace in Cabo Delgado, as well as for its solidarity during sporadic floods and ongoing FMD vaccine supplies. He noted that Mozambique was currently reforming its public sector and wished to implement the digitalisation model seen in Botswana. Furthermore, he emphasised Mozambique's commitment to maintaining an excellent relationship rooted in the legacy of their liberation leaders. Meanwhile, the two countries signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) in health, transfer of sentenced prisoners, correctional and penitentiary

services, double taxation avoidance, tourism, science, technology and innovation as

well as arts and culture. President Chapo, who arrived yesterday accompanied by First

Lady Gueta Chapo, ministers and senior government officials, is in Botswana until tomorrow. **BOPA**



Vice President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe (right) and Mozambique Minister of Finance, Ms Carl Fernandes Loveira after signing an amendment to the double taxation avoidance agreement at the Office of the President yesterday. The two countries also signed Memoranda of Understanding in health, transfer of sentenced prisoners, correctional and penitentiary services, tourism, science, technology and innovation, as well as arts and culture. Photo: Pheny Moalosi



First Lady Kaone Boko (left) and Mozambique First Lady Gueta Chapo during a fund raising luncheon in Gaborone yesterday. The proceeds are for the gender-based violence one stop service centre. Ms Chapo donated US\$3,000 towards the initiative. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

Botswana and Japan celebrate 60-year diplomatic ties

Ketshepile More
GABORONE

Leaders from Botswana and Japan have recently reflected on a deep-rooted partnership built on shared democratic values, economic cooperation and mutual growth to mark six decades of diplomatic relations recently. Speaking at the commemorative reception, Assistant Minister of Communications and Innovation, Mr Shawn Ntlhaile emphasised that the bilateral relationship had steadily evolved through strategic infrastructure and technology initiatives. Mr Ntlhaile outlined major milestones including the Japan-funded Kazungula Bridge, which continued to drive regional trade

and connectivity, alongside adoption of Japan's Integrated Services Digital Broadcasting Terrestrial Standard. "As the two nations commemorate 60 years of relations, we aim to build on this foundation for a prosperous, sustainable future, fostering bonds of friendship and cooperation for generations to come," Mr Ntlhaile noted. He also highlighted ongoing collaborations in education through scholarships, grassroots cultural exchanges between primary schools, and high-level dialogues focused on renewable energy and regional development via the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD). Japan's Ambassador to Botswana, Mr Shindo Yusuke, underscored that Tokyo had long

viewed Botswana as a vital partner for promoting peace, rule of law and sustainable development across the continent. Ambassador Yusuke pointed out that institutionalised frameworks like TICAD and consistent political dialogue had encouraged Japanese institutions to explore deeper economic collaborations. He also reaffirmed Japan's commitment to supporting the country's National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12) and the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme. Meanwhile, with 60 years of a values-driven foundation now behind them, both nations look towards a future that is centred on technological innovation, robust trade and enduring diplomatic friendship. **BOPA**

Stakeholders call for beneficial environmental laws

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

Some stakeholders have underscored the need for government to create policies, laws that are practical, supportive and translate into direct economic, social and environmental benefits for host communities.

They argued that government has passed good pieces of legislation on paper but was failing at implementation. Stakeholders aired their views during a fireside chat session organised by Parliament in collaboration with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Botswana and the Botswana Centre for Public Integrity, under the Bridging the Gap Between Parliament and Civil Society Organisation Society Project. The project seeks to strengthen constructive collaboration between Parliament and Community-Based Organisations (CBOs) on governance, oversight and legislative process.

However, they appreciated the proposed overarching environmental management bill that would consolidate fragmented sectoral laws into a single, unified system; being the Environmental Management Act (EMA). The bill aims to establish a comprehensive legislative framework for the protection, conservation and sustainable management of the environment in Botswana.

They suggested that it should address challenges at hand and ensure better governance, harmonise scattered old statutes, integrate environmental checks into national development among others. The envisaged Bill, they said should enhance safeguarding of people’s health and livelihoods.

The executive director of Fauna Conservation Trust of Ngamiland, Mr Tiego Mpho expressed worry on the delays in working on the proposed Environmental Management Act, alleging that the drafting of the bill had taken 16 years.

He appreciated that EMA aimed to balance environmental protection with human, ecological and economic needs by providing a transparent framework for policy and development decision-making. He said most countries had enacted EMA to serve as the core legal framework for sustainable development, pollution control and natural resources conservation.

The bill, Mr Mpho said, should be demand-driven and rely heavily on local communities ‘input and ownership, adding it must also drive the creation of community enterprises, diversification of livelihood options because with no options, then the environment became the only source of livelihood for the people and eventually there would be exploitation, leading to poverty.

“Poverty is due to lack of livelihood options. Currently, the reason why our people cannot be compensated for damages caused by wildlife is because the money generated through tourism sector goes to Gaborone. The Okavango Delta and the ecosystem are making money but it does benefit our people,” he added.

Mr Mpho further stated

that EMA should also speak to conservation agreements that were very clear and incentivised communities to do the right thing. Ms Diphetogo Lekgoa from Tena ko Teemahane Women Foundation noted that for a long time, consultation had been a challenge, saying most of the time things were imposed on the communities and hoped that with the new Act, things would change for the better. She said starting consultation at the grassroots level was an effective way of promoting community ownership and long-term project sustainability.

“Engaging local communities shows their opinions are valued because they possess unique insights into local dynamics and history that experts often miss. I request that with the proposed Act, engage locals so that they can have input and become active partners during implementation”.

Member of Parliament for Boteti West, Mr Sam Digwa stated that issues of human wildlife conflict continued to be an eyesore and yet it had been discussed in several forums without necessarily addressing it to the satisfaction of those affected.

Recently, he said much had been said about compensation

being lower than what has been destroyed, arguing that it appeared that farmers living close to national parks were being punished for having been supportive to conservation.

“The reason we have high populations of wildlife species is because of the initiatives of those who live side by side with the wildlife, yet they have been calling for an increase in compensation

and no one is listening to them. We believe the proposed bill will ensure affected communities get the value of what has been damaged in compensation,” he added. BOPA



Participants at a fireside chat session organised by Parliament in collaboration with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Botswana and the Botswana Centre for Public Integrity. Stakeholders underscored the need for government to create policies, laws that are practical, supportive and translate into direct economic, social and environmental benefits for communities.
Photo: Esther Mmolai

Govt seeks shift from welfare dependence

Lindi Morwaeng
MOLEPOLOLE

Government’s high expenditure on social protection programmes has yet to translate into visible sustainable livelihoods for beneficiaries, Chief of Staff in the Office of the President Dr Oupa Tsheko has said. Speaking during a meeting on social security programmes with the Mogoditshane-Thamaga District management on Wednesday, Dr Tsheko said Botswana spent about 4.4 per cent of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on social security programmes, making the country one of the highest spenders globally.

He said despite the significant resources committed to social protection, the country was yet to see corresponding evidence of beneficiaries moving towards sustainable livelihoods. “When these social protection programmes are monitored, expenditure will reduce and the impact should be seen,” he said.

Dr Tsheko said the reform of social protection programmes should be guided by the circumstances of individual communities rather than a one-size-fits-all approach. He said projects should be unique to localities and respond to the needs and opportunities of particular communities.

The meeting formed part of ongoing efforts under the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP) to reform the country’s social protection system, with the objective of developing a social protection policy and appropriate frameworks.

The BETP presentation, delivered by Ms Gomolemo Tselakgopo, outlined a shift from fragmented assistance

towards integrated social protection, economic empowerment and self-reliance. The reform proposes, among other measures, a single social registry, rationalisation and modernisation of programmes, sustainable livelihood interventions, pathways to social security and structured exit strategies.

Ms Tselakgopo said the programme had identified fragmentation as one of the key weaknesses in the current system. She said according to BETP findings, although 79 per cent of poor Batswana benefited from at least one social protection programme, 21 per cent remained unserved. She further noted that Botswana currently runs about 37 social protection programmes across ministries, placing increasing pressure on government finances.

At district level, chief social and community development officer, Ms Itumeleng Lebani highlighted the scale of demand for welfare services in Mogoditshane-Thamaga. The district has 1 744 beneficiaries registered across various welfare programmes, comprising permanent and temporary destitution support, orphan care, community home-based care, children in need of care and needy students. Females account for 1 018 of the beneficiaries compared with 726 males.

Ms Lebani said gender disparities persisted across the programmes, with women more affected by poverty. She also raised concern that many young and able-bodied people, including graduates, continued to depend on social safety nets because of unemployment.

She said the district was also finding it difficult to break the cycle of poverty among families,

while the current definition of needy students under the 2002 Destitute Policy excluded some genuinely vulnerable children whose parents did not qualify as destitute.

The district has also enrolled 547 qualifying beneficiaries under the newly introduced Child Support Grant, with beneficiaries receiving payments in August, including back payments from April. A further 293 applications have been processed and submitted for registration.

Ms Lebani further highlighted pressure on social welfare officers, saying the district had registered 455 cases involving children, of which 271 were child abuse cases.

Of the abuse cases, 212 involved sexual offences, including 96 rape cases and 88 cases of defilement.

With 17 social workers handling the cases while also assessing clients for safety nets and registering beneficiaries for the Child Support Grant, she said officers were struggling to meet court dates and provide counselling services optimally. The district is meanwhile pursuing economic empowerment initiatives intended to help vulnerable people move beyond welfare dependency. These include economic empowerment projects, community projects and the Wealth Creation Programme. Of 1 466 wealth creation projects, 1 024 are operational, while 251 are non-operational and 80 have failed.

Ms Mita Estrehuizen cautioned, however, that beneficiaries could not be expected to graduate from poverty without being equipped with sustainable skills. Her observation echoed the BETP’s Sustainable Livelihoods

Approach, which seeks to move social protection beyond traditional assistance by building beneficiaries’ skills, assets and income so they can eventually graduate from assistance.

Dr Karabo Thakwane called for social protection systems to be interfaced so that they could communicate with each other, while the Social Protection director in the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs Ms Gomotsegang Manne reported progress towards establishing a single social registry.

She said the registry is 96 per cent complete and has captured 18 social protection programmes across ministries, with 262 beneficiaries already captured. The system is intended to improve coordination and prevent beneficiaries from receiving overlapping assistance from different programmes.

For Ramaphatle chief Mr Elijah Dube, the reform should also draw lessons from the past. He urged government to reflect on how Batswana traditionally sustained their livelihoods and revisit cultural practices that had enabled communities to support themselves before the introduction of modern welfare systems.

He said such practices should be examined and incorporated where relevant as Botswana searches for sustainable solutions to poverty and social vulnerability.

The BETP social protection reform envisages a system in which vulnerable citizens are not only supported but are empowered to become self-reliant, with the ultimate goal of building a socially protected Botswana where citizens can thrive with dignity and purpose. BOPA



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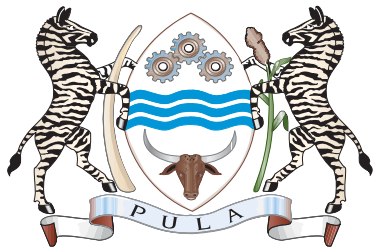
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Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe (second right) Bank of Botswana Governor, Mr Lesego Moseki (second left) , FNBB Board chairperson, Mr Balisi Bonyongo (left) and chief executive officer, Mr Steven Bogatsu during FNBB 35th Anniversary Gala Dinner in Gaborone on Thursday. Mr Gaolathe called on FNBB and financial sector to finance productive enterprises and allocate risk intelligently. Photo:Phenyo Moalosi

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Industrial profit rises by 15 per cent in China

BEIJING- China’s industrial profits maintained double-digit growth in the first eight months of 2026, driven by the rapid expansion of high-tech manufacturing and new growth drivers, official figures showed Monday. Profits of industrial firms above designated size increased 15.7 per cent year on year during the first eight months of 2026, according to National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) data. These industrial firms with an annual main business revenue of at least ¥20 million (about US\$ 2.97 million) saw their combined profits reach ¥5.27 trillion in the January-August period. In the three major sectors, mining industry profits jumped 35.1 per cent to ¥766.15 billion, and manufacturing profits climbed 17.4 percent to nearly ¥3.97 trillion. Profits in the power, heat, gas and water production and supply sector fell 12 per cent to ¥536.3 billion yuan. **Xinhua**

China-Peru deal covers first Blueberry shipment

SHANGHAI - Shanghai Customs on Sunday said a 12.2-tonne shipment of fresh blueberry imports became the first cargo covered by China-Peru bilateral regulatory mutual recognition on the Chancay-Shanghai maritime route. The mutual recognition applies to supervision of cold-treatment probes for imported fruits. Cold treatment is a globally recognised phytosanitary measure. It uses sustained low temperatures to kill potential quarantine pests on fresh produce. Under this mutual recognition framework, China and Peru accept each other’s verification results for cold-treatment temperature probes fitted to Peruvian fruit consignments. The arrangement streamlines on-site checks after cargo arrives in China. It speeds up customs clearance and helps maintain berry freshness during long ocean voyages. Launched in late 2024, the Chancay-Shanghai route slashed sea transit time between the two nations from 35-40 days to 23 days, cutting logistics costs by more than 20 per cent. Shanghai Port now handles more than 70 percent of China’s fruit imports from Peru. . **Xinhua**

Yuan strengthens against US\$

BEIJING - The central parity rate of the Chinese currency renminbi, or the yuan, strengthened 90 pips to 6.7399 against the U.S. dollar Monday, according to the China Foreign Exchange Trade System. In China’s spot foreign exchange market, the yuan is allowed to rise or fall by 2 per cent from the central parity rate each trading day. The central parity rate of the yuan against the US dollar is based on a weighted average of prices offered by market makers before the opening of the interbank market each business day. **Xinhua**

Gaolathe challenges financial sector to fund enterprises

Lorato Gaofise
GABORONE

The Vice President, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe has called on First National Bank Botswana (FNBB) and the financial sector to finance productive enterprise and allocate risk intelligently as Botswana’s economic model changes, saying tomorrow’s jobs and capital would increasingly come from private enterprise.

Delivering a keynote address during the FNBB 35th Anniversary Gala Dinner in Gaborone on Thursday, Mr

Gaolathe said capital must help build tomorrow’s export, industrial, agricultural and digital economy rather than finance yesterday’s consumption.

He said at the end of 2025, households held approximately 63 per cent of commercial-bank credit, compared with 36 per cent for businesses, indicating the need for capital to support productive enterprise.

He said First National Bank Botswana ought to recognise viable businesses overlooked by traditional models and share risk intelligently, while supporting citizen enterprises, local procurement, sustainable finance and national projects.

“Banks, development finance institutions, insurers, pension and institutional capital, government programmes and risk-sharing mechanisms have a role to play in allocating risk intelligently,” he said.

“Thirty-five years ago, FNBB placed a bet on Botswana. The financial model must evolve as the country pursues economic

transformation,” he added.

Mr Gaolathe said capital should support exports, industrialisation, agriculture production and processing, logistics and digital enterprise, whilst businesses ought to be able to grow and create jobs.

In his welcome remarks, the FNBB chief executive officer Mr Steven Bogatsu said the bank’s 35-year anniversary: themed 35 Years of Help, was a moment to reflect on partnership, relationships and shared progress

Mr Bogatsu said since 1991 FNBB had helped individuals enter the formal financial system, families work towards owning homes and other assets, entrepreneurs turn ideas into business and businesses grow and share prosperity with communities.

He said financial inclusion was about more than access to a bank account, but about giving people the tools, opportunities and confidence to participate meaningfully in the economy.

“First National Bank Botswana continues to invest in entrepreneurship and emerging businesses through initiatives such as First Renewal, helping entrepreneurs take the critical first step with knowledge, networks and financial capability,” he said.

Further, the FNBB CEO said technology and innovation would continue to transform the bank, whilst its focus remained on making banking easier, more accessible and more inclusive.

He stressed that the bank would continue opening branches, because the interface between technology and human interaction was paramount, ‘particularly where connectivity is still developing’.

Mr Bogatsu said FNBB’s 35th anniversary community initiative was supporting 35 community-building organisations across Botswana with P50,000 each.

He said the milestone should not only be something FNBB celebrated, but something where others could also benefit. **BOPA**

Countries to turn cooperation into tangible benefits

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

Government remains optimistic that Botswana and Mozambique will build on engagements between investment promotion agencies to ensure that opportunities in agriculture, energy,mining, tourism and infrastructure are

successfully converted into viable partnerships and investments.

This was said by the then acting Minister for International Relations, Major General Pius Mokgware at the recent 9th Botswana-Mozambique Joint Permanent Commission on Cooperation (JPCC), which concluded with a call for urgent

implementation of decisions reached at its ministerial session to ensure that commitments were turned into tangible benefits for citizens.The ministerial session provided a vital platform for the two countries to reiterate their resolve to strengthen cooperation in trade, investment, agriculture, energy, security and infrastructure

development, while reviewing bilateral relations and agreeing on measures to deepen ties.

