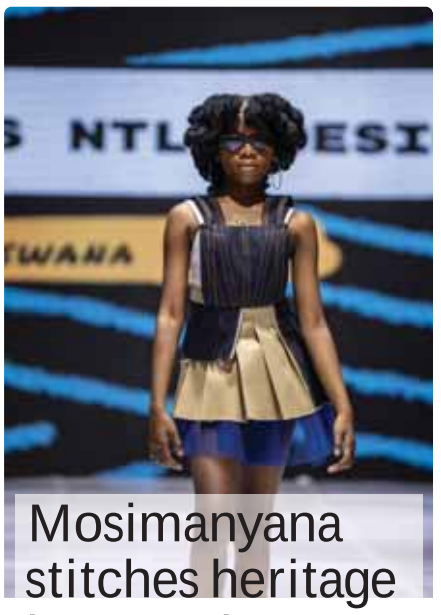
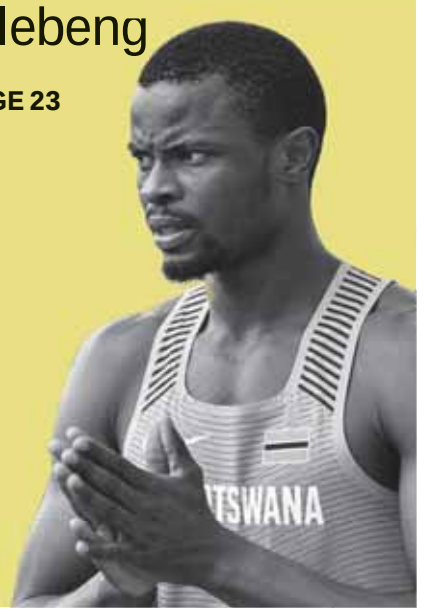
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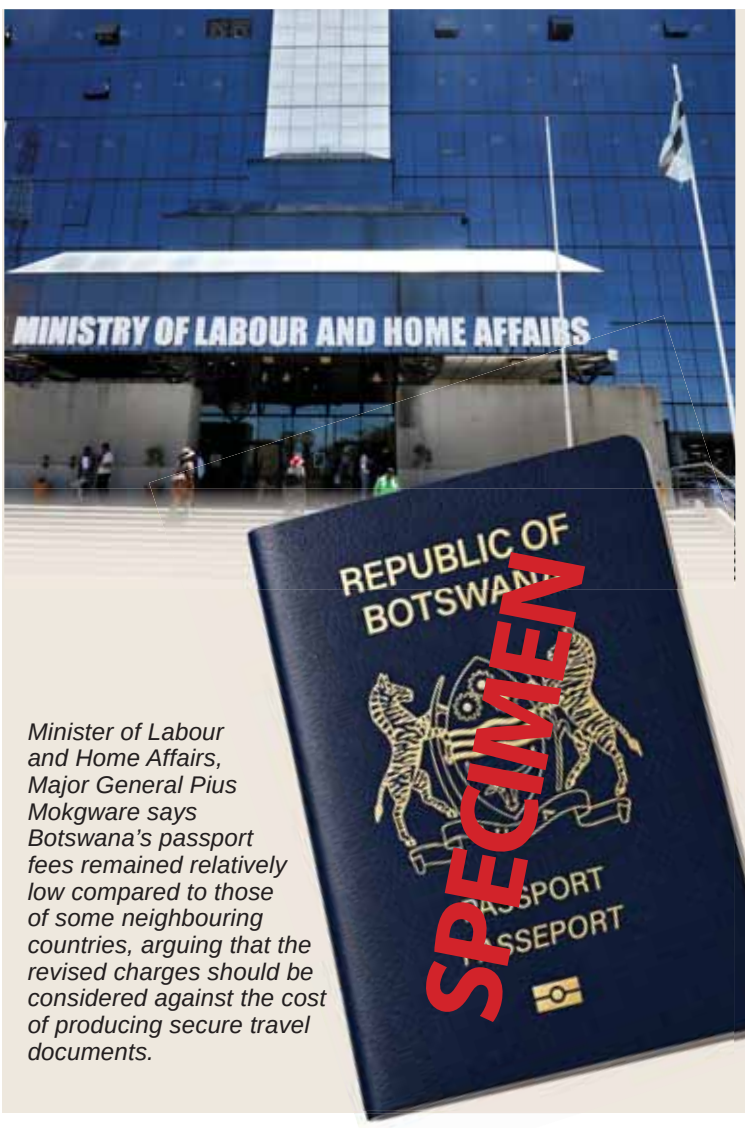
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First Lady to launch Babelegi Mmogo programme

Kedirebofe Pelontle
GUMARE

First Lady Kaone Boko will, on November 11 in Gumare, launch the Babelegi Mmogo Programme, a year-long initiative between Lorato House Rescue Centre and the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education aimed at strengthening child protection.