Reviewing the outcomes of the session, Maj. Gen. Mokgware, indicated that the JPCC affirmed the depth and resilience of relations between the two countries.



AFGRI Marketing representative, Zein Mopati teaching farmers on proper use of farming implements, which he said were important in transforming the agricultural landscape and that proper use could bring in desired yields and reduce maintenance costs.

Farm mechanisation vital for production

Chendzimu Manyepedza
SELEBI PHIKWE

Farmers in Mmadinare have been urged to embrace farm mechanisation and use it properly as a key strategy to boost agricultural productivity, reduce reliance on manual labour, and strengthen food security.

This was said by AFGRI Equipment Botswana marketing representative Mr Zein Mopati during the Mmadinare farm mechanisation day. Mr Mopati explained that farm mechanisation and its proper use were increasingly becoming important interventions in transforming the agricultural landscape, particularly as farmers seek to improve production amid challenges associated with labour, changing weather patterns, and the need to produce more food. He therefore emphasised the importance of farmers prioritising the proper use and regular maintenance of their farming machinery, highlighting that by doing so, they could enhance productivity levels and extend

the operational lifespan of their agricultural equipment. Mr Mopati also shared light on the critical role that correct handling and care of farm machinery played in the agricultural process. He noted that when farmers adopt best practices in operating their equipment, they not only ensured optimal performance and efficiency but also minimised the risk of unexpected breakdowns. This, in turn, leads to reduced maintenance costs over time, allowing farmers to increase their overall profit margins. Ultimately, he urged agricultural producers to invest time and effort into understanding their machinery to maximise its potential and sustain their farming operations effectively. He further emphasised the need to undertake regular servicing and maintenance of machinery, noting that neglecting routine maintenance could compromise efficiency and result in costly repairs. Mr Mopati indicated that the proper use of tractors, planters, harvesters, and other agricultural machinery has the potential to enable farmers to cultivate larger

fields within shorter periods while improving the efficiency of various farming operations. “Use of mechanisation should go hand in hand with other interventions, including access to agricultural inputs, extension services, and appropriate farming technologies,” he said. The Director of Afriols (Pty) Ltd, Mr Tshabang Batshami explained that embracing modern machinery and techniques was essential not only for improving individual farm outputs but also for fortifying the entire agricultural value chain. Moreover, he pointed out that increased agricultural production opened opportunities for value addition, such as processing raw agricultural products into more marketable goods. This, in turn, could lead to job creation and increased income generation within local communities, fostering economic growth and resilience. Thus, Mr Batshami asserted that the modernisation of farming practices was not merely a technical advancement but was rather a comprehensive approach to improving livelihoods and ensuring sustainable agricultural development. **BOPA**

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“We have reviewed the progress made across broad areas of cooperation, taken stock of outstanding commitments, and identified practical measures through which we can further advance our bilateral partnership,” he said. He noted that the commission had identified opportunities to deepen economic cooperation, particularly in trade, investment, agriculture, livestock, energy, mining, tourism, transport, and infrastructure. Such opportunities, he added, should be pursued with greater urgency and determination for the betterment of both nations, noting that the private sector must be brought closer to the centre of bilateral cooperation. He said Botswana and Mozambique were also committed to taking stock of progress made in implementing decisions and commitments arising from previous sessions of the JPCC, including mid-term reviews. Speaking during the closing ceremony, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry for International Relations, Ambassador Thuso

Ramodimoosi, stated that the two nations had also identified new and emerging areas of cooperation with the potential to add further value and impetus to the bilateral relationship. He noted that recent deliberations underscored the importance of accelerating the implementation of concluded bilateral legal instruments. In that regard, he highlighted that joint implementation matrices would serve as an important mechanism for strengthening accountability and ensuring effective follow-up across all key areas of cooperation, adding that the commission had finalised the report on the proposed decisions and commitments of the 9th Session in preparation for the ministerial segment. “In keeping with our established tradition, Botswana stands ready to host the mid-term review of the 9th Session in 2027. This will provide an important opportunity to take stock of progress in implementing the decisions and commitments agreed,” he said. He further reaffirmed Botswana’s commitment to deepening and broadening the friendship between the two nations. **BOPA**

'Technology can transform tourism'

Kamogelo Matlala
GABORONE

This year’s World Tourism Day is particularly significant for Botswana as it coincides with a historic year in which the nation celebrates 60 years of independence, its Diamond Jubilee. The Minister of Enironment and Tourism , Mr Wynter Mmolotsi said during the World Tourism Day celebrations held at the Three Dikgosi monument in Gaborone on Saturday that the sixty years gave Botswana an opportunity to reflect on her journey from the past, the progress and achievement recorded over the years. He noted that tourism had been and continued to be a key contributor to Botswana’s development pathways. He highlighted that the sector had created employment and enterprise opportunities, generated foreign exchange, supported communities and businesses, promoted culture and heritage, and placed Botswana on the global map. However, he urged that as Botswana celebrate the nation’s achievements, they must also pause and reflect on where they would want their country to be in the next 60 years and the role they would want the tourism sector to play in creating more meaningful economic opportunities for Batswana. The tourism sector, the minister stated, was changing rapidly in the way people discover destinations,

search for information, make travel decisions, book accommodation, purchase experiences, and navigate destinations. “Nowadays, travel planning is increasingly digital, and this means Botswana cannot afford to remain on the margins of this transformation. Digital technology is here to stay, and our responsibility is to use it to our advantage,” he noted. Furthermore, the minister called for the harnessing of digital platforms, data, artificial intelligence, virtual experiences, digital marketing, and other emerging technologies to improve how Botswana develops, packages, markets, sells, and delivers tourism experiences. “We must make it easier for a visitor to discover Botswana, plan a trip, book a tourism product, travel within the country, and share their experience with the rest of the world. Technology also gives us an opportunity to tell our own story with pride, taking advantage of extraordinary natural, cultural, and historical assets. We have wildlife, beautiful landscapes, communities, traditions, heritage, cuisines, arts, creativity, and stories that deserve to be seen and experienced by the world,” he said. This year’s commemoration theme: Digital Agenda and Artificial Intelligence to Redesign Tourism, signifies the importance of digital technologies as the country embarks on diversifying its economy beyond minerals, especially diamonds. **BOPA**



Minister of Local government and Traditional Affairs Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa (second right) during the Gaborone University College of Law and Professional Studies graduation ceremony in Gaborone on Friday. Mr Motshegwa urged graduates to recognise their responsibility to lead and contribute to finding solutions to the challenges facing society. Photo: Washa Bofelwang

Motshegwa urges graduates to use education to drive national dev.

Tumisang Moilwa
GABORONE

The 1 402 graduates from Gaborone University College of Law and Professional Studies (GUC) have been urged to use the education and skills they have acquired to contribute to the fight

against poverty and unemployment and drive Botswana's development. Speaking at a GUC graduation ceremony on Friday, Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa said education should not only prepare young people for employment but should equip them to contribute to solving

the country's socio-economic challenges. The minister also emphasised the importance of sound leadership in achieving institutional and national development. He said such leadership was fundamental to the success of any institution or organisation, noting that even organisations with good resources and favourable environments could fail to achieve their objectives without effective leadership. "Leadership is fundamental," he said, urging graduates to recognise their responsibility to lead and contribute to finding solutions to the challenges facing society. The minister further called on Botswana's institutions and professional groups to

remain globally competitive, saying competitiveness should not only be measured by location but also by expertise, competence and good leadership. He encouraged graduates to embrace self-reliance, independence and resilience, saying the qualities were important in addressing challenges and creating sustainable solutions. Mr Motshegwa also encouraged graduates to use their knowledge and skills to contribute meaningfully to society rather than viewing their qualifications solely as a pathway to employment. He said the country needed people who could participate, contribute and develop solutions to its challenges. **BOPA**

STEAM project marks leap in curriculum transformation

Mpho Mosojane
GABORONE

The Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education, in partnership with Emeritus Training Academy, has officially activated its national Science, Technology, Education, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) project, marking a significant leap in curriculum transformation. According to the ministry, the five-year project transitions school curriculum from the conventional approach to a more agile, future-fit digitalised educational framework to foster long-term learning from early childhood development through to secondary school by equipping learners with the critical thinking and technical skills. Officiating the event, Minister Nono Kgafela-Mokoka cited that the paradigm shift not only transitioned Botswana into a knowledge-based economy, but would also drive economic diversity, as moving from STEM to STEAM had integrated arts into the curriculum mix to embrace creativity and music as 'the next diamond' capable of driving economic diversity. "Today, we launch much more than a project, but a system where our children are prepared for the future. Today, we honour that commitment by giving our children new tools, new opportunities and new ways of learning." According to the minister, STEAM was firmly transformational because it was more than a just collection of subjects, but rather an approach to learning that encouraged learners to be inquisitive, to investigate problems, design solutions, experiment, create, collaborate and communicate. "The world is changing at rapidly and science, technology artificial intelligence, robotics, automation and digital innovation

are transforming economies, workplaces and communities. As a ministry responsible for preparing our children for the future, we aim to prepare them for an emerging world." The ministry's permanent secretary, Ms Mmamiki Kamanakao said the project also brought about infrastructure and resource mobilisation by transforming classrooms from being passive environments into spaces that stimulated learners into active creators and problem solvers. "Our goal is to ensure that a child studying Mathematics understands that the subject is a tool for solving real-world problems and one studying science views it as a subject that aids him to understand the world around him." Ms Kamanakao highlighted that the project would avail coding and robotics kits in schools and thoroughly capacitate the environment to facilitate the delivery and operationalisation of the project, emphasising how teachers would be pivotal to the transformation. As the primary private implementation partner of the project, Dr Peter Nkaiseng, managing director of Emeritus Training Academy emphasised the importance of comprehensively capacitating the school environment in ensuring that the intended goals were achieved. "Equipment alone does not transform education. A robotics kit in a cupboard is not innovation and a computer, if not used meaningfully, is not digital transformation. Technology only becomes transformational when a teacher is empowered to help the learner develop confidence," he said. The project rollout to 200 public schools in 10 districts has begun, targeting to train five teachers per school by the end of March 2027. **BOPA**

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North East District employees recently walked the streets of Masunga to kick start activities leading to the 60th independence celebrations. Council chairperson, Mr Mbaakanyi Smart condemned the rising cases of gender-based violence (GBV) across the district and called on communities to re-examine traditional family structures to address the cause of the crisis. Photo: Goweditswe Kome

Resilience and visionary leadership transformed Botswana - Barongwang

Booster Mogapi
MOLEPOLOLE

A young nation confronted by immense developmental challenges at the time of attaining independence has due to resilience and visionary leadership, transformed to a high middle income country.

Speaking during the Kweneng Land Board Independence pre-celebration on Thursday in Molepolole, the Assistant Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Letlhogonolo Barongwang said 60 years was a remarkable milestone in the life of any nation.

Held under the theme: Building Resilience, Driving Prosperity, he said it offered an opportunity to reflect on our journey, celebrate our achievements and recognise the sacrifices and contributions made by past and present generations of Batswana.

Mr Barongwang said back then, infrastructure was limited, resources were scarce and the future was uncertain, yet through determination, unity and visionary leadership, Botswana embarked on a journey of transformation.

He further said independence was not only about celebrating the past, but recognising that every generation inherit a responsibility to leave the country better.

Mr Barongwang added that Botswana of 1966 was not the Botswana of 2026, and likewise the Botswana of today cannot remain the Botswana of tomorrow.

“As we look to the future, Botswana requires an economy that is more productive, diversified, digitally enabled, and capable of creating sustainable opportunities for its people,” he said.

Mr Barongwang said government had already taken significant steps to bring services

closer to communities through the restructuring and upgrading of local authorities.

He added that as Kweneng Landboard celebrate their achievements, they must be honest about the challenges they continue to face, therefore identify and do away with bottlenecks.

On the issue of land disputes, Mr Barongwang said when disputes remain unresolved for extended periods, development was delayed and public confidence was weakened.

He therefore, urged them to strengthen early intervention

mechanisms, communication with stakeholders, records management systems, mediation processes and administrative dispute-resolution mechanisms.

Kweneng Land Board Secretary, Mr Mpho Keareng said BOT60 marked a historic milestone of resilience, unity and exceptional national progress for Botswana.

“As a Motswana, this celebration is not just a holiday, but a profound reflection of your identity, heritage and a shared future,” said Mr Keareng.

Mr Keareng said BOT60 was a celebration of extraordinary progress where Botswana’s

economic transformation and human capital started from its lowest to reach its highest level.

He added that Botswana was a beacon of democracy and held the proud record of being Africa’s oldest democracy, honouring six decades of peaceful transitions of power, regular elections and the rule of law.

He further said BOT60 was a reminder of kagisano and how different tribes and communities had united under one national flag without major civil strife.

Kweneng Land Board Chairperson, Ms Tshepo Wareus also emphasised that the journey

was built on unity, self-reliance and the principle of kagisano.

Ms Wareus said their task for the next 60 years is clear: manage land to build a more resilient Kweneng that drives prosperity for future generation.

She the Land Board will remain pivotal in building resilience and driving prosperity for the country.

“As we celebrate 60 years of Independence, let us recognise that the responsibility for our country’s land cannot rest with Land Boards alone, it requires the involvement of all of us,” she said. **BOPA**

Deborah Retief Memorial Hospital faces shortage of emergency and mortuary space

Michelle Mosebiwa
MOCHUDI

Mochudi District Hospital is facing a shortage of space in its emergency ward and mortuary, a situation that is placing increasing pressure on the hospital’s ability to provide services to patients while also putting a heavy workload on medical staff.

The concerns were raised during a full council in Mochudi, where Dr Maduke Kula from DRM spoke about some of the challenges currently affecting the facility.

Dr Kula said the hospital has limited capacity in both its emergency ward and mortuary, with the mortuary having only six beds.

He explained that the limited space has sometimes forced the hospital to keep deceased persons in wards that were used to house admitted patients.

The situation he said, was a result of lack of adequate space to accommodate the deceased at the mortuary.

He said the situation created an added challenge for the hospital, which must continue attending to patients while also dealing with limited facilities for handling deceased persons.

Dr Kula further told the council sitting that there were currently two unidentified foreign bodies at the hospital’s mortuary.

He said the unidentified bodies were occupying some of the limited spaces available, further reducing the mortuary’s capacity to accommodate other deceased persons who may be brought to the facility.

In relation to the emergency unit, Dr Kula said the facility’s ward had only six beds, despite the number of patients who required emergency medical attention.

He urged members of the

public to make use of clinics for primary healthcare services instead of going directly to the district hospital for conditions that could be managed at clinics.

This, he said, would help reduce the pressure on the hospital and allow its emergency services to focus on patients who require urgent medical attention.

The shortage of space was also placing considerable pressure on doctors and other healthcare workers.

Dr Kula said doctors were overworked because they were required to attend to different patients within the limited space available.

The situation demonstrates the pressure that limited infrastructure can place on a healthcare facility.

While doctors and other medical workers were expected to provide care to patients, the shortage of beds and space limits the hospital’s capacity

to accommodate everyone who arrives seeking treatment.

The matter raised by Dr Kula has brought attention to the need for adequate capacity at DRM, particularly in areas such as emergency services and mortuary facilities.

Until additional capacity becomes available, the hospital will continue to rely on the efficient use of its limited resources, while residents were being encouraged to make use of primary healthcare facilities for services that can be provided at clinic level.

The situation also serves as a reminder of the importance of ensuring that healthcare facilities have sufficient infrastructure to match the needs of the communities they serve.

For Mochudi District Hospital/DRM, the shortage of emergency and mortuary space remains a significant challenge. **BOPA**

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Lobatse o tlhabolola matlotlo a ditso

Calviniah Kgautlhe
LOBATSE

Lobatse o inakantse le go tlhabolola matlotlo a ditso le di-tsa tlhologo e le tsela nngwe ya go tsaya karolo mo kabakanyong itsholelo ya lefatshe, go tlhama ditiro le go oketsa letseno.

Se, se builwe ke mothusa-mokwaledi wa khansele ya Lobatse yo o eteletse pele ditogamaano, Mme Nonofu Tsemi mo puisanyong le morulaganyi wa Seromamowa Sa Botswana Rre Michael Kaote ka Labotlhano kwa Lobatse ka nako e Seromamowa Sa Botswana se neng se ipelela dingwaga tse di masome a maratoro se sena go simolodisiwa.

Mme Tsemi a re toropo eo e gatetse pele go tsosolosa itsholelo ka go ribolola matlotlo a ditso mme mo nakong eno ba setse ba simolotse go di tlhabolola gore e re mo nakong e e tlang, di kgone go direla toropo letseno.

O supile fa seo e le nngwe tselana ya go kabakanya itsholelo ya toropo eo le go fetlhela banana mebereko. A re bogogi jwa toropo bo mo lenaneong la gore setshaba se tseye taolo ya go tlhabolola itsholelo ya lefatshe ka go laola matlotlo a a fithelwang fa ba leng teng.