The partnership between Lorato House Rescue Centre, a Maun-based Non-Governmental Organisation and the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education as the sponsor, is intended to prevent abuse and exploitation of children while promoting a safer community for children and young people in the Okavango District.

According to Lorato House Rescue Centre communications official, Ms Nompendulo Shabangu, through the Babelegi Mmogo initiative in Okavango, the NGO was expanding its footprints since, for over a decade, it had been doing a lot work in the assistance of orphans and vulnerable children in the North West District by offering shelter to children in need of care and protection.



First Lady Kaone Boko

"We realised that there is a gap in Okavango, a district which is vast and under-resourced and under-serviced, taking into consideration recent alarming statistics of teenage pregnancy and other forms of child-related abuse," she said.

Ms Shabangu said child abuse cases reflected broader challenges in the community, among which, she cited contributing factors such as child negligence, gender-based violence and alcohol abuse.

She said it was hoped that through Babelegi Mmogo community-based child protection would be reinforced through awareness and prevention initiatives, psychosocial support, stakeholder collaboration and the empowerment of families and communities to protect children and young people from abuse, neglect and maltreatment.

The Babelegi Mmogo launch follows a recent Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Lorato House Rescue Centre and Okavango District Council, a collaboration intended to enhance community mobilisation, parenting education, child protection awareness, professional social work support as well as referral of vulnerable children, she said.

Meanwhile, the Babelegi Mmogo launch will form part of the activities scheduled for Ms Boko's first kgotla meeting in Gumare, a kgotla meeting that is primarily an activity under the Sireletsa Ngwana, Sireletsa Bokamoso campaign. ***BOPA***

'Enforce compliance to protect workers'

Bonang Masolotate
GABORONE

Prominent human rights lawyer, Mr Tshiamo Rantao has called on the Office of the Ombudsman to utilise provisions in the new Employment and Labour Relations Act to enforce compliance and protect workers whose rights are violated by businesses.

He said this during a panel discussion on Advancing Business and Human Rights in Botswana organised by the Office of the Ombudsman.

He said the new Act empowered the Ombudsman to approach courts of law to enforce its decisions, noting that many people whose rights were violated by businesses approached the Office of the Ombudsman for recourse.

"The Ombudsman is expected to go to court to enforce its recommendations," he said, adding that this would enable the office to enforce its decisions and protect communities from business violations.

Mr Rantao said the approach would make it possible for people to access justice freely through the Ombudsman.

He stated that internal complaints mechanisms in businesses, especially small businesses, were often ineffective due to fear of victimisation.

"Issues of victimisation are very real and are hard to prove," he added.

He also said there were barriers to access to justice due to expensive litigation, adding that while Legal Aid exists, its criteria excluded some people on the assumption that they can afford litigation fees, while in fact they cannot.

He further decried the long periods that cases took before conclusion, noting that some could take up to three years, despite justice being best when delivered quickly.

For his part, the Ombudsman, Advocate Stephen Tiroyakgosi said the office provided less strict redress and lower litigation costs, offering an alternative to conflict resolution that helps avert human rights violations.

"When you consider costs and rigidity, the Ombudsman comes in handy. It is an impartial arbiter who provides a fair and impartial platform," he said.



Panellists during a discussion on Advancing Business and Human Rights in Botswana organised by the Office of the Ombudsman in Gaborone on Tuesday. Human rights lawyer, Mr Tshiamo Rantao called on the Ombudsman to utilise provisions in the new Employment and Labour Relations Act to enforce compliance and protect workers whose rights were violated by businesses.
Photo: Courtesy of The Office of the Ombudsman

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Furthermore, he said the Office of the Ombudsman was not toothless as some perceived it to be.

Acting Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs, Mr Bonnie Jim, said implementation of laws came with challenges, as systems had to be in place.

He said without systems, implementation became inadequate, which created room for violations of rights by businesses.