O boletse gore toropo eo e na le mehama e e farologanyeng ya itsholelo mme bontsi jwa bagwebi ba itebagantse le thekiso

ya dithoto.

Mme Tsemi o boletse fa go dirwa ga dithoto go bonala mo toropong mme go santse go le kwa tlase, a supa fa ba ba leng teng e le ba madirelo a ditena ba Lobatse Clay Works, ba ba dirang megala ya motlakase ya dikoloi ba Delta Automotives, ba ba dirang tse di amanang le mealo ya bodilo jwa Tile Mate, le madirelo a matlhabelo a nama ya kgomo a Botswana Meat Commission e e leng yone e tshwereng itsholelo ya toropo eo.

Gape a re ba ikaelela go tsosolosa mohama wa go ntsha dithoto, a supa jalo gore mo nakong eno go agiwa madirelo a matona a a sugang le go ntsha dithoto tsa matlalo.

Godimo ga seo, a re puso e tsweletse ka go tlhabolola mohama wa mashi ka go reka dikgomo tsa mashi tsa boleng jo bo kwa godimo le go rekisa di-tswa mashing kwa Milk Valley Farm.

Mme Tsemi o ne a supa gore Lobatse Clay Works ga e sa tlhole e dira ditena tse di agang dikago fela, mme jaanong ba itebagantse le go ntsha ditena tse di agang ditsela go fokotsa selekanyo se lefatshe le di rekang kwa ntle ka sone.

A re go na le khamphani e kgolo ya FloTek e e gwebang ka tsothle tse di dirwang ka polaseteke go akarediwa le diphaephe mme ba



Mangwe a matlotlo a a fithelwang kwa Lobatse.

aname le kgaolo ya borwa jwa Afrika.

Molomaganya ditirelo tsa The Botswana Society Mme Bono Mmusi, o gateletse gore ba ikaelela go tlhabolola matlotlo a ditso le go rutuntsha banana go itirela letseno ka go nna bakaedi ba ba nonofileng ba bojanala.

Mme Mmusi a re mo nakong eno ba setse ba ribolotse e bile ba tshwaile mafelo otlhe a a nang le matlotlo a ditso kwa Lobatse (Lobatse Heritage Trail).

Ka jalo a re ba ikaelela go bereka le ba komiti ya ditlhabololo gore ba kgone go itirela letseno ka yone le gone go lomagana le bagwebi le makalana a a farologaneng go

tsaya karolo go tlhabolola matlotlo ao.

Fa a tswa la gagwe, mogolwane go tswa kwa Cumberland Hotel Rre Suzane Baile, a re lefelo leo la borobasogo le agilwe ka 1962 mme le tsweletse ka go supa kgolo ka gore le simolotse ka maroko a le masome a mabedi le bongwe mme jaanong a oketsegile go nna masome a mane.

Rre Baile o ne a tlhalosa gore lefelo leo le humile ditso ka gore le amogetse baeteledipele ba le bantsi jaaka botautona ba pele go akarediwa Sir Seretse Khama, Sir Ketumile Masire, le Rre Robert Mugabe wa Zimbabwe.

A re ba santse ba somaretse

ditso tsa lefelo leo ka gore ba santse ba na le kago ya bogologolo le setlhare se se saleng se jwalwa ka 1964.

Mogwebi kwa toropong eo Rre Solomon Diphoko, a re go botlhokwa gore molapo wa Peleng o okediwe o bo o dirwe lefelo la itloso bodutu le le ka tlhamang ditiro ka go ngoka bajanala.

Mogwebi Rre Tumelo Sedirwa yo o simolodisitseng madirelo a Tile Mate a re madirelo ao a simologile ka ngwaga wa 2020 mme a tsweletse ka go supa kgolo ka gore bosheng, ba sa tswa go atolosa ditirelo tsa bone ka go dira pente ya Topaz Paints, e e setseng e tsene mo mmarakeng. **BOPA**

Ratoropo o tlaa naya ba-na-le bogole dieetsele

Chendzimu Manyepedza
SELEBI PHIKWE

Bangwe ba-na-le bogole ba Selebi Phikwe ba tlaa fiwa dietsele ka go farologana, se e le nngwe tsela ya go lemoga seabe sa bone mo mererong ya go tlhabolola Selebi Phikwe fa e sale lefatshe leno le tsaya boipuso ka 1966.

Se se builwe ke molaodi wa Selebi Phikwe, Mme Boikhutso Matenge, kwa bokopanong jo bo neng bo tlhalosa tse boeteledipele jwa Selebi Phikwe bo di dirang go ipaakanyetsa go keteka boipuso jwa dingwaga tse di masome a maratara ka Laboraro.

Mme Matenge o tlhalositse fa dietsele tseo e le seabe se ratoropo, Rre Oageng Makgosa a se dirang go leboga botlhe ba ba tsweletseng ka go nna le seabe ka ditsela tse di farologaneng go ka thusa go tlhabolola toropo eo.

A re go akaretsa ba-na-le bogole mo kabong ya dieetsele ke go supa fa le bone dikakanyo le ditirelo tse ba di ntshang di tswa ka tlhwaafalo, a re seo e bile se tlaa supa mowa wa popagano o lefatshe leno le tswang goolowe le o tshageditse e bile le o diragatsa.

Mme Matenge a re go tsaya batho ka tekatekano go sa kgathalesege seemo kgotsa dipopego tsa bone, ke sengwe se puso e se rotloetsang e bile

e se tsaya ka tlhwaafalo.

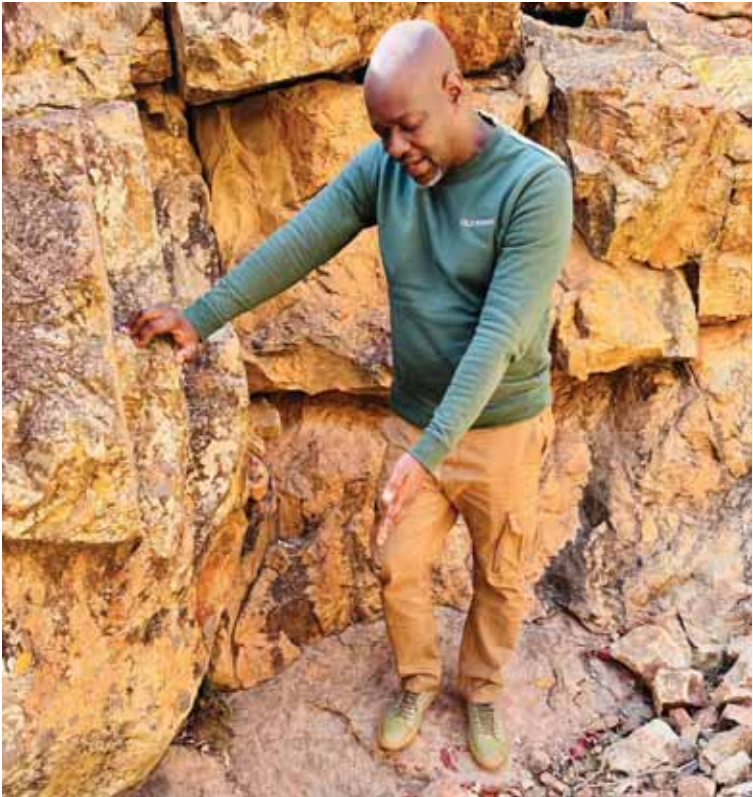
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Rre Makgosa o tlhalositse gore e re ntswa madi a go keteka boipuso a se kalo, se se kgatlhisang ke gore ba-na-le seabe ka go faologana

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Mookamela lephata la Motlobo wa Ditso, Matlotlo a Ngwao le Tlhologo mo kgaolong ya borwa Rre Onkgopotse Moseki a supa lefelo le mogaka wa pele wa molwela ditshwanelo tsa batho Rre Nelson Mandela a neng a iphitlha teng kwa godimo ga thaba ya Peleng kwa Lobatse ka nako ya mmuso wa tihaoelele. Rre Moseki a re go botlhokwa gore matlotlo ao a tlhabololwe gore a ungewe lefatshe le go somarela ditso. Dinepe: Calviniah Kgautlhe

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REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's Degree (Minimum) and Diploma
- Minimum of Five years' relevant experience
- Must be able to teach Cambridge University Curriculum which involves the Check point examination in the Primary and Junior Secondary , and continues to I.G.C.S.E, Advanced Subsidiary (A.S) and the A-Level examinations in the Secondary.

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REQUIREMENTS

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- Minimum of Five years' relevant experience
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- Must be able to teach Cambridge Curriculum which involves the Check point examination in the Primary

Evolution of brigades since independence

Keith Ketl
SEROWE

Practical wisdom bridges the gap between abstract thought and real world execution, proving that an ounce of action is worth a tonne of theory. William Pitt The Younger, former prime minister of the United Kingdom, posits that 'theoretical principles must sometimes give way for the sake of practical advantages.'

This ethos, however highlights the philosophical tension between ideology and pragmatism that defined his career from 1783 to 1801 and 1804 to 1806, which is the pre-independence era for Bechuanaland and that tension lives on to date. This tension of pragmatism versus ideology is evident between main stream education's academic institutions of higher learning and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions.

However, Mr Mothusi Van Rensburg, Boiteko Mall centre manager told BOPA that Botswana Brigade movement had evolved from community-driven education with production pilot projects in the 1960s into formalised, government supported TVET institutions.

Mr Mothusi, son of Mr Patrick Van Rensburg, who is the pioneer of 'Education with Production' said his father started the first brigade in Serowe in 1965 that was affiliated to Swaneng Hill School as the Serowe Builders Brigade. Mothusi said the original philosophy combined classroom learning with practical work, enabling students to build community infrastructure while learning trades like carpentry, welding and bricklaying.

He said over the years, financial strain led the government to take over many brigade operations, shifting focus towards formal employment training rather than local cooperatives. He said his father who was born in 1931 and died in 2017 was an anti-apartheid activist and self-made alternative educationist whose work received international recognition with the Right Livelihood Award in 1981. Born in KwaZulu-Natal into what he described as a very ordinary South African family that believed in the virtue of racism. Contrary to family style, he said Mr Van Rensburg became self-styled rebel who tirelessly pursued his own vision of a brighter future for emerging societies in post-colonial Southern Africa.

In addition, the renowned philosopher devoted his life to implement an alternative, egalitarian approach to education focusing on quality and functional schooling for the majority. "Exiled from South Africa in 1960 because of his involvement in the London boycott campaign that gave birth to the Ant-Apartheid Movement, Mr Van Rensburg moved to Botswana, the then Bechuanaland," said Mothusi.

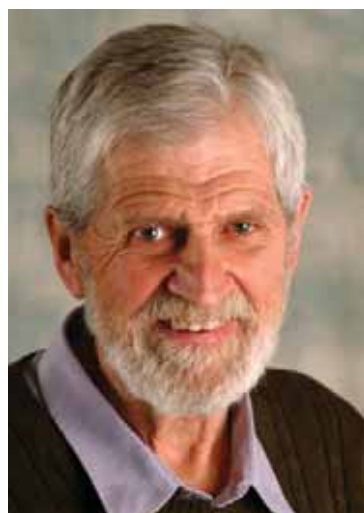
He said his father was keen to solve daily life problems using education with production, to create employment, eradicate poverty and change people's lives.

Mothusi said brigades had deviated from his father's legacy or original vision but admits that times had changed and daily challenges were no longer the same and therefore, if he was to come today, he would come up with a different initiative.

He said there was nothing



Serowe Brigade Centre, founded as part of Botswana's pioneering Education with Production movement.



Patrick Van Rensburg

wrong with the deviation as TVET was still necessary but what was now lacking was the capacity for graduates to create employment for themselves unlike in the past. Therefore, he said brigades should be more practically oriented than theoretical, arguing that would equip graduates to be employers rather than just employees.

Furthermore, he said TVET institutions were still relevant given that white-collar jobs were now saturated and that the large employer was government who was battling with a huge wage bill in the dark era that diamonds were no longer selling like in the past.

Mothusi spoke of the need for the government and institutions

to aggressively cut courses or programmes that lacked direct employability in favour of tech and vocational fields.

"Evaluating courses in higher education to eliminate redundancy and misalignment with markets or economy is a critical, ongoing global movement and therefore, Botswana should not be spared from the precept," said Mothusi. He said such a move was driven by intense financial pressures, shifting economic priorities and regulatory changes which led universities worldwide of undergoing massive curriculum overhauls.

Mothusi remains optimistic that the misconception of brigades as inferior would change out of necessity. Foundation for Education with Production is a non-governmental organisation established in 1980 by Van Rensburg to promote an alternative to model of learning that bridges the gap between theory and practical work.

Historian and biographer, Dr Kevin Shillington, describes Mr Van Rensburg as a rebel, visionary and radical educationalist. Dr Shillington states that Mr Van Rensburg founded cooperatives, provided vocational training and was among the earliest educationalists to espouse the discipline of development studies.

Furthermore, he said he also founded Botswana's first independent newspapers, Mmegi



Mr Moses Mongwa

wa Dikgang (The Reporter), as a means of fostering literacy and community education. He said Mr Van Rensburg was an innovative and charismatic visionary who captured the zeitgeist of the late twentieth century and whose work and vision still had resonance for debates in educational policy today.

Serowe Brigades Centre acting principal, Mr Moses Mongwa, said brigades were partly living the vision of Mr Van Rensburg because back then, it was education with production of which institutions were operating under the status of community based organisations, therefore operations were governed by a board of trustees. He said it was obligatory for brigades to raise funds

for operations thus there was the training and the production side and therefore, proceeds generated from production were used in the running of operations.

"Historically, brigades operated as self-sustaining community owned entities financed through production sales and private donors here and there but nowadays, there is no production, it's only training," said Mr Mongwa.

Furthermore, Mr Mongwa said in 1997 when he joined brigades, he discovered that training was subsidised though could not specify the exact year subsidies started. He said the stipend for brigades and technical colleges students was raised significantly under the government's equity plan, to strike a balance between TVET institutions and those of main stream education. Mr Mongwa said plans were afoot to relive Mr Van Rensburg's vision, noting the element of training with production had recently been promoted and that the document of training with production guidelines had been completed and were at the final stage of implementation.

Commenting on why brigades and TVET institutions were perceived inferior, Mr Mongwa said, 'brigades should not be viewed as a fall-back option or sign of academic failure but as valuable, specialised institutions designed to provide critical vocational, technical and entrepreneurial skills that directly serve as practical pathway to employment or self-reliance.'

He also spoke of the importance of technological integration for TVET students through blending digital tools, artificial intelligence and virtual simulations into hands-on trade programmes to prepare learners for modern work places.

Research illustrates that government started subsidising brigades in 1967 beginning with initial financial support for Builders' Brigade in Lobatse.

It further shows that the Department of Community Development alongside the Botswana Christian Council and the US Embassy set up and began subsidising the Lobatse Builders' Brigade so it only had to cover 60 per cent of its recurrent costs.

Similarly, early support was extended in Kanye and Francistown while in the 1970s, government assistance expanded as the movement grew, with formal training subsidies later covering portions of instructor salaries and trainee allowances.

In addition, in later years the Ministry of Higher Education increased its financial involvement through institutions like the Brigades Development Centre before eventually moving toward wider government integration and restructuring. The transition toward full government takeover of community-run brigades officially began in 2001.

In mid 2000s the then Ministry of Education and Skills Development now Ministry of Higher Education ramped up consultations and began systematically converting brigades into technical colleges. By late 2009, about 20 brigades had come under full state control, with the process continuing through 2010 to absorb staff and upgrade facilities.

Nonetheless, the transition moved away from the original self-reliant 'Education with Production' model pioneered by Mr Van Rensburg toward a fully state-funded and structured technical education system. BOPA



Automotive Engineering trainees at Serowe Brigade Centre working on a vehicle during practical session. Photos: Baldwin Nyamande

Botswana records gains in child malnutrition reduction

Kedirebofe Pelontle
GUMARE

In 1966 at Independence, Botswana was ranked among the 25 poorest and least developed countries in the world, facing severe vulnerabilities in food security and nutrition, worsened by a five year drought cycle at Independence according to analysis by Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

The government of the day then established the Food and Nutrition Unit within the Ministry of Health in the early 1970s, to design programmes to monitor nutrition, it further sates.

Child malnutrition which is categorised by undernutrition and overnutrition is a result of receiving insufficient nutrients or calories required for healthy development resulting in stunting (low height for age), wasting (low weight for height) and underweight (low weight for age).

Over the years, Botswana has managed to lower the prevalence of underweight amongst children aged under five years to less than 10 per cent, according to Ministry of Health chief public relations officer, Dr Christopher Nyanga.

“Botswana managed to reduce underweight prevalence to less than 10 per cent from 2000 to date as well as stunting from 30 per cent in the year 2000 to 21 per cent in 2017. A particularly important period was noted from 2013 when Botswana scaled up integrated management of malnutrition,” said Dr Nyanga.