"If you set up a legal framework and do not have implementation structures, you are set up for failure," he said. ***BOPA***

Bobirwa District Council resolves to equip Sefhophe clinic

Manowe Motsaathebe
BOBONONG

Bobirwa District councillors have resolved that Sefhophe clinic be equipped and resourced to fit a 24-hour health facility tag .The resolution followed some engagements by scores of councillors on Monday, during a special council sitting for the swearing-in ceremony of Sefhophe ward councillor, Mr Mokwaledi Bagwasi.

Even though some councillors, amongst other things, argued that the decision to launch the 24hr-clinic, October 14, when there were only few days ahead of the Sefhophe ward by-election, October 17, was a deliberate ploy by the Umbrella for Democratic Change to sway votes to their side, council secretary Mr Milton Keitshokile, however, rebuffed the claim.

Instead, he put the delay squarely on resources constraints that hampered expedited implementation.

Mr Keitshokile argued that the implementation should have been done in August after a communication from the Ministry.

He also cleared that such a development was contained in the recent chairperson's speech on health.

Following some protracted debates, councillors called for a resolution, which, they said should be to the best interest of the people of Sefhophe, who had high expectations, they pledged.

A resolution to equip and resource the health facility before reverting to the council's priority list of clinics that needed to be upgraded to 24hr operations was birthed.

Such facilities were identified as Borotsi, Mabeleng and Tsetsebjwe clinics.

Additionally, a resolution was passed for the council to consult with and update the people of Sefhophe regarding the development.

The councillors will then tour the facility upon completion of resourcing it.

Already, the council has recruited five nurses, two of whom have already reported for duty, to ensure that the clinic was human-resourced, the council secretary reported.

Since the clinic fell under the ambit of the Bobirwa District Council, councillor Mpedzeni Sam-Bandawe argued that the council had the responsibility of ensuring that the clinic matched the expectations of clients.

Although they resolved to equipping and resourcing the council, some councillors pointed to the longstanding lack of communication that has left gaping wound between the political and the administrative wing.

Councillor Moribame Moribame argued that had the council's public relations unit led the communication and rebutted the allegations that the ruling party used the clinic launch as a campaign tool, the councillors would not have been up in arms over the matter. "In August, the ministry wrote to the council instructing that Sefhophe clinic open 24hrs, but one of your lieutenants slept on the job and failed to implement the instruction," Mr Moribame said to the chairperson.

He added that the council's Public Relations office should have explained the coincidence of launching the clinic a few days before the by-election.

Reiterating Mr Moribame's claims, councillor Goitsemang Martin added that poor communication from the administration wing bred confusion and ignorance amongst councillors despite their several complaints.

He also alleged that such poor communication was a calculated move to sabotage the council chairperson's roadmap. ***BOPA***

Production costs lead to fee increase



Scores of Batswana, yesterday, thronged Department of Immigration and Citizenship offices for application of passports following the announcement of revised fees, which takes effect on November 1.
Photos: Washa Bofelwang

Ndingililo Gaoswediwe
GABORONE

The high cost of producing a passport, estimated at €1,250 (approximately P19,200) per document, is the main reason behind the increase in passport fees effective November 1, Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, retired Major General Puis Mokgware, has said.

Under the revised fee schedule, children under 16 will pay P200, while official and diplomatic passports will cost P600 and P800, respectively. Emergency travel documents will cost P100, while replacing a lost, stolen or soiled e-passport will attract a P2,000 fee.

The new P400 fee represents an increase of P140 from the current P260 charge, which has remained unchanged since the biometric e-passport was introduced in March 2010. Before then, an ordinary passport cost P30

Major General Mokgware said in an interview that the adjustment, the first since 2010, was necessary to keep pace with rising production costs, while acknowledging the difficult economic circumstances facing some Batswana.

In an interview, he maintained that Botswana's passport fees remained relatively low compared with those of some neighbouring countries, arguing that the revised charges should be considered against the cost of producing secure travel documents.

In an interview, Acting Director of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, Ms Lopang Thebe, said over a thousand applications were received countrywide yesterday.

Despite the increased demand resulting in long queues, she said the process had remained smooth, with no challenges reported.

Ms Thebe said the increase also reflected the cost of sourcing specialised materials and equipment from outside the country, where prices and maintenance expenses had continued to rise.

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She stressed that passports were security documents requiring investment in advanced technology, including specialised printers, to maintain their integrity.

She said the department considered production expenses and compared fees charged in neighbouring countries before recommending adjustments.

Regional comparisons show that an ordinary passport in Zimbabwe reportedly costs US$170, equivalent to approximately P2,300, while South Africa charges R600 (about P498) and Namibia N$400 (about P433). Zambia's reported fee of K320 translates to approximately P280, while Lesotho charges M130 (about P130).

The 2025 Henley Passport Index, cited in the accompanying passport comparison, ranks Botswana among Africa's four strongest passports, with access to approximately 81 destinations without obtaining a visa in advance.

Despite the government's justification for the increase, affordability remains a concern for citizens already facing economic pressures.

Ms Thebe acknowledged that some people struggled to afford passports, adding that the department had no specific fee arrangements for those experiencing financial hardship, except for people under social services.

However, the P2,000 replacement fee would not be applied without considering the circumstances surrounding the loss.

Ms Thebe said cases involving theft, fires, floods and other unforeseen incidents could be assessed upon presentation of supporting evidence, including police statements where applicable.

She added that waivers could be considered where the circumstances had been verified and applicants could not afford the charge.

Ms Thebe further explained that a board met weekly to scrutinise lost-passport cases, particularly those involving individuals who repeatedly lost their travel documents, while emergencies could be handled outside the normal process.

She urged Batswana to safeguard their passports and handle them responsibly to avoid the inconvenience and expense of replacement. ***BOPA***



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Acting Director of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, Ms Lopang Thebe

Legislators to convene in Kasane for leadership retreat

Portia Keetile
KASANE

President Advocate Duma Boko is scheduled to deliver the keynote address at a five-day Parliamentary Leadership Retreat in Kasane on Monday.

The retreat scheduled for November 2-6, will bring together Members of Parliament to focus on legislative governance and strategic leadership ahead of the State-of-the-Nation Adress, which marks the beginning of the third session of the 13th Parliament.

In an interview, Parliament Chief Public Relations Officer, Mr Silas Sehularo revealed that the retreat, fully sponsored by UNDP was designed to provide legislators with a dedicated platform to reflect on their leadership responsibilities, strengthen parliamentary performance and deepen their understanding of Botswana's development and economic transformation priorities

He said the event, which was anchored on the theme: Leading with Integrity: Shaping Transformation: Serving Batswana, served as a collaborative forum for MPs, senior state officials, and the UNDP Resident Coordinator, alongside various specialised resource persons

Mr Sehularo explained that the forum intended to strengthen members' ability to interrogate policies and programmes, scrutinise public expenditure, assess implementation and hold the executive accountable for results to safeguard the interests of the citizens.

He said the retreat came at a time when Botswana was pursuing economic and institutional transformation, with greater emphasis on diversification, productivity, human capital development, innovation, digital transformation, fiscal responsibility and private-sector-led growth.

Mr Sehularo said the platform was an opportunity for members to deepen their understanding on key national development programmes, including National Development Plan 12 and the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme.

"The retreat will explore a number of interconnected themes, including ethical leadership, effective representation, parliamentary oversight, committee performance, budget accountability, public communication, citizen engagement and institutional effectiveness."



Parliament Chief Public Relations Officer Mr Silas Sehularo

He said it provided space for members to reflect on how Parliament could respond more effectively to address citizen expectations and contribute meaningfully to Botswana's transformation agenda.

Furthermore, he remarked that the retreat's agenda would actively examine the broader economic potential of the Chobe region, including key diversification initiatives like the Pandamatenga Special Economic Zone, to drive the national transformation agenda.

Mr Sehularo said the retreat was expected to conclude with practical outcomes that would strengthen governance and improve the effectiveness of Parliament.

"These include a proposed Botswana Parliamentary Leadership Compact, foundations for parliamentary ethical standards, a High-Performance Parliament Action Framework, and a Parliamentary Transformation and Oversight Agenda."

Beyond the retreat, he noted members were expected to identify practical commitments and follow-up actions that could inform their work in Parliament, particularly in legislation, committee oversight, budget scrutiny, representation and engagement with citizens.

Furthermore, Mr Sehularo stated that the National Assembly, with technical support from UNDP, would facilitate mechanisms for documenting commitments and reviewing progress after the retreat. ***BOPA***

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Government to fast-track P30 billion mega projects

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When President Advocate Duma Boko entrusted Mr Omphile Sehurutshe with the role of Deputy Permanent Secretary to the President, focusing on high priority projects, his mandate was clear: to strengthen government oversight on national projects and ensure development plans translate into tangible results.



The development was informed by inadequate implementation, which President Boko identified as a major obstacle to national development.

In an interview, Mr Sehurutshe said his office was not attached to any particular ministry but served all ministries by strengthening oversight, tracking implementation and ensuring responsible officials address challenges affecting delivery. *BOPA Reporter Ndingililo Gaoswediwe,* interviewed Mr Sehurutshe on government's efforts to accelerate project delivery, with major infrastructure investments in roads, water and rail expected to exceed P30 billion.