In 1996, he stated that underweight prevalence was 17.2 per cent and declined to 7.9 per cent in 2017. Stunting prevalence on one hand, he said decreased to 21.3 per cent in 2017 from 28.9 percent in 1996 while wasting decreased from 11.3 per cent in 1996 to 5.1 per cent in 2015/16 and further decreased to 4.0 per cent in 2017.

“Stunting is a result of chronic or recurrent undernutrition, usually associated with poor socioeconomic conditions, poor

maternal health and nutrition, frequent illness or inappropriate infant and young child feeding and care in early life,” said Dr Nyanga.

Regarding overweight, he said about four per cent of children aged under five years were overweight in 2017 and were mostly children who lived in urban areas. The gains in addressing malnutrition, he said were made possible through Botswana government’s interventions in nutrition and social protection programmes to prevent and curb malnutrition, especially for vulnerable groups.

The monthly monitoring of child growth for children aged 0-59 months through Child Welfare Clinics provided health care officers with data to monitor child growth, risks and most affected areas hence help guide government interventions in drought relief programmes, Dr Nyanga said.

Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition which involved screening, referral and treatment of children with severe and moderate acute malnutrition at outpatient and inpatient facilities, he said helped ensure that children with severe acute malnutrition received Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) and other appropriate medical and nutritional care.

Supplementary feeding for children under the age of five years and medically selected pregnant women was another approach where the children and selected groups received Tsabana or Malutu, beans and vegetable oil during monthly visits to clinics.

“Supplementary feeding provides additional nutritious food to the children. It is a social protection intervention that targets all children between ages of 6-59 months despite their nutritional status. It is particularly important not only to children but also to pregnant and lactating women who are underweight and/or with medical complications,” Said Dr Nyanga.

Micronutrient supplementation



Parents and their children at a child welfare clinic in Okavango in 1987 as part of regular growth monitoring to help detect and address malnutrition.

Thanks to Botswana’s development partners such as United Nations Children’s Fund, which play a critical role in supporting child nutrition programmes including management of acute malnutrition by procurement of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food.



Tsabana provides nutritious food to children aged 6-59 months, as well as vulnerable pregnant and lactating women.

...addressing malnutrition was made possible through government’s interventions in nutrition and social protection programmes.

of Vitamin A was among methods used in Botswana to prevent vitamin A deficiency among young children.

“It forms part of integrated child nutrition and health services and complements other interventions such as breastfeeding promotion, growth monitoring and treatment of acute malnutrition. Evidence shows that Vitamin A supplementation can reduce all-cause mortality in children by 12-24 per cent,” said Dr Nyanga. Other available health interventions, he said

included immunisations and deworming which contributed to improving health of the child and subsequently preserving their nutritional status.

Thanks to Botswana’s development partners such as United Nations Children’s Fund which play a critical role in Supports Child Nutrition programmes including management of acute malnutrition by procurement of RUTF, Reformulation of Tsabana and Malutu, landscape analysis, Nutrition Surveillance (digitalisation of nutrition data), Micronutrient interventions and Emergency Nutrition response among others.

Dr Nyanga said said FAO assisted with technical and financial support on nutrition policy and Food Safety Legislation while SADC supported the Ministry of Health to develop a food fortification strategy.

Despite the achievements, the country has not completely won the battle against malnutrition especially in rural areas. Dr Nyanga said currently underweight prevalence for children under five was at four per cent according to institutional data derived from the monthly growth monitoring of children at child welfare clinics. He however, said some districts which persistently reported high prevalence of malnutrition were Boteti, Ghanzi, Hukuntsi, Letlhakeng and Mabutsane. BOPA



Ministry of Health chief public relations officer Dr Christopher Nyanga

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AP HOLDINGS (PTY) Ltd wishes to change use of agricultural plot to mixed use (agriculture and commercial) in Kazungula. Any objection should be forwarded to physical planning office in Chobe District Council or contact 6250275 within fourteen days of this publication.

I THOMAS NKWAZI t/a the connection lounge bar and restaurant would like to apply for a bar liquor license at Lebodu Ward in Kachikau. Any objections can be submitted in writing to : council secretary, Chobe District Council P/ bag k30 Kasane.

CHANGE OF LAND use. The owner of plot 12054 in Mogoditshane, would like to change the land use from single family residence to multi-family residence. Any objections should be written to: Council Secretary, Mogoditshane/Thamaga District Council, and ATTNT: Physical planning office, Private Bag 006, Mogoditshane. Tel. 3166646

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NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intents to apply for a certified copy Of Deed no: FT TL 524/2010 dated 24th day of August, 2010 made in favour of Thapelo Gaolemogwe In respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Butchery and Takeaway
SITUATE: Mahalapye
MEASURING: 322 M²
HELD UNDER: Ngwato Land Board

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 16th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

THAPELO GAOLEMOGWE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT GABORONE (BEFORE GABANAGAE J)

Case No. MLHGB-001212-25

In the matter between:

DOLLY THATAYAONE RANKO

Plaintiff

And

LEROY TAREMEKEDZWA MASHOK

Defendant

SUBSITUTED SERVICE

(In terms of Order 8 Rule 3 of the Rules of the High Court)

TO: LEROY TAREMEKEDZWA MASHOKO, an adult male of full legal capacity, married in community of property to the Plaintiff, whose last known address is Matshwane Ward, Maun.

THAT NOTICE THAT a summons has been issued against you in this court by **DOLLY THATAYAONE RANKO** for the following claims:

- A Decree Nisi for divorce;
- Custody and maintenance of minor child;
- Division of joint estate;
- Costs of suit; and
- Further and/or alternative relief.

And that an order has been made that the publication of notice of such summons shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service of the summons on you. You are required to enter an appearance to the summons within **twenty-one (21) days** of this publication hereof.

TAKE NOTE FURTHER that if you fail to give such notice judgement may be granted in your absence.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS DAY OF JULY 2026.

THANKE & PARTNERS | Plaintiff's Attorneys
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APPLICATION FOR A LOST TITLE

AKHEEL JINABHAI & ASSOCIATES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of lost Notarial Deed of Cession No. MA 716/2012 dated the 20th day of **September 2012**, made in favor of **DES SUPERMARKET BOTSWANA PROPRIETARY LIMITED** in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lease Area No. 182-K0;
SITUATE: on Portion 27 (a Portion of Portion 2) of the Farm Traquir No. 10-K0 situate in the South East Administrative District of Botswana;
MEASURING: 1.1825 Ha (One decimal One Eight Two Five Hectares);
HELD UNDER: Notarial Deed of Cession No. MA 716/2012 dated the 20th day of September 2012, made in favor of Des Supermarket Botswana Proprietary Limited. (hereafter referred to as (the "Property"))

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DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000405-26

IN THE ESTATE of the **ESTATE LATE OAGENG MOKENE** who died at Hulwane Lands, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the 27th May 2024.

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

DATED at Mahalapye on this 17th Day of September 2026
The Executrix
Mogomotsi Oageng
P O Box 2328 Serowe
Cell: 77188884

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000047-26

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **KENALEMANG KOPANANG** who died at Lotsane ward, Palapye, Palapye District, Botswana on the **26th March 2023**.

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

DATED at Mahalapye on this 2nd Date of September 2026.

The Executrix Dative
Keipelaale Kopanang
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Notice of intention to dispose Tribal Land to a Non-Citizen

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that the following controlled transaction is proposed.
TRANSFEROR Donald R Mosotho

TRANSFEEE. Nathan Tom

CERTAIN Piece of land begin at Diile.
SITUATE at Malolwane Village
MEASURING. 221.91x173.27x137.63x226.63m
WHICH PROPERTY Is held under memorandum of Mmathubudukwane Landboard
CONSIDERATION Pula 50.000.00

BE PLEASED TO TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that

The Transaction is between Donald R Mosotho and Nathan Tom
By virtue of this notice, any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar Offer must give their submission to the contracts below within 30 days of this notice.
P.O. BOX 78 MMATHUBUDUKWANE SUB LANDBOARD.

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time
1. Ntshemang Gaboeke	ESHMN-000114/26	25/11/2026	08:30

DATED AT MAUN THIS.....DAY OF.....2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
DITSHAMEKO TOMELETSO	ESHMY 000272-26	26.10.26	09000HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 14TH SEPTEMBER 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
DIPOGISO MOSEKI	ESHMY 000272-26	16.11.26	09000HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 21ST SEPTEMBER 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000295-26**

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **KAGO DIALWA** who died at Gaborone Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone-District, Botswana on the 24th December 2011.

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

DATED at Mahalapye on this 02.Day of September 2026.

The Executrix Dative
Seduda Dialwa
P.O Box 35 Lerala
Cell:74791395

THE FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 000261/22**

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **BABOLOKI MOJALEMOTHO** who died at Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District on the 9th February 2021

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

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

DATED at on the day of 2026

The Executor, Pako Tuelo Mojalemotho, PO Box 81684, Gaborone, Cell: 71438920 / 74369115

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

ACE SAFARIS (PTY) Ltd would like to change use of agricultural plot to mixed use (agriculture and commercial) in Mabele. Any objection be forwarded to physical planning office, Chobe District Council within fourteen days of this publication.

THE OWNER of residential plot 5343 New Stands, Tati siding is proposing to build boundary wall. If you have any objection please lodge it at The Building Control Office in Tati siding Service Centre.

I TSHEPISO KGOTLENG owner of Plot 16956 at Tlokweng Ranfurwa, I would like to construct a boundary wall. All neighbouring plot if they have any objection shall contact Tlokweng District Council on 3695003/ 02 within 14 days of publication.

I OTHUSITSE RICKY MADIBELA owner of plot 8855 Oodi intend to erect a boundary wall. For any objections contact Kgatleng District Council Tel: 5773512/ 514.

VACANCIES

MEDICAL DOCTOR/ GP: New Day Medical Centre, Gaborone seeks qualified doctor with MBChB/ equivalent, 1-year clinical experience and BHPC registration/ eligibility. Apply: newdaymedicalcentre@gmail.com Closing: 13th October 2026.

RIVERWALK PHARMACY is looking for a senior pharmacy technician with more than 8 years experience in the retail pharmacy and registered with BHPC. Send application to riverwalkpharmacygaps@gmail.com. Due date 26/10/2026

CONTRACT MANAGER WANTED, 10 years or more in industry of aluminium. Apply: Hosieri Investments P O Box 4450 Gaborone, Call 74026195. Closing date 12 October 2026.

FASHION DESIGNER WANTED 10 years experience or more Esmage Fashions Pty Ltd Box 650 Francistown 77810723

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MOMPOLOKI MARANYANE	ESHMY 000313-26	02.11.26	09000HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 17TH OF SEPTEMBER 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

CHANGE OF LAND use. The owner of plot 12055 in Mogoditshane, would like to change the land use from single family residence to multi-family residence. Any objections should be written to: Council Secretary, Mogoditshane/ Thamaga District Council, ATTNT: Physical planning office, Private Bag 006, Mogoditshane. Tel. 3166646

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION OWNER of plot 56518 Block 10, Gaborone wishes to erect a boundary wall. Anyone with objections to the proposal can contact Gaborone city council, on Telephone No. 3657400 within fourteen (14) days of this publication

DRIVING SUCCESS THROUGH LEGAL STRATEGY

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters Reference: ESHGB-000449/24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **DAVID MONAGENG & LESEDI MONAGENG** who died at Mafithakgosi Clinic, Tlokweng, Tlokweng District & Modimele Ward, Moshupa, Ngwaketse District, Botswana on **30th April 2020 & 27th April 2010.**

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 23rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

C/O	AJA House, Unit 2, Matante Mews Plot 54373 CBD, Gaborone P O Box 20575, Gaborone Botswana Plot 17396 Boseja Ward Maun, Botswana	Tel: (+267) 316 3125 Fax: (+267) 316 3124 Email: info@aja.co.bw Web: www.aja.co.bw	Partners Akheel Jinabhai Consultant Partners Mark McKee Obrien Brindi (F I Arb) Lebogang George Associates Mary Maeda Juwairiyah Maher Anne Rindo
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FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Masters Reference: ESHGB-000305-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **CANCHANLAL JINABHAI** who died at Wockhard Hospital, Mumbai, Republic of India on the **16th day of September 2024.**

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie 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 on the Estate Account may be lodged to the Master.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS DAY OF 2026

C/O	AJA House, Unit 2, Matante Mews Plot 54373 CBD, Gaborone P O Box 20575, Gaborone Botswana Plot 17396 Boseja Ward Maun, Botswana	Tel: (+267) 316 3125 Fax: (+267) 316 3124 Email: info@aja.co.bw Web: www.aja.co.bw	Partners Akheel Jinabhai Consultant Partners Mark McKee Obrien Brindi (F I Arb) Lebogang George Associates Mary Maeda Juwairiyah Maher Anne Rindo
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INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME

(In terms of Section 8 (1) of Married Persons Property Act, 2014)

- TEBOGO MARODI (NEE MOITHOKI) and RAMATLAKANE GOODLET MARODI** married in community of property on the 28th day of June 2019 , in Sefhare , intend to make an application to the High Court of Botswana for leave to change their marital property regime from "in community of property" to "out of community of property".
- 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 first publication hereof.
- Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are to inform Tebogo Marodi, Ramatlakane Goodlet Marodi and/or Dow & Associates , before the expiration of the said 3 weeks period, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 14th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026

The Applicants, Tebogo Marodi & Ramatlakane Goodlet Marodi, c/o DOW & ASSOCIATES, P.O. Box 45992, Gaborone, Plot 16527, Phase 1, Gaborone West, Gaborone, Tel 3500108/73558334

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FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Masters Reference: ESHMY 000141-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **LEBOGANG GHAA** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the **17th March 2009.**

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

DATED at Mahalapye on this 11th Day of September 2026.

The Executrix Patronella Ghaa
P O Box 21336 Bontleng, GABORONE
Cell: 72 789 919 / 77 787 280

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of memorandum of agreement of lease registered under No: 19/88 dated **22nd day of February 1998** made in favour of the late **MOUTLAKGOLA NWAOK**

In respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Tribal Lot 86, Palapye

SITUATE: At Palapye in the Ngwato Tribal Area

MEASURING: 2203M² (Two Thousand and Two Hundred and Three Square meters)

All persons having objection to the issues of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the register of Deeds, Private Bag F72, Francistown within three (3) weeks of the last publication of this notice herof.

DATED AT PALAPYE THIS 22 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

Sebonego & CO.Attorneys ,Notaries and Conveyancers **P.O.Box 11565**
Next to Majoka Hardware Palapye ,Tel:4924446

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TENDER ADVERTISEMENT

1. TENDER NO: CEDA 014 / 2026-2027 INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF SAP CERTIFIED HANA SERVER

1.1. Sealed Tender offers are invited for the Supply, Delivery and Installation of SAP Certified Hana Server.

1.2. Procurement Method: Open Domestic Bidding Method

1.3. Tenderers must, in order to be considered for the award of the contract, be registered with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) in the following categories: Code: 203 (Electrical, Electronic, Mechanical, Fire and ICT Supplies) Sub code: 01 [Electrical and Electronic Equipment, Spares and Accessories (Including ICT, Photographic Equipment and Others)] AND A valid copy of supplier's / reseller / distributor confirmation certificate for authorization to provide HPE Server for SAP Hana. (Confirmation that the company is authorized to provide HPE Server for SAP Hana).

1.4. All Bids must be submitted no later than 10:00hrs on 9th of October 2026 (As per CEDA timepiece placed at Reception Area).

2. The Tender document is available for purchase and collection at CEDA Head Office Only from 17th September 2026 at a non-refundable fee of P500.00 (Five Hundred Pula Only) inclusive of VAT and P250.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Pula Only) inclusive of VAT for youth owned companies as per Presidential Directive CAB (B) / 2015.

3. Preference Margins will be applied to qualifying bidders in line with the Economic Inclusion Act of 2021.

4. The tender document is also available via online purchase as per the above non-refundable fee. For more information please visit the CEDA website www.ceda.co.bw or scan the QR code.

5. The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority's Standardised conditions of Tender shall apply to this procurement, for which all the applicable Tender Data is contained in the Tender Document. Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing, CEDA is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender offer.

6. For further information regarding this tender, please contact CEDA Procurement Office at procurement@ceda.co.bw

VACANCY: SOFTWARE DEVELOPER — ERP & BUSINESS PROCESS AUTOMATION

Native Force Creations (Pty) Ltd t/a Apjakal IT Solutions invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for a **three-month, fixed-term position** based in **Gaborone**.

The successful candidate will support time-sensitive development and maintenance commitments for business-critical systems used by our diamond and jewellery-sector clients. The role requires practical software development skills, strong analytical ability and an understanding of enterprise business processes.

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- Develop, customise and support applications using the Frappe framework, ERPNext, Python and SQL.
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- Document solutions and provide knowledge transfer to colleagues.