Office of the President director of Projects,Mr Omphile Sehurutshe

A1 Road to get P900m facelift

Mr Sehurutshe said with more than P900 million reserved for road maintenance, the A1 road was expected to benefit from the allocation as authorities await bids from prospective contractors. Phase one will involve maintenance of the entire stretch of more than 600 kilometres between Ramatlabama and Ramokgwebana, including pothole repairs, resurfacing, and repairing roadside fences to keep livestock away.

He said approximately 300km had been identified for resurfacing across six sections, with the overall objective of improving the road's condition and safety. Expected completion period for phase one is end of next year, the same period government anticipates concluding negotiations for a concession arrangement for the second phase that will entail broader improvements, Mr Sehurutshe said. Through the concession model, Mr Sehurutshe explained that government was looking into financing the developments via private investors who would recover their investment through toll fees over an agreed period.

He said government hoped to avoid upfront expenditure, although the final financing structure would depend on feasibility studies and expert assessments. He said tolling would also provide a dedicated source of funding for maintenance, enabling repairs to be undertaken promptly without repeatedly seeking additional budget allocations.

The model, he said could be extended to other roads, including the A2 and A3 roads, as government sought to improve connectivity and position Botswana as a preferred route for transporting goods and services across the region.

Chobe-Zambezi Water project to start next year

Mr Sehurutshe said the Chobe-Zambezi water transfer project was also a priority since population growth and economic development continued to increase demand for water.

Botswana has received permission to draw water from the Chobe River, which it shares with neighbouring Zambia and Zimbabwe. He said the country had been granted permission to begin the project before the end of 2027. He said the project was intended to transport water across approximately 1 600km to supply areas as far as Gaborone, warning that Botswana could experience water shortage within the next decade if sufficient measures were not taken.

The project feasibility study is expected to be completed in November, followed by the tendering process and negotiations with prospective bidders. He said government hoped to appoint a suitable contractor during the last quarter of the current financial year.

The Lesotho Highlands water project is another option under consideration, although Mr Sehurutshe said priority would be given to Chobe-Zambezi. He said water infrastructure presented different financing challenges from roads because water was an essential service that generally required subsidies and could not be treated as an ordinary profit-making commodity.

Trans-Kalahari Railway back on track

Meanwhile, Mr Sehurutshe said Botswana and Namibia were advancing plans for the Trans-Kalahari railway, which would link the Mmamabula area to Walvis Bay over approximately 1 600km.

Mr Sehurutshe said the bankable feasibility study for the railway had been completed, and the two governments were seeking bids from selected prospective partners before entering negotiations. Government hopes to appoint a contractor by the end of the calendar year or, at the latest, during the final quarter of the current financial year.

The bankable feasibility study for the Mmamabula railway project is also ongoing.He said the Trans-Kalahari railway had been under consideration for more than a decade but faced repeated delays. However, the two countries' Heads of State had agreed that it was a priority, with the project expected to strengthen regional trade and transport links.

Refurbishment of schools and hospitals ongoing

Beyond transport and water infrastructure, government is also addressing challenges in education and healthcare. Mr Sehurutshe said Cabinet approved the Education Infrastructure Management Company for overseeing the refurbishment of 22 school sites simultaneously. Although the number remains small compared with the more than 1 000 schools nationwide, he said it represented progress.

In healthcare, government is prioritising the opening of Moshupa Hospital before the festive season, alongside the refurbishment of four major referral hospitals: Nyangabgwe, Princess Marina, Letsholathebe and Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital. The refurbishment programme is estimated to cost P2.5 billion, including the provision and repair of essential medical equipment. Government intends to appoint a contractor before the end of the third quarter of the current financial year in December. He said government spent more than P1.5 billion on referrals to private healthcare facilities, partly because equipment and services at public hospitals were unavailable or not functioning.

Letsema to secure market for farmers

Mr Sehurutshe said agriculture was another priority under the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme.

He explained that the Letsema horticulture project was expected to begin receiving produce from farmers before the end of the year. The project is intended to provide a structured market for horticultural products, allowing farmers to register expected harvests and supply produce at agreed prices.

He said the initiative could encourage young people to pursue agriculture as a business by providing more predictable market access.