Qualifications and Experience

- A degree in Computer Science, Information Systems, Mathematics, Data Science or a closely related discipline.
- Demonstrable hands-on experience with Frappe/ERPNext, Python, databases and business-process automation.
- Experience in enterprise master-data management, data analysis or operational systems support.
- Understanding of mining, diamond processing or jewellery company operations, particularly inventory traceability, production workflows and quotation processes, will be an advantage.
- Strong analytical, problem-solving and communication skills, with the ability to deliver against time-sensitive client requirements.
- A postgraduate qualification in Data Science or a related field will be an added advantage.

Location: Gaborone, with attendance at client sites as required.
Contract Duration: Three months from the commencement date.
Commencement: As soon as possible following completion of recruitment and receipt of any required work authorisation.

How to Apply

Email your CV and supporting qualifications to **projects@apjakal.com**, using the subject line **“Application — Software Developer”**.

Closing Date: Applications must be received by **17:00 Botswana time on the 15th calendar day after the date of publication of this advertisement**.

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Interested personnel should email their CVs to
Futuristicmanagement69@gmail.com
Plot 53 Unit GB19 Gaborone International Commerce Park, **Gaborone**
Tel 3900120

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 001058/26
IN THE ESTATE of the Late **SEUTLWETSE HAROLD MOGALE** who died at Bokamoso Private Hospital, Mmopane, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 28th day of August 2026.

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

DATED at ____ on this ____ Day of ____ 2026

The Executrix
Kelebetse Lillian Mogale
P O Box 20771 GABORONE
CONTACT: 71722216/71750422

NOTICE OF NEXT OF MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap. 31:01)

NOTICE IS HERBY 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 discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
OMPATILE KEN SJANANG	ESHMY 00034 1-26	02.11.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 21st SEPTEMBER 2026
DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

ESHFT-000623-26

NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the Late Matsie Madziba **ESHFT-000623-26** who died at Central-Tutume District, Mosinyi ward, Marobela Botswana on the 05th July 2026.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 23TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025
TAOLO PHUTHEGO
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 515
MAROBELA
CONTACT: 71891633
AND TO : MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
PRIVATE BAG F13
FRANCISTOWN

NOTICE OF THE NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE MAPANKE ODIKENG ESHGB-000631-24

IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of Estate Act (Cap 31:01), The heirs and next of kin of the deceased persons specified above are hereby invited to attend the next of kin meeting on Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 1030 hours at the Office of the Master – Phandiwe P. Taka-Memo 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 relatives. For any enquiries concerning the deceased person’s estate, please contact the Masters Office on **3718343**, or **3718000/3718040** (switchboard)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT 000891-2025

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Gilbert Lesole ESHFT 000891-25** who died at Dukwi Village, Central on the **24th day of August 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 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

Mbakiso Lesole
Executor Dative
P O Box 40134
Francistown
AND TO: Master of the High Court
Private Bag F13
FRANCISTOWN

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000647/24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **ELIZABETH GAARATWE APHIRI & EDWARD PAA APHIRI** who died at Rampedi Ward, Mochudi, Kgatleng District & Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on 25th July 2011 & 11th June 2000 respectively.

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

Dated at ____ on this ____ Day of ____ 2026.

Executrix Dative Mamello Tlaleng Motswagosele
P O Box 1364 **Gaborone** Cell: 72892330

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000599/24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **NKOBIWA SEBELE** who died at Bokamoso Private Hospital, Mmopane, Kweneng District Republic of Botswana on 7th day of February 2024.

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

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master within the 21 days stated above.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS DAY OF2026.

The Executor, Neo Dalton Sebele, Chibanda Makgalemele & Co, Plot 50667, Block B, Office No. 2 Fairgrounds Office Park, P.O. Box 1401, GABORONE, TEL: 3911503

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IN THE MARGISTRATE COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF GABORONE HELD AT VILLAGE CASE NO: CCMVL-002886-25

In the matter between:
TRANS AFRICA (PTY) LTD
and
PRIME DISCOVERY (PTY) LTD
KHUMO OARATA MOSETLHANE
MODIRI BEN

PLAINTIFF

1ST DEFENDANT
2ND DEFENDANT
3RD DEFENDANT

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

TO: MODIRI BEN of Plot 5802 Meriting Ward, Ghanzi

TAKE NOTICE that a summons has been issued against you in this Court by **TRANS AFRICA (PTY) LTD c/o PELOMPE LEGAL PRACTICE of Plot, 18938, Segakwana Road, Phase 2 Gaborone for the following claim:**

1. Payment of P22,967.76.
2. Interest thereon at the rate of 18% per annum from 09 April 2025 to the full payment.
3. An order authorizing the plaintiff to collect, receive, and apply all proceeds payable under Local Purchase Order No. 6704 towards partial or full satisfaction of the Defendant's indebtedness to the Plaintiff.
4. 10% collection commission on payments made in instalments post judgement or any other payment plus 14% VAT.
5. Cost of suit on an attorney and own client scale.
6. Further and/ or alternative relief.

And that an order has been made that the publication of notice of such summons shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service of the summons on you. You have been given 21 days from the date of publication to enter an Appearance to Defend or any answer to the claim, and if you do not do so, judgement may be given against you in your absence.

TAKE NOTICE FURTHER that if you fail to give such notice, judgement may be granted against you without further reference to you.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 22nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.
PELOMPE LEGAL PRACTICE, Applicant's Attorneys, Plot 18938, Segakwana Road, Phase 2, P O Box 45123, Riverwalk, GABORONE, (Ref: PLP/543/CL/DP), 3119003/ 77551277

PROOERTIES

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

MASTERS REFERENCE NO.: 000035-26

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE BUYENDASI NKOSANA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all debtors and creditors in the Estate of the Late **BUYENDASI NKOSANA**, who died at **Shangano Ward, Makobo, Central Tutume District, Republic of Botswana, on the 7th day of January 2026**, are hereby required to:

1. Pay all debts due to the estate; and
2. File all claims against the estate

within **THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice.

All claims and payments should be directed to the Executor at the address provided below.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

PANIPASHA BABY NKOSANA
EXECUTOR
P.O. Box 21
Makobo, Francistown
Botswana
Cell: 715 25031

Change of land use

JERUSALEM SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH of plot No. 9310 Jerusalem Ward in Moshupa, wishes to change land use from institutional residential housing to church hall.

For Any objection should be forwarded to Moshupa District Council. Physical planning Office on Telephone No. 73506645/ 5447000 fax 5449296 within fourteen (14) days from date of publication of this notice.

Alternatively contact Architect/Physical Planner at Cellphone No.73149557-5410882and view development proposal layout

NOTICE FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's reference: ESHGB 000011/20

IN THE ESTATE of the late **DAVID MONDA TSHEPI MOTSHEGWE** who died at Deborah Retif Memorial Hospital, Botswana on the **10th October 2019**.

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

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

DATED AT GABORONE on the 23rd day of SEPTEMBER 2026

Keneilwe Mogope
P O BOX 373
GABORONE
CELL: 72 940 960 /71 720 440
Tebele Motshegwe
Private Bag 00514
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LIQUIDATOR'S NOTICE
NOTICE OF THE SECOND MEETING OF CREDITORS OF
TALAQUA (PTY) LTD - IN LIQUIDATION
Master's Reference – LQHGB – 000005 - 23

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to section 382(1) of the Companies Act, chapter 42:01, the Second Meeting of Creditors of the above-named company that was held before the Master of the High Court, Gaborone on the 10th of September 2026 was adjourned to the 19th of November 2026 at 09:00 hours for the deliberation of the following agenda items that could not be concluded at the aforesaid meeting.

- Proof of claims
- Consideration of the Liquidator's progress report
- To consider and pass resolutions if deemed fit
- Any other competent business

Claims should be filed with the Liquidator at least 24 hours before the time of the meeting.

By the Liquidator,
Jethro Kamutsi
Prestige Business Consultants (Pty) Ltd
Setlhoa Office Park
P O Box 602430 Gaborone

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A TRANSACTION WITH A NON-CITIZEN IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT (2018)

THIS NOTICE is issued in compliance with the Tribal Land Act of 2018, Section 34, Subsection (1) (a to e) and the transaction involves the following property in Tribal Land:

THE SELLERS	: ONTHUSITSE GABAITSEKGOSI
THE PURCHASERS	: ACADEMIA NATURALIS PROPRIETARY LIMITED;
CERTAIN	: Unreferenced Integrated Farm;
SITUATE	: At Chanoga, in the Batawana Tribal Territory;
MEASURING	: 5.660 Ha (Five Point Six Six Zero Hectares);
WHICH PROPERTY	: is held under Certificate of Customary Land Grant, dated 10th August 2016 between Maun Sub-Land Board and Onthusitse Gabaitsekgosi;
PURCHASE CONSIDERATION	: P650,000.00 (Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pula);
SUBJECT	: to the terms and conditions of a Deed of Sale, the terms and conditions of which may be inspected at the offices of Adom & Botha Attorneys, Plot 6496, Sir Seretse Khama Road, P.O. Box 2466, MAUN

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT:

(a) Any Botswana citizen interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the above property shall be given priority notwithstanding the agreement reached by the above-named parties regarding the controlled transaction.

(b) should any person wish to object to the proposed transaction, notice of objection with reasons thereof should be addressed to the Tawana Land Board with copies to the undersigned within thirty (30) days from the date of publication hereto.

ADOM & BOTHA ATTORNEYS, PLOT 6496, SIR SERETSE KHAMA ROAD, P. O. BOX 2466, MAUN TEL: 6861090

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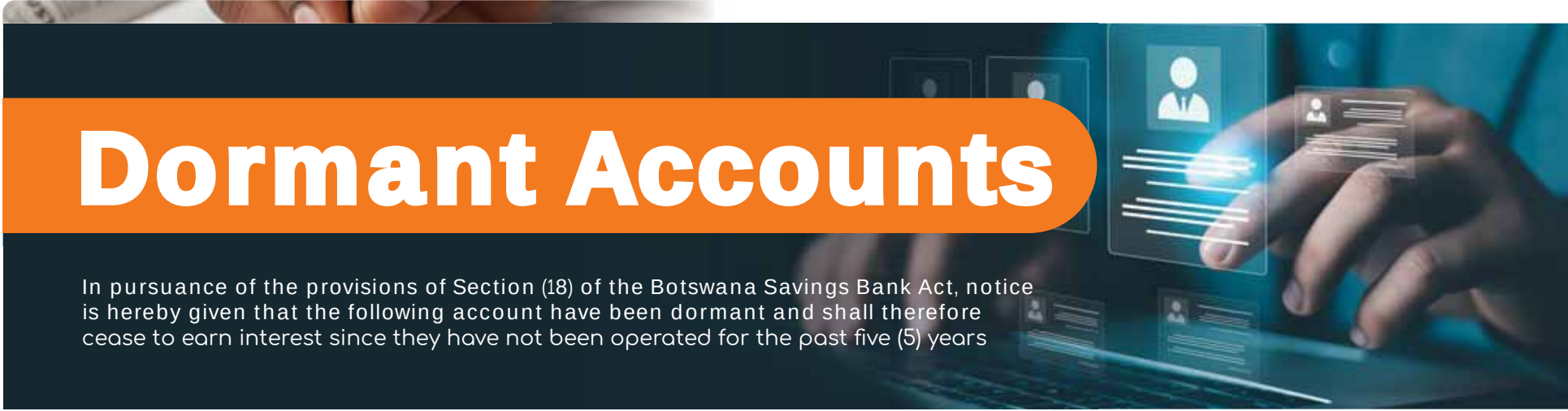
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First National Bank of Botswana Limited
Member of the Deposit Insurance Scheme of Botswana.



Dormant Accounts

In pursuance of the provisions of Section (18) of the Botswana Savings Bank Act, notice is hereby given that the following account have been dormant and shall therefore cease to earn interest since they have not been operated for the past five (5) years

1. Acct_name	136. Tebogo Boifang	272. Keneilwe Mekanaki Benoni	410. Lolo Kago Morake	551. Motshwari Kelebogile
2. Bindu Kumar	137. Orapeng Shimanyana	273. Keontsetse Doreen Lekgoa	411. Malaladi Gabaretshole	552. James R Modimakwane
3. Queens Kings Group	138. Thotayaone Helen Makola	274. Tadiwa Wabo Tafa	412. Koko Letsogang	553. Ramokete Onalerano Minkie
4. RockagesInvestments (Proprietary) Limited	139. Katso Mathibi	275. Thobiso Leutwetse	413. Edward Sethabai Sepako	554. Nkane Keatse Evelyn
5. Entle Groip	140. Mpho Tiholego Pebe	276. Lethabo Legend Mathame	414. Mooketsane Mmantsho	555. Keleberang Mosadiwatlala
6. Itshetso Group	141. Makabanyane Mosimane	277. Masolela Basiamang	415. Grace Zweano Thangwane	556. Makola Bakang Herriet
7. Devine Acceleration Enterprises Pty Ltd	142. Onneile Sebetlela	278. Junnette K Malope	416. Motshojoe Thapelo Lazarus	557. Sephiri Boipelo
8. Gunotsoga Primary School Pta	143. Seele Balotihanyi	279. Mogwana Xheshee	417. Mmusi Obopeng	558. Ntation Ngauzeziue Kambura
9. Basha Ba Ikopantse Burial Society	144. Moses Letlale	280. Dingongorego Johannes	418. Rhoda Kathola	559. Tiro Bodika
10. Rev Up Consult Pty Ltd	145. Peggy Rankapong	281. Lebonamang Bolebantswe	419. Boipelo Ntau	560. Tiriso Kapinga
11. Sirsaboka Proprietary Limited	146. Mosogoge Moswi	282. Maleswane Kabela	420. Steven Kankang	561. Annah Nchiniyi
12. Flower Girls Group	147. Lizzy Muchado	283. Uchoda Keeme	421. Lethogonolo Ronald Nato	562. Karmag Nashera
13. Modisakhumu Group	148. Karabo Modiri Omphitlhetse	284. Baikanyo Melobe	422. Buswani Lethogonolo Mphala	563. Mooketsane Kgamatso
14. Phogotthe Group	149. Gabriel Kgosi Ntwa	285. Kelebole Ebiditse	423. Kebareng Oakame	564. Goame Mokgalajwe
15. The Apostolic Of God After Christ Church In Zion	150. Meleko Menyato	286. Kaone Owen Ramatu And Makhaokane	424. Matshediso Lucy Phunyetse	565. Seipato Sethomolane
16. Sheperd Angel	151. Tebogo Sosome	287. Tegelelo Tumetane	425. Montsho Bothepe	566. Ramasu Bodirwang
17. Sedudu Sa Mogobane	152. Kegakgametse Sedumedi	288. Bothole Mpopane	426. Selohela Thupe	567. Duncan Goboraane
18. Business Icons Group	153. Kaveko Unoe Kavei	289. Abel Phuthe And Mpho Gladys Makapi	427. Mmatshipi Ontiretse	568. Itumeleng Stephen
19. Salozia Group	154. Ditiro Ditiro Motlhabane	290. Polena Thalefang	428. Sera Lesego	569. Gwatsepe Ditsagalale
20. Reigning Consultancy Proprietary Limited	155. Sebelule David Moaduke	291. Widzani California Fanilo	429. Enyatseng Jesi	570. Xanaka Xhobi
21. Ymt Investment(Proprietary)Limited	156. Mmualethe Kgomatsego & Lefakae Resego Jane	292. Olebile Tautsogae	430. Mokape Tekanya	571. Bokoni Utwanang
22. Botswana Congress Party Sefhare	157. Thipe U Mark	293. Lerachana Ramhata	431. Matshabi Gosetsemang	572. Mokganedi Malebang
23. Act Of Passion Burial Society	158. Nkgomatseng Ludo Tshotlego	294. Maitumelo Tsamsetse	432. Masiti Mashumba	573. Kelebang Bogadi Thatayotthe
24. T Moraps Pty Ltd	159. Shimankane Mthowakgosi	295. Ntlotlang Kolae	433. Dikgang Emily	574. Babeile Ruth Bonyana
25. Babilona Apostolic Healing Church Of Botswana	160. Shimankane Mthowakgosi	296. Goitseone Lekalabuswa	434. Kemang Ntpe	575. Smith Aupa
26. Apostles Of Jesus Christ Church	161. Olegbogeng Qauxae	297. Isaac Lefty Simon	435. Kelemogile Magutshwa	576. Segokgo Baeti
27. Sky Blue Entertainment Pty Ltd	162. Maribe Maribe	298. Kemmitse Mpho	436. Baitumelo Julia Mogotsi	577. Samunzala Mpho
28. Apostolic Baptist Church Of Southern Africa	163. Masego Moswe	299. Poloko Temalo	437. Gosememang Obopilewe	578. Gaotsewe Michael
29. Sedibeng Primary School	164. Kaitirele Mavis Moalosi	300. Mmantoba Rothejwane	438. Erika Tamilina Sharpe	579. Bonusi Ramaphane
30. Youth For Betterment Of Moshana Association	165. Neo Makoti	301. Sephana Tinyane	439. Kwenane Modiro Forst	580. Koziba Mathuma
31. Sedilame Group	166. Gregory Apollo Losibe	302. Olerile Charles Koboto	440. Geoffrey O Mogobere	581. Lebonyeng Manyame
32. Monty Group	167. Philliman Piet	303. Lethabo Baliki	441. Morapane Kelebogile S	582. Felicity Morwamang
33. Boja Mogo Security Guard Pty Ltd	168. James Mpe	304. Mooketsi Phaleche	442. Odriile Batisane	583. Goabaone Kaizer Motthagodi
34. Mosa Group	169. Laogo Lesomo	305. Rosinah David	443. Keshabile Ogopotse	584. Tshimologo Monene
35. Step Forward Support Care Group	170. Mosala Mmolotsi	306. Kebonyekgotla David Mosweu	444. Chowe Mary Lesanyane	585. Seso Lesupi
36. Roman Catholic Church Altar Servers Diocese Of Gaborone	171. Amedias Nduna	307. Martha Mmalegole Mooki	445. Robasaka Monare	586. Muthugi Lenah Mokgathane
37. Bee Bite Group	172. Elizabeth Jacobs	308. Mmiliadi Diphe	446. Matongo Babatshi	587. Josephinah Thakadu
38. Botshelo Group	173. Seikokakale Kebaditsetse Pasela	309. Amo Tuma Baretsenye	447. Lutla Makwete	588. Nikola Tshwaro Matshediso
39. St Andrews Apostolic Church In Zion	174. Pitagano Madongo	310. Defence Khamo	448. David Mokgati	589. Xakao Village Development Commtee
40. Imao Group	175. Matlotla Wiltstone Seelamo	311. Morulaganye Mogae	449. Masarwa Gaselebalwe	590. Kalayakgosi Mmamole
41. Marapong Syndicate Proprietary Limited	176. Letsogo Mantaga	312. Badisana Keolapile	450. Sebolayi Chiani	591. Ogoragile Gabolte
42. Tshwarogang Neighbourhood Warch	177. Sefhemo Doricah Oteng	313. Gaorelathe Raditsoaneng	451. Bontleeng Maria Nageng	592. Kgosiso Adolf Diago
43. Five Star Group	178. Elisse Uache Madede	314. Pantsho Beauty Mosweswe	452. Keonsetse Seikaneng	593. Brave Elias
44. New Age Poultry	179. Olebogile Raido Sedimonyane	315. Odriile Ontfile & Bosele Sam	453. Juliet Maphani	594. Xgware Goethusane
45. Iteng Group	180. John Rosepepe Tumelo	316. Goleboane V Motlanka	454. Ntloteng Garatwe	595. Lillian Peleontle
46. Madiba Class Act Of 2003 Social Group	181. Qarabile Koneno	317. Batsile Mannaowapula	455. Loopi mahau Jean masie	596. Baitumelo Moklogeng
47. Thotse Group	182. Kgogela Tsietso	318. Lenyato Mapaki	456. Molelele Bantule	597. Kgosi Bontshiri
48. Botshelo Jo Social Club	183. Oreditse Mercy Bagwasi	319. Khutswe Ketshametse	457. Sebula Mary	598. Hendrick Jacobus Matthys
49. Ikogeng Club	184. Khutswe Ketshametse	320. Goleboane V Motlanka	458. Kerobole Gaekgathe	599. Seane Bathoedi
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51. TK Supply And Installers Proprietary Limited	186. Kemiso Collen Segakolodi	322. Grace Gosego	460. Olegbogeng Marks Matswasele	601. Mpho Benson Rankoe
52. Chikopokopa Group	187. Christinah Gabashe	323. Lucky Scotsch	461. Mange Mafoko	602. Sepora Mmabasadi
53. Yadah Group	188. Mogolodi Gaboiwelwe	324. Lucky Star Molefe	462. Kethanametse Lebopo	603. Nkawe Borehole Syndicate
54. Morale Bonwathote Farmers Trust	189. John Rosepepe Tumelo	325. Olegbogile Raido Sedimonyane	463. Segokgo Thapedi	604. Molothegi Phiriinyane
55. Mookane Borehole Proprietary Limited	190. Thopelo Moremi & Tshapo Moremi	326. Olegbogile Raido Sedimonyane	464. Olegbogeng Gaobakwe	605. St Paul Apostolic Faith Mission Of Botswana
56. Gomotsegang Lekgomole	191. Ntobezinhle Ndlovu	327. Daniel Makwadi Kekwatswe & Kelebogile Rantutu	465. Dikwang Matsesehato	606. Bajile Silence Mahaka
57. Tshapo Tokang	192. Gaofengwe Letlale	328. Goitsemotimo Mokibe	466. Banabothle Samson	607. Wome Rasel Dipheko
58. Lerato Phunkile Nkitseng	193. Mochoela Sefhemo	329. Thato Ramotshabi	467. Tsile Botsile	608. Paradise Christian Church-Branch II
59. Kemoaleke, Lindy Tsetse	194. Mthokomedi Tubego	330. Lorato Lucky Ramoeti	468. Sitayela Kgetse	609. Ditiro Gaotsogile
60. Mompoti William	195. Olegbogeng Moemo	331. Thato Wilfred Ramokgoane	469. Godiraone Ditsale	610. Gobopane Mottotliemang
61. Motswana Sebeso	196. Joseph Pusa Mosomane & Poloko John Morakile	332. Oarabile Pauline Maroba	470. Tshapiso Letsatsi	611. Keboonye Kgaloeng
62. Omponye Tselapedi	197. Sepaponyana Pusa	333. Oarabile Pauline Maroba	471. Kamba Sesalagole	612. Mosarwa Ramaaboya
63. Mbakisi Tselapedi	198. Kefilwe Ogaufi Mmusi	334. Oarabile Pauline Maroba	472. Ditlholwa Masego	613. Molefhi Nkakofeleng
64. Lindy K Sefawe	199. Neo Matsitse	335. Rakgomo Maria	473. Galabogeng Gaobakwe	614. Betty Moalepe
65. Koketso Gabonamotse	200. Moses Lekgoa	336. Gabolekane Thaphego	474. Mudala Isaac Bakumbuli	615. Fredrick Mariri
66. Kgopoleng Mangogala	201. Yvonne Chatiwa Alfaz & Gloria Selinah Joseph	337. Motsumi Thusoemang	475. Tau Mogomotsi	616. Segotlong Bertha
67. Gaonyadiwe Gillian Moretele	202. Boitshapo Pona Gasenna	338. Ponatshego Goseitsewe	476. Kedisang Golebaitse	617. Ketl Servy
68. Winnie Mogibelo	203. Nametsegang Baleseng	339. Godfrey Baeme	477. Bodutu Petros	618. Lekhutlile Lorato Susan
69. Naki Julius	204. Moses Gabodole	340. Maita Dikaelo	478. Madisaotile Moliwa	619. Thebe Keeditse
70. Magdeline Ramafifi	205. Peter Thuto Ntesang	341. Kethuseng Kootletse	479. Maluleke Judith	620. Marape Rosinah Pinkie
71. Florah Thamage	206. Tihompho Gaboihiwe	342. Mmthwone G Kgosiso	480. Lekgao Ramoleele	621. Mogapi Khutsafalo
72. Bakgatlabotho Bathoen	207. Oratile Thabiso Kefitlile	343. Selabe Leatame	481. Masimego Kgolo	622. Kobe-Seleka Gabagopole
73. Diana Gaofise	208. Tsholofelo Tshenyego	344. Makgetho Khalelo	482. Ronald Olebile	623. Thabisa Monameli
74. Nene Mapugwa	209. Pelosilelo Bongolo	345. Machake Johannes	483. Magamede Sebilla	624. Bino Gofhaone Merafhe
75. Mabitso Sentlabane	210. Mositi Dumelang	346. Sabarole Mmakebua	484. Magamede Sebilla	625. Revelation Blessed Peace Church Mookane
76. Boiki Motlabe	211. Eneti Mapfuma	347. Tselayarano Lubinda	485. Boe Motogelwa	626. Matong Kelebuso
77. Nibone Melisa Babotsi	212. Baitumelo Joyce Letsholo	348. Mosele Malebogo	486. Ramatswela Mmapula	627. It Integraters (Proprietary) Limited
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79. Baitumelo Motswakwa	214. John Kago	350. Montsisi Alphans Mmolotsi	488. Charles Layani Libo	629. Joel Apostolic Church Of Christ
80. Chawangwa Rauwe	215. Galenkoppe,keatholetsewe	351. Omphemetse Andries	489. Wame Grace Ngwako	630. Madiego Pogiso Ngwako
81. Bakang, koloi	216. Maitumelo K Motale	352. Kelebogile Rannowa	490. Maano Salome	631. Sekathele Grace Nkhwa
82. Bankgonne Segaugou	217. Oktswa Diteko Pono	353. Kaisara Onaletshato	491. Isake Sepatla	632. Marokusa Dimpho Tsegog
83. Tshakedi Masala And Bonani Masala	218. Ketholegile Gagobepe And Lesego Jane Bantshitswe	354. Thiojane Motlanka	492. Goponyano Nko	633. Keamogotse Lesedi Kgogo
84. Gaobopile Singene	219. Mmamiki Barakanye	355. Kebosenke Mokelebele	493. Baikhutso Segakane	634. Biemba Kedimetse
85. Seabelo Dikobana	220. Segomotsa Kgawkgwa	356. Kelebile Teseletso	494. Mphaganyane Moendia	635. Thebe Tshagofatso
86. Keesego Dikobana	221. Katiarelo Ronny Gabolotwe	357. Pantsho Komoki	495. Shelliha Nyoki	636. Sebese Soting
87. Thokajane Otinila	222. Michelle Some B Buzwani	358. Mphahlele	496. Chamo Shadi	637. James Mogomotsi Leepo
88. Sister Mpolokang	223. Shirley Yvonne Buzwani	359. Mphahlele	497. Obateng Pelotshweu	638. Itumeleng Lydo Tekanyo
89. Lesedi Kgosisile	224. Nyaladza, e, tshosa	360. Nkgogang Ntwayogae	498. Ntswa, selinah, seleka	639. Mangana Xhete
90. Ditlholi Papogwe	225. Douglas Photsimo	361. Makwadi Tlani	499. Samuel Bietz	640. Nyadza Jenomiso Phinas
91. Malebogo Mpoleng	226. Gosego, kgaladua, and, paka, george, tau	362. Lebekwe Moatshe	500. Gladys Lekwape	641. Kgosietsile Mmatlakhuma
92. Tuelo Leshetla	227. Kabela Mambule And Ketshephoane Makgetho	363. Thabologo Rapharoka	501. Baitshwarelo Ramoathodi	642. Sebogo Thapotsane
93. Keesego Lilly Rantwana	228. Theo Morule	364. Gaebolae Pono	502. Thembanani Muchumaeli	643. Kobo Ramotokwane
94. Lesego Mabejo	229. Jwaphala Maslo Tlang Maruti	365. Xuma Kapang	503. Ruth, ntshwabi, nkwe	644. Bikitsane Keontshitse
95. Kelebogile Gorata Moloi	230. James Gaeolae	366. Koosimile Gaone	504. George Goitsemotimo	645. Koonyatse Bampolke
96. Gauta Seele Seabonyana	231. Omasa Abottle Seaforeng	367. Thebeetsile Komanyane	505. Neo Matsamai	646. Gopanyane Kakane
97. Oratile Molefhi	232. Thabo Abednico Matshidiso	368. Gloria Kelebalwe Ntu	506. Gaoneriwe Eteseng	647. Goiraone Makalake
98. Dimpho Kefilwe Sentsinyane	233. Boitshapo Mphahlele	369. Mbang Kambao	507. Kgigala Ranyo	648. Kabe, John Tladi
99. Mphodo Nfa	234. Rorisang Wise Molutsi	370. Modiegi Keabaobetswe	508. Maribame Martha	649. Abel Elijah Sam
100. Kgokololo Ditshetelo	235. Emmanuel Tshwaane	371. Ameliah Baaisi	509. Mankganyane Burial Society	650. Abel Mmabola Maree
101. Kereditse Kgatusi	236. Tshethlo Malebogo Ramaolaga	372. Nametso Fridah Bogani	510. Makhoe Madimabe	651. Segametsi Beauty Babotsi
102. Tebatso Tsogwane	237. Nomsa Bothole	373. Thotayaone Oaitse	511. Mkgwane Sentebale	652. Babotsi Anele Tennyson
103. Kobomelo Tlhwane	238. Letsoa Mkgweletse	374. Olekile Piet	512. Galefele Lekgao	653. Pansiri Dineo
104. Lepadile Nyambe	239. Obakile Kikwe	375. Baitumelo Mlanzi	513. Nagemba Mmerek	654. Gorata Molaise
105. Omphile Legwethethe	240. Kennedy Marekwa	376. Thuso Thaphego Kootshwere	514. Mkgethe Doctor	655. Eunice Mummy Kebeetseng
106. Mmoloki Monnos Ntse	241. Keitumetse N Modimako	377. Ndineani Martins Mandevu	515. Kobue Ntebogang	656. Ontiretse Nthonyane
107. Mpho Motsonkano	242. Molatihegi Gabotshwane	378. Maitshwarelo Khupela	516. Maitshwarelo Khupela	657. Letlalo Kobo Nkiele
108. Godeupe Lengoka Makgato	243. Kesaaboka Hope Mogoodi	379. Moroka Keipone	517. Keamogotse Doo	658. Kehiwe Nakedi
109. Lydia Blackie	244. Sessa Pleasure Mogoodi	380. Sentho Sehulora	518. Molatihegi Nametsegang Edith	659. Lebogang Jane
110. Sedikwa Cappy Motsheweg	245. Kgosietsile Morgan Mogoodi	381. Ramalaisi Tobaka	519. Makwaledi Moemi	660. Morwaledi Rantalali Lena
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112. Phemelo Hosia	247. Sebakanyano Pule	383. Kedibanye Kgolo	521. Thusang Khutsafalo	662. Nyepetsi Pee Wobogosi
113. Cecila Matho	248. Olegkante Tshwang	384. Ogolotse Watch	522. Diphalo Oreditse	663. Ontlametse Tefo Reosentse
114. Lesedinyana Stella Motsewakgosi	249. Golegake Magopa	385. Sethebe Mmankgajeng	523. Lesife Mooketsi Nkolo	664. Nkolo Phenyio Reginald
115. Ntrelang Tshelo Mahatthe	250. Ontefetse Moremedi	386. Baikhutso Sebetwane	524. Seboko Maitshwaredi	665. Mfalewe Dorah
116. Thapelo Gaselesego	251. Tumelo Anthony Nkalo	387. Sepee Sepee	525. Keloilwe Kosi Sepoko	666. Kelebogile Chishe
117. George G Mokane	252. Jinhuan Yin	388. Oratile Kebaotwe	526. Sekoma Mmasobata	667. Nelson Rabogomang Bathoeng
118. Diteko Mothoame	253. Motshwaratseu Gobuiwang	389. Koboyankwe Betty Segkabi	527. Thilogang Lophalo Richard	668. Ditilo Setswalo
119. Mosadigope Kudumedi	254. Nteseng Lekalake	390. Naledi Kebabope Ramasedi	528. Mafako Ramotsoka	669. Rametelwang Dineo Monnamorwa
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121. William Dipholeng	256. Kaone Tsotsi	392. Veronicah Leteane	530. Amagelang M Phiri	671. Kgosiemang Gaontebale
122. Kemoabe Tlotleng	257. Charles Kgosiso Motlhabani	393. Naomi Makubire & Sarah Mphalengeng	531. Margaret Magowe	672. Richard K Kgotla
123. Cecila Matho	258. Veronica Hassen	394. Mphahlele	532. Tuke Bezi	673. Basadi Motshweneng
124. Tshelo Onkabetswe	259. Lillian Phineos	395. Lebogang Darly Makoti	533. Bontshetse Shirley Mochibidu	674. Keneilwe Busung
125. Kefilwe Tidi	260. Mpopi Kgagkgamatso Nkhwanaana	396. Thapelo Topo Gothaang	534. Maitshwarelo Khupela	675. Thabisa One Tlhwane
126. Sephapha Seshaba	261. Boipuso Seleka	397. Otsile Kalie	535. Letshoba Masego	676. Kgokololo Bino Kakana
127. Phetogo Modise	262. Mathodi Oduetse	398. Tapiwa Thakodu	536. Merapelo Baiphisi	677. Kgokololo Bino Kakana
128. Rosinah Gloria Kgafela & Gobitsaane	263. Ruth Gaothabogwe	399. Keorapetse Evelyn Basuti	537. Letso Pono	678. Modiri Jacob Doctor
129. Ramotswetla	264. Tosano Xome	400. Motlhanke Dingongorego	538. Tingwane Bathethi	679. Othileya Sekgwama
130. Tinabo Seloka	265. Potshhego Daniel Mobilo	401. Basimanyana Moadima	539. Gloria, banyana, sefemo	680. Macha Rebecca
131. Lebena Bernard Dingwe	266. Besetha Clever Dithebe	402. Moswaneng Gosegomang	540. Gloria Banyana Sefemo & Tebogo Phiri	681. Annah Gobaitsanyane
132. Marriam Mafishane	267. Mighty Segwagwa	403. Mosadidi Keloithilwe	541. Mosweu Mpho	682. Samuel Dikeledi
133. Ikagopoleng Emmah Ntpe	268. Lethusamang Mosheto	404. Dipuo Bareeleng	542. Mosupiemang Garongwamang	683. Golekwang Kootsetse
134. Mosote Johannes Maboe	269. Rammule Phineas Mononyane	405. Katse Mmolawa	543. Hunyepo Edna Bahentse	684. Mottletsetse Kaitumetse
135. Goletswe Kefakoe	270. Mompoti Kenneth Kgosietsile	406. Kgogobi Ontuetse	544. Botswana Council Of Women	685. Olebile Toba Motlaka
	271. Tebogo Dimoku	407. Thakodu Tshagofatso Johannah	545. Bame Motisi	686. Rapula Bojosi
		408. Kediseng Sebueng	546. Abottle Tshelang Dioka	687. Bolofzi Bunji
			547. Lekang Segatsho	
			548. Matlogelwa Gareiphe	
			549. Kokwe Sefowe Esther	
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Social protection reforms key to inclusive growth

Phodiso Rankwe

RAMOTSWA

Ongoing social protection reforms are critical to transforming vulnerable Batswana from dependency on government assistance to sustainable livelihoods and meaningful participation in the economy, says Chief of Staff in the Office of the President, Dr Botswiri Tsheko.

Dr Tsheko said this during a special district meeting in Ramotswa recently, where stakeholders deliberated on social protection reforms and the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP).

“Aligning social protection programmes with the BETP and National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12) will strengthen efforts to achieve Botswana’s “True North” vision of becoming an empowered, high-income nation,” he said.

“Social protection should go beyond providing immediate relief by creating pathways through which beneficiaries could acquire skills, access economic opportunities and ultimately become self-reliant”, Dr Tsheko added.

Presenting an overview of the BETP, a representative of the secretariat Ms Gomolemo Tselagopo said the programme sought to transform Botswana into a high-income, digitally enabled and economically diversified nation.

She said government was therefore modernising social protection systems through

initiatives such as the Single Social Registry (SSR), which would help improve the targeting and coordination of social assistance.

Ms Tselagopo said the reforms were also intended to strengthen the link between social protection beneficiaries and sustainable economic opportunities. Giving the district social protection report, chief social and community development officer, Ms Mannyana Nonong, said Gamalete District currently had 1 293 beneficiaries enrolled in various social safety net programmes. She said females constituted 53.6 per cent of the beneficiaries while males accounted for 46.4 per cent.

Ms Nonong said permanent destitute persons constituted the largest beneficiary category at 48 per cent, representing 617 beneficiaries. She attributed the high number partly to persistent drought conditions and prevailing socio-economic vulnerabilities affecting communities.

She further reported that 194 persons with disabilities were registered under Social and Community Development programmes, with 25 per cent falling under the permanent destitution category. Ms Nonong said the figures highlighted the need for targeted economic empowerment programmes and interventions responsive to the specific needs of vulnerable groups.

On the Sustainable Livelihoods Approach (SLA), she said 1 942 potential beneficiaries had been mobilised in the district while

912 had received business and technical skills. She cited the Taung Women’s Community Project, Mogobane Inclusive Centre, which is run by persons with disabilities and the Otse Dam Rehabilitation initiative as examples of community-based initiatives contributing to local wealth creation.

Ms Nonong also said the Ikageng Public Works Programme continued to contribute to local development with 44 graduates from its skills development component having been integrated into mainstream artisan work.

For his part, Gamalete District council secretary Mr Jimmy McKenzie said the district was ready to support community-led development and efforts to streamline social protection delivery. BOPA

Lehutshelo celebrates learners' achievements

Samantha Gabaeme
HUKUNTSI

Learners of Lehutshelo Junior Secondary School have been implored to dream big and work hard towards what they aspired to become.

Speaking at the school’s prize giving ceremony recently, Gaborone Institute of Professional Studies (GIPS) marketing officer Ms Kaons Motswagae encouraged the learners to embrace hard work and discipline as part of efforts aimed at them excelling academically.

Ms Motswagae urged them who received prizes not to become complacent because of their achievements, but to use their success as motivation to aim higher.

For his part, school head of Lehutshelo Junior Secondary School, Mr Thabo Mosalakgoko, said the school was performing well in extracurricular activities, particularly in debate where learners had won numerous certificates and prizes.

Mr Mosalakgoko emphasised the importance of stakeholder collaboration in supporting

the school and urged alumni to contribute to the development of current learners.

He said such collaboration should be normalised to ensure that learners acquired the skills and support needed to excel in academic programmes, particularly those that required sponsorship.

He said while he appreciated prize giving ceremonies for recognising high-performing learners, he believed that the rest of the learners should also be recognised and encouraged to improve their academic performance.

Mr Mosalakgoko said such recognition could motivate struggling learners, noting that many learners were currently experiencing challenges in their studies and therefore needed encouragement to work harder.

He also appealed to parents to contribute towards the school’s development fees, saying the funds would be used to improve the school and create a more conducive learning environment.

He acknowledged that government was facing financial constraints, but urged parents and

other stakeholders to assist where possible with the resources at their disposal to support learners and improve their chances of succeeding.

Mr Mosalakgoko said Lehutshelo JSS had recorded notable improvements in its results over the past three years.

He said the school recorded 23.9 per cent in 2023, placing fourth in the region, before improving to 42.6 per cent in 2024 to claim first position. In 2025, the school recorded 35 per cent and retained its position as the regional top performer.

Mr Mosalakgoko said the school was determined to build on the progress and improve its performance further this year.

He said the school currently recorded 33.2 per cent in its internal and mock examinations, adding that the number of learners performing at U grade had declined from 82 at the end of May to 47 in the mock examinations.

Kgosi Merapelo Tshweneyagae attributed the good performance of the school to the collective responsibility of parents, teachers and learners. BOPA



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Eye Lab International gifts Sekgoma hospital



Bangwato deputy chief Kgosi Peter Seretse presenting vision saving and enhancing spectacles to a learner. The glasses were one of the over 800 pairs that Eye Lab donated to Sekgoma Hospital in Serowe on Thursday. Photo: Baldwin Nyamande

Tshiamiso Mosetlha
SEROWE

Eye Lab International has donated over 800 spectacle lenses valued at P21,000 to Sekgoma Memorial Hospital's Eye Department. Handing over the donation, director of Eye Lab International, Ms Segolame Lajini said the donation strengthened the hospital's standing as a centre of excellence in eye care.

She said it would help patients in the community access essential remedy spectacles and combat preventable visual impairment.

Ms Lajini indicated that the donation would help beneficiaries or patients of school-going age to improve academic performance by correcting vision impairments and reducing eyesight strain.

She said wearing glasses offers a wide range of benefits that extended far beyond simply correcting blurry vision. She said clear vision enhanced depth perception and reduced the risk of accidents while driving, cycling or navigating busy areas.

Sekgoma Memorial Hospital superintendent, Dr Kabo Tshiamo, appreciated the donation and encouraged the donors to maintain that spirit of partnership. He said while the hospital had many shortages, the donation would go a long way in supporting the work of the facility.

Dr Rachel Serojane, an optometrist at the hospital, also appreciated the partnership with the Eye Lab International and commended the company for assisting Sekgoma Hospital which was running short of resources to assist patients.

She said the donated lenses will be used to clear the backlog of people requiring intervention to address their poor eyesight. BOPA

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
Health Emergency Preparedness, Response and Resilience Project (HEPRR)
Health, Nutrition and Population
Loan No. 98750
Grant: Livable Planet Fund (LPF)
Project ID No. P510190

The Government of the Republic of Botswana, through the Ministry of Health and the Botswana Medicines Regulatory Authority (BoMRA), has received financing in the amount of US\$40,000,000 from the World Bank (IBRD Loan No. 98750) and a grant of US\$3,000,000 from the IBRD Surplus-Funded Livable Planet Fund (LPF), toward the cost of the Health Emergency Preparedness, Response and Resilience Project (HEPRR), and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services to be procured under this project. This project is part of the regional HEPRR Program implemented under the World Bank's Multi-Phase Programmatic Approach (MPA), spanning 11 countries across Eastern and Southern Africa.

The project will include the following components:

Component 1: Strengthening the Preparedness and Resilience of the Botswana Health System (US\$34.4 million). This component, implemented primarily by BoMRA, will support the construction of a National Drug Quality Control Laboratory (NDQCL) incorporating climate-resilient measures, and the refurbishment of BoMRA Regional Offices. It will also finance the procurement of laboratory equipment and supplies for the NDQCL, the supply and delivery of Vital, Essential, and Necessary (VEN) commodities for warehouse stockpiling, and software development for a National Product Catalogue (National eLMIS system).

Component 2: Improving the Detection of and Response to Health Emergencies through a Multisectoral Approach (US\$5 million). This component will support renovations to the National Public Health Laboratory (NPHL) to address audit findings and support accreditation transition. It will also finance the procurement of laboratory equipment and supplies for the NPHL and the procurement and maintenance of emergency stockpiles. Consulting services under this component include technical advisory and institutional capacity support for surveillance, laboratory diagnostics, and emergency management; development and implementation of clinical case management guidelines for priority health events; and other advisory services in support of multisectoral emergency preparedness and response.

Component 3: Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation (US\$3.6 million). This component will finance the supply and delivery of project vehicles, as well as consulting services for project management support, monitoring and evaluation, and fiduciary oversight. Procurement through open international competitive procedures under this component includes individual consultant assignments for the Mid-Term Review and the Implementation Completion and Results Report (ICRR).

Component 4: Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC) (US\$0). This component provides the capacity to rapidly reallocate project funds in the event of an eligible crisis or emergency. Specific procurement activities will be determined if and when the CERC is activated.

Procurement of contracts financed by the World Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (September 2025 edition) (Procurement Regulations) and is open to all eligible firms and individuals as defined in the Procurement Regulations. After project negotiations, the World Bank shall arrange the publication on its external website of the agreed initial procurement plan, and all subsequent updates once it has provided a no objection. All procurement activities are tracked through the World Bank's Systematic Tracking of Exchanges in Procurement (STEP) system.

Specific procurement notices for contracts subject to open international competitive procurement will be announced, as they become available, on the World Bank's external , xyz portal at [to be inserted], and in local newspapers of national circulation in Botswana.

Interested eligible firms and individuals who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services for the above-mentioned project, or those requiring additional information, should contact the Borrower at the addresses below:

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Harness cultural heritage for micro-industries and economic diversification

Calviniah Kgautlhe
LOBATSE

Harnessing Cultural Heritage for Micro-Industries and Economic, a well-structured development of cultural heritage tourism presents a golden opportunity for economic diversification and the creation of new micro-industries for sustainable livelihoods, says the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa.

Launching the Lobatse Heritage Booklet alongside the Radio Botswana 60th Anniversary grand finale roadshow on Friday as part of the Independence Day celebration activities held in Lobatse, Minister Motshegwa said it was critical to look beyond traditional sectors.

He urged the nation to harness unique historical assets to attract regional and international travellers, thereby creating new micro-industries, hospitality jobs, and small business opportunities through structured, scalable developmental planning rather than scattered, isolated projects.

He highlighted cultural heritage as an engine for economic growth, adding that nations across the globe reaped economic rewards by turning heritage into dynamic visitor experiences.

He said countries such as Kenya and Peru, had transformed local heritage and ancient traditions into thriving, community-led economies where residents managed cultural villages, guide historical trails, and produce heritage crafts, ultimately creating employment for youth and women.

He underscored that Lobatse was endowed with a rich cultural heritage that must be fully harnessed, noting that the architectural blueprint of modern Botswana was drawn in the town, a legacy that should be turned into a golden opportunity for job creation. “It was here in Lobatse that our first Legislative Council met to debate the future of our independent nation. It was here that our first five-kilometre tarred road and our first post office were built.

It was here that the first frequencies of Radio Botswana broadcast a message of hope. During the liberation struggle in the Southern African region, Lobatse played a critical role by becoming a sanctuary of freedom for liberation struggle icons such as former South African President and global icon Nelson Mandela and Mozambique’s first President, Mr Samora Machel, cementing our role as a pillar of African liberation,” he said.

In addition, Mr Motshegwa noted that the socioeconomic potential of this heritage remained unexploited, warning that untold stories could fade and

undocumented history could be forgotten. “That is why we pay homage to documenting the history of Lobatse through this booklet.

We are officially launching this booklet, a comprehensive guide that captures the very soul and essence of this town,” he said. Minister Motshegwa stated that the new booklet maps out the national identity and invites everyone to see Lobatse not merely as a transit town, but as a living museum of Botswana with a rich cultural tapestry, emphasizing that history must be understood as a vibrant, bankable, and transformative asset. His ministry, he said, is committed to partnering with all stakeholders to shift from passive preservation to an active asset commercialization framework.

“Through a structured public-private-community partnership model, we envision packaging these unique historical assets into sustainable commercial projects, particularly at a time when Cabinet has established a subcommittee on inclusive growth and sustainable development.

Its purpose and function are to assist government efforts geared toward beneficiation for communities that possess assets contributing to the country’s economy,” he said.

He added that going forward, the government would not be able to fully fund local authorities, making it necessary for them to generate their own revenue to fund their development agendas.

Furthermore, the Minister underscored that the government continues to prioritise economic inclusion and rural development through the adoption of the Revised National Policy on Rural Development, focusing on industrialization and tourism diversification.

He noted that the book was the result of international cooperation, funded through a partnership involving the Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy, Bollnäs Municipality, the Botswana National Museum and Monuments, Lobatse Town Council, the Botswana Society, and the Office of the District Commissioner.

Addressing concerns that Lobatse was becoming a ‘ghost town,’ he urged people to view the situation from a positive perspective, citing that an optimist sees an opportunity in every hardship while a pessimist sees only hardship. He thus called for a shift in mindset to achieve success. Lobatse Mayor, Mr Mosimanegape Ganakgomo, said the booklet would help boost the town’s marketing strategy, add value to investment attraction efforts, and serve as a guide for tourists.

This development, he noted, would assist in employment

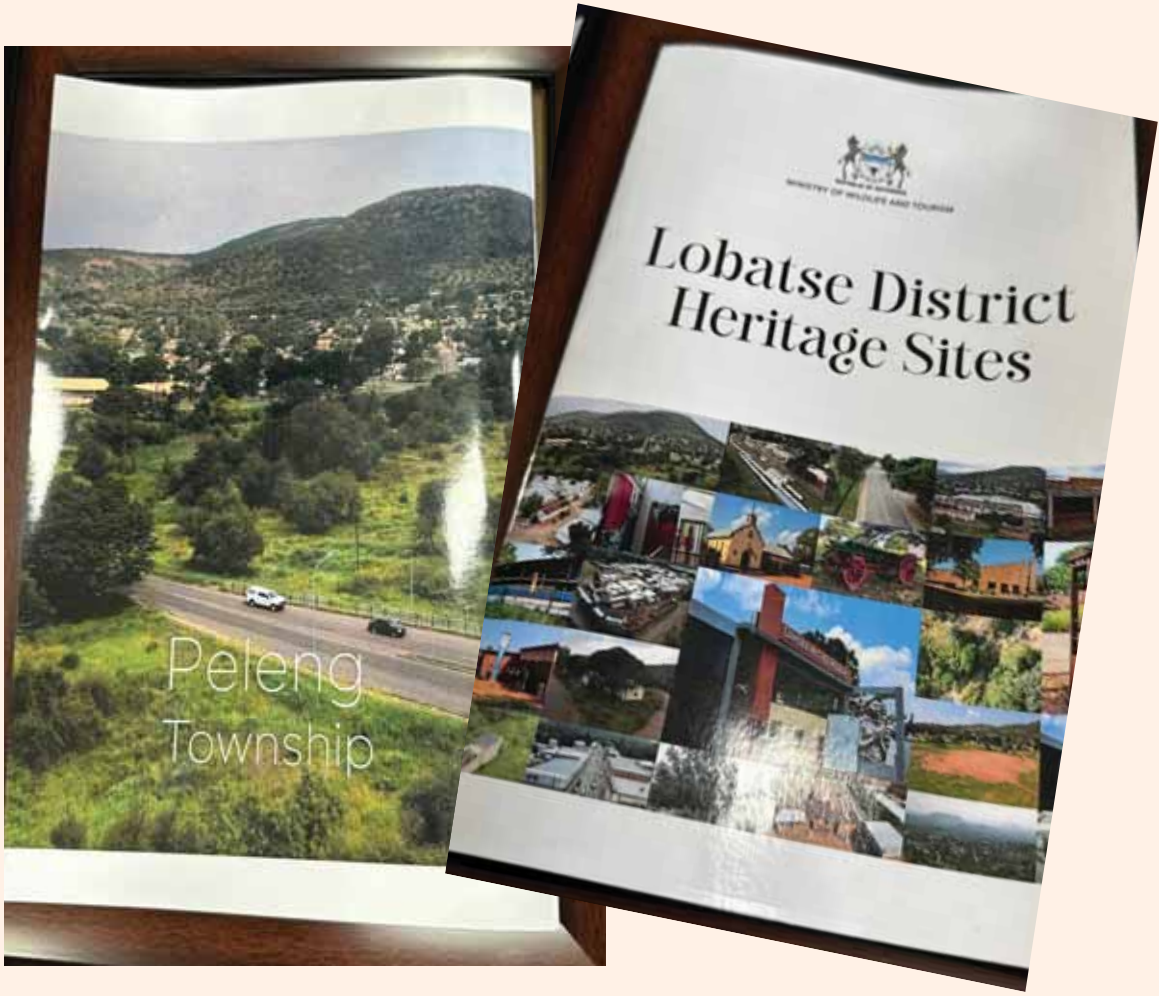
creation and promote value chains within the sector. He expressed gratitude to everyone who played a role in producing the booklet.

“Heritage is not just about the past. It is about our future, our jobs, our pride, and appreciating the value of Lobatse. Lobatse is

a treasure, and this book must teach visitors that,” said Lobatse Member of Parliament, Mr Kamal Jacobs. BOPA



Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs Ketlhalefile Motshegwa (third left) with Lobatse mayor Mosimanegape Ganakgomo (left), Lobatse MP Kamal Jacobs(second left) and Lobatse District Commissioner Mpho Mathe (right) launching Lobatse heritage booklet on Friday as part of independence celebration activities. Photos: Calviniah Kgautlhe



Exhibition reflects on Botswana 60-year journey

Ketshepile More
GABORONE

The National Museum and Monuments Diamond Jubilee Exhibition offers a national platform to reflect on six decades of progress, celebrate hard-won achievements and deepen the understanding of the values shaping the nation's identity, Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeg, has said. Opening the 60th Independence Exhibition at the National Museum and Monuments on Friday, Minister Kelebeg emphasised that the showcase connected past experiences with future aspirations. Held under the theme : Building Resilience, Driving Prosperity, he noted that the exhibition encouraged a collective pursuit of transformation, innovation and inclusive prosperity. "These themes show the efforts, experiences and values that have shaped our development while pointing to future opportunities," he said. He added that the exhibition did not only commemorate the past but also encouraged citizens to envision a collaborative future, highlighting significant milestones in governance, economic diversification,

education, health and environmental stewardship. Furthermore, he said the exhibition acknowledged those who had contributed to Botswana's narrative while inspiring future generations to build upon such foundations to achieve shared prosperity. Organised into thematic areas, the lower gallery showcased topics such as Foundations and Democracy, Cultural Heritage, Economic Resilience as well as Sustainable Environment. The upper gallery emphasised leadership, innovation and global partnerships. Among the displays were traditional baskets, pottery, wood carvings and vintage cars, alongside highlights of traditional practices and indigenous knowledge, including phane harvesting. For her part, permanent secretary in the ministry, Nancy Chengeta noted that the exhibition illustrated both achievements and ongoing challenges and also reminded Batswana that development required continuous effort and innovation. Chengeta emphasised that the showcase highlighted resilience and collective progress of the last six decades while encouraging younger Batswana to act as custodians of their story. BOPA



Minister of Sport and Arts Jacob Kelebeg (centre) and Democratic Republic of Congo ambassador to Botswana, Mutobo Kambila Patrick being taken on a tour of Information Services photography exhibition by photographer, Felicity Male during the official opening of Botswana's 60th Independence Exhibition at the National Museum and Monuments in Gaborone on Friday. Kelebeg said the Diamond Jubilee Exhibition served as a national platform to reflect on Botswana's journey, celebrate achievements and deepen understanding of the values shaping the nation's identity. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

Koma 48 Festival set to celebrate culture in style

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

The Koma 48 Hours Festival is set to return on September 29 and run through October 1 at Matshabe Park in Mochudi, promising a vibrant celebration of Botswana's cultural heritage during the Independence Holidays. The annual festival, now in its fifth edition, is held in Kgatleng District and brings together prominent dikhwae and contemporary traditional music artists for 48 hours of entertainment and cultural expression. Event coordinator, Tshegofatso Mogomotsi, said the festival sought to promote dikhwae music while providing an alternative and safe entertainment option during the period around the Independence Holidays celebrations. She said the festival's vision of creating a lasting societal impact through the celebration of Botswana's cultural heritage appeared to be gaining momentum, citing the growing number of attendees each year. "Last year we hosted a crowd of about 5 000 choir enthusiasts. This year we are expecting around 7 500 people because we have increased the number of choirs from eight to 10,"

she said. The two additional choirs are Mmamelodi Choir from Tonota and Lekomotong Choir from Bobonong. They will compete against defending champions Mokwepa Choir of Molepolole, 2023–2024 champions Mmakgomo Dinare Choir of Mochudi, and other participating choirs including Kgalapitsa Choir, Lantane Choir, Bodiakhudu, SK Seshoboloko, Dutela, Makgatlheng Choir and OK Choir. Mogomotsi said the festival selected choirs based on their stage performance and ability to attract audiences, while ensuring representation from different parts of the country. The competition will offer several cash prizes, with the winning choir receiving P15,000, followed by P12,000 for second place, P10,000 for third and P8,000 for fourth. The remaining positions will also receive cash prizes. The choirs will be divided into two pools of five. Pool A will compete on September 29 from 5pm, while Pool B will take to the stage on September 30. The festival will also feature contemporary traditional music groups, including Mmurubele, Dikakapa, Makwakwa, Ramozara, Mmalaloo and Captain Dira. General tickets will cost P50 and P100, while VIP tickets will be sold at P550. BOPA



Stephen Mogotsi (left) of National Museum and Monuments leading the tour of the exhibition Photo: Pheny Moalosi



Minister of Sport and Arts Jacob Kelebeg (centre) and Democratic republic of Congo ambassador to Botswana, Mutobo kambila Patrick touring Department of Information Services photography exhibition at the National Museum and Monuments in Gaborone on Friday. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

Mares stumble in Olympic qualifier preparations

Baleseng Batlotleng
LOBATSE

The senior women’s national football team head coach, Gaolethoo Nkutlwisang maintains that the weekend’s international friendly match against the Brave Gladiators of Namibia provided the necessary opportunity to assess the team’s tactical preparations despite an uninspiring performance.

The Mares, as the women’s national football team is fondly called, were held to a one-all draw against a new look Namibian senior national team in a match played at the Lobatse Sport Complex on Saturday.

In a post-match interview, Nkutlwisang said the technical bench would use the positives picked from the match to fine tune their tactical preparations ahead of the upcoming Confederation of African Football (CAF) Women’s Olympic qualifier.

The Mares are scheduled to play against Tanzania for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic football tournament on October 9 and October 13.

As preparations for the fixture intensify, Nkutlwisang was adamant that against Namibia on Saturday, The Mares were generally dominant in terms of combinations as they enjoyed a lion’s share of possession against the youthful Brave Gladiators.

As part of their build up to the Tanzania match, The Mares are scheduled to play two international friendly matches against Namibia with the last round expected to be played at the National Stadium.

In the absence of head coach Lucky Kakuva, the Namibian side had roped in assistant coach, Julius Simbombo to oversee the team’s preparations in the Botswana camp ahead of their equally tricky Olympic qualifier against neighbouring Angola on the same weekend as The Mares.

In a post-match interview, Simbombo said The Mares gave a good preparatory match for his side as they used the game to assess some upcoming players in the squad.

He said they approached the game cautiously and missed some chances in the first half which could have had a positive impact at the end.

Simbombo said the technical team was however worried about fitness levels in the team and were hoping to recover and make amends on the return leg.

The Mares were the first to draw blood in a lukewarm match played before an empty stadium in Lobatse.

Laone Moloi connected a cut back pass to break the ice after an impressive build-up on the edge of the box.

Lack of concentration between The Mares shot stopper, Lesego Moeng and her defensive wall resulted in Namibia pulling one back in the second half to level matters. **BOPA**



The Botswana Go-karting team is set to travel to Benguela, Angola to compete in an International Karting Africa Show Run competition scheduled for October 10 and 11. Team representatives, Oliver Welman, 12, will participate in the junior driver category while Hamzam Ahmad aged 15 will participate in the senior driver category.

Go-karting team heads to Angola

Loago Thomas
GABORONE

The Botswana Go-karting team is set to travel to Benguela, Angola to compete in an international Karting Africa Show Run competition scheduled for October 10 and 11.

Team representatives, Oliver Welman, 12, will participate in the junior driver category

while Hamzam Ahmad aged 15 will participate in the senior driver category.

Botswana team public relations officer, Joseph Kengere revealed that each country was required to bring only two participants, noting that the two selected drivers were the only available team members available as the others were sitting for their school examinations.

Kengere welcomed Botswana’s

participation in the competition, saying for the country to be participating in a competition where a minimum of 50 countries from Africa were expected to compete, would provide local riders with the much-needed exposure.

He said the participation would also afford the players the opportunity to catch the eye of international scouts.

Kengere said they expected the team to perform well since they had experience when it came to regional competitions, which would give them an upper hand over some of their competitors.

“Oliver has raced in Zimbabwe and South Africa which gives us an edge to compete for high positions,” he said. **BOPA**

Botswana to host Western Mounted Games

Malebogo Lekula
GHANZI

The Ghanzi Equestrian Centre will transform into a beehive of activity in March next year as Botswana will host the international Western Mounted Games.

Western Mounted Games is a fast-paced equestrian sport in which horses and their riders display a combination of the speed of a racehorse and the precision, agility and sharp turning ability of a livestock herding horse.

Speaking at the Botswana Western Mounted Games team send-off ceremony to South Africa in Ghanzi on Thursday, team representative Manie Potgieter said hosting the competition next year was a positive development given the state of the sport.

As such, he called for support from stakeholders to ensure that the country held a successful competition, saying the games would give the country exposure to the global community.

Regarding the 2026 South African Western Mounted Games Association Nationals at which the local riders are participating in South Africa, Potgieter said the

team have been pooled in a group with Zimbabwe, England and the host country.

He said the Botswana team comprised five riders from Ghanzi Equestrian Centre.

Ghanzi District Council chairperson, Thabiso Keadile urged the Ghanzi district communities and the nation

to rally behind the Botswana Western Mounted Games team, saying their participation on an international stage was a source of national pride.

He said Ghanzi used to dominate in codes such as athletics, horse racing, among others.

“We should join hands and propel Ghanzi to greater heights

and transform it into a district of sport excellence”, he said.

He said the idea to assimilate sport into the mainstream local economy recognised sport’s capability to promote local economic growth, especially through hosting various sporting events, which on its own would afford local entrepreneurs the opportunity to network and sell their products and services to a broader clientele.

Kgosi Esau Molehele of Morama Ward also implored the Botswana Western Mounted Games team to reach out to other communities within and outside the district in a bid to drive the growth of the sport.

Chairperson of the Local Economic Development Committee, also Morama Ward councillor, Lefhoko Sergeant lobbied for government to support the Western Mounted Games so that it could be assimilated into mainstream sports.

He said the Western Mounted Games like other sporting codes, had proven to have the potential to support the district economic diversification drive through unearthing talent and selling it to larger audiences. **BOPA**



Ghanzi District Council chairperson, Thabiso Keadile (third left) flanked by Kgosi Esau Molehele (second left), acting council secretary Gabobofhanwe Mbwe (left), Manie Potgieter (middle-front row) and other district dignitaries and the team members during the send off ceremony for the Botswana Western Mounted Games team to South Africa. Keadile implored the nation to rally behind the team, saying it had the potential to promote national pride and identity. Photo: Malebogo Lekula



Nation in for a treat

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

Botswana will celebrate 60th Independence Day with both the senior men and women national football teams taking centre stage to spice up activities planned for the country’s Diamond Jubilee celebrations at the National Stadium tomorrow.

In the first game, the Zebras will go head-to-head with Mambas of Mozambique in a nail-biting encounter at 3pm.

Historically, the Mambas have

substantiated as a difficult and hard to beat opponent for the Zebras, making the clash a battle for redemption on home soil.

After the Zebras and Mambas game, the attention will shift to the senior women’s national team, the Mares’ encounter with their regional rivals, Namibia at 6pm.

The history between these two sides heavily favours the visitors, with Namibia having won five of their 11 previous official meetings, while three ended in stalemates.

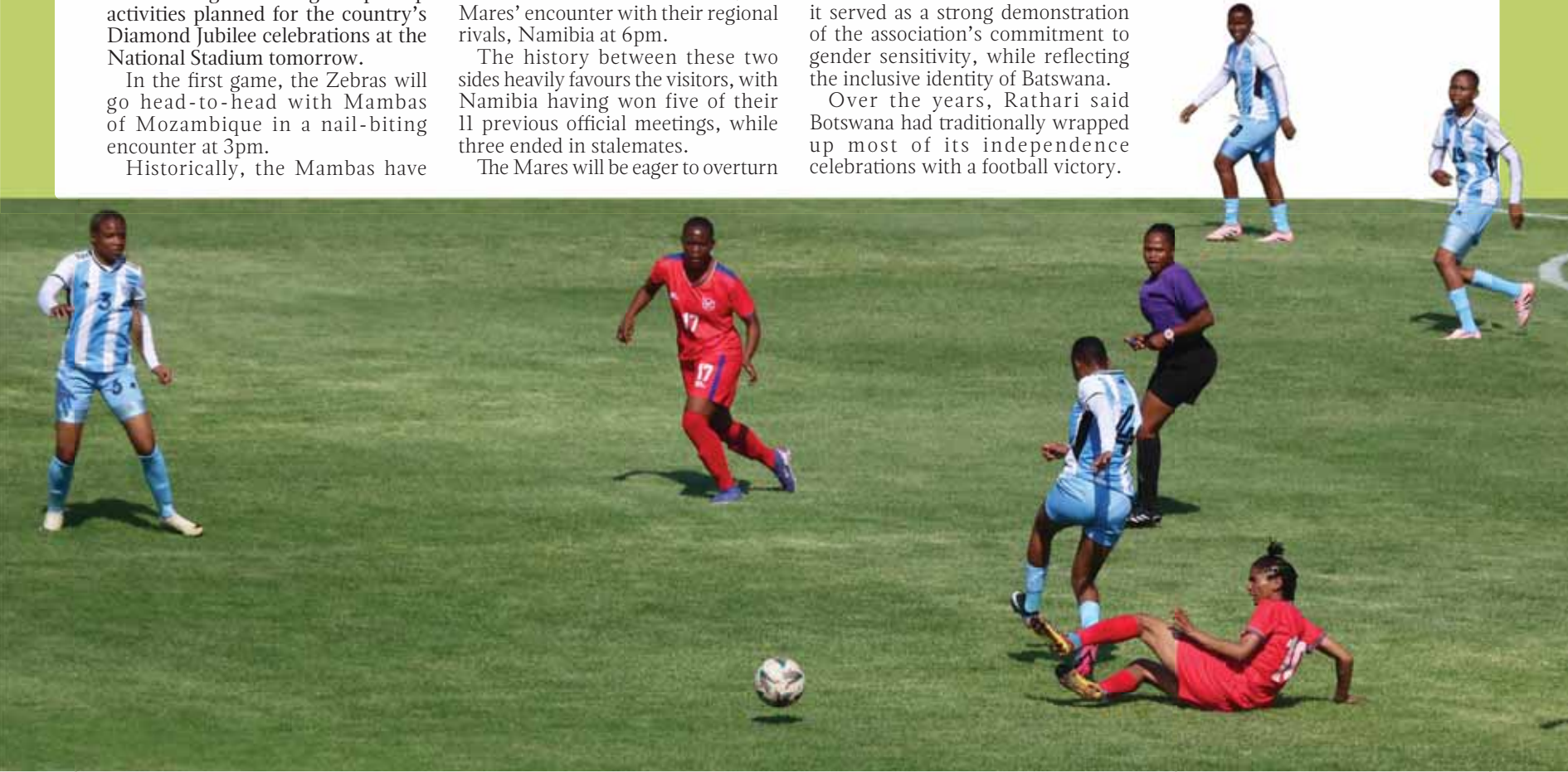
The Mares will be eager to overturn

the statistics and deliver a victory for the celebrating nation.

In an interview, Botswana Football Association (BFA) acting chief executive officer, Bathusi Rathari said they included the women’s national team in the celebrations as it served as a strong demonstration of the association’s commitment to gender sensitivity, while reflecting the inclusive identity of Batswana.

Over the years, Rathari said Botswana had traditionally wrapped up most of its independence celebrations with a football victory.

“As BFA we are confident that the two national teams will give Batswana the independence gift of double victories on the pitch,” he said. **BOPA**







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