China P400m grant to benefit Safer City Project

Government is also considering how to use a P400 million grant announced by China, which comes in addition to previous Chinese grants that Botswana has yet to fully utilise. Mr Sehurutshe said the country had not always maximised opportunities for financial and technical assistance available through international partners, including the Commonwealth and the African Union.

Potential areas include clinics, rural roads and other social infrastructure that may not be commercially viable under a tolling or private investment model. A Safer City project, led by the Commissioner of Police, is also among the initiatives under consideration. The project would use technology to improve crime monitoring, investigations and policing efficiency, with the possibility of extending the system to Francistown and other locations. *BOPA*





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Barongwang urges paradigm shift to spur growth



Assistant Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Letlhogonolo Barongwang addressing Botswana Mining Show 2026 on Monday in Gaborone on the role of transport infrastructure in driving mining-led development, citizen empowerment and regional economic growth. Photo: Phenyo Ramatu

Tumisang Moilwa
GABORONE

Botswana has been urged to leverage its mining sector, transport infrastructure and strategic location to attract manufacturing investment, create jobs and deepen local participation in regional supply chains.

Speaking at the Botswana Mining Show at the Gaborone International Convention Centre (GICC) on Tuesday, the Assistant Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Letlhogonolo Barongwang said the country must move beyond mineral extraction by developing efficient transport corridors and expanding industrial production.

Mr Barongwang said mining had contributed significantly to national prosperity and macroeconomic stability, but the next phase of development should focus on using mineral wealth to diversify the economy.

"As we look towards Vision 2036 and implementation of National Development Plan 12, our paradigm must evolve," he said.

He said transport infrastructure should connect mining and production areas to markets, local suppliers and communities to ensure that the benefits extended beyond the mines.

"The corridor that bypasses our people is a failed corridor," he said, adding that such projects should create jobs, build skills and support sustainable enterprises for Batswana.

Mr Barongwang highlighted three proposed railway corridors aimed at diversifying export routes and strengthening regional connectivity: the Trans-Kalahari railway line, the Mmamabula–Lephalale line and the Mosetse–Kazungula–Livingstone link.

He said the Trans-Kalahari project had been revised to transport copper and other minerals alongside coal.

The assistant mininster said a bankable feasibility study had been completed and potential contractors shortlisted, while government was finalising a public-private partnership concession model and financing arrangements.

He said government was also rehabilitating existing railway infrastructure, improving freight capacity and developing feeder roads connecting rural mining and agricultural areas to major transport corridors.

Improved connectivity, he said, could lower logistics costs, support cross-border trade and help local businesses compete in regional markets.

Mr Barongwang also identified electric mobility as an emerging opportunity, saying Botswana could harness its solar potential to reduce dependence on imported fossil fuels and support cleaner transport.

Meanwhile, Rand York Castings Chief Executive Officer, Mr Justin Corbett said shifting global trade patterns presented Botswana with an opportunity to attract manufacturers seeking to produce closer to their markets.

His company manufactures steel products for the mining, civil engineering and industrial sectors.

He said rising freight costs, tariffs and uncertainty since the COVID-19 pandemic were undermining the model of producing goods in a few centralised locations and shipping them worldwide.

"The question is, where are the region's plants going to go? That's what we've got to embrace here in Botswana," he said.

Mr Corbett said Botswana could attract manufacturers through its political and economic stability, strategic location and proximity to South Africa's established industrial base.

He argued that South African manufacturers had the engineering expertise and capacity to complement Botswana's mining industry, particularly in the production of equipment, pipes, structural steel, couplings and replacement parts.

Such partnerships, he said, could shift more production to Botswana instead of relying on imports.

He also identified opportunities for collaboration with Chinese and Indian investors, who could bring manufacturing technology, equipment and expertise.

However, he stressed that investment decisions should be driven by actual market demand rather than tax incentives alone.

To attract and retain investors, Mr Corbett called for faster border clearance, serviced industrial land, streamlined investor support and more efficient administrative processes.

Manufacturers, he said, needed predictable procedures and efficient logistics to move equipment and products across borders without delays.

The Botswana Mining Show is being held under the theme "Exploring New Frontiers: Unlocking Botswana's Next Generation of Mineral Opportunities" and runs from October 27 to 29. ***BOPA***



FSG Limited Group head of people and culture, Ms Josephine Mothudi (left) and Botswana Oil Limited chief people officer, Mr Tshepo Ramaselwana during a panel discussion on the future of jobs in Botswana at the Botswana Mining Show 2026 in Gaborone on Wednesday. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

Panellists discuss skills gap as digital innovation persist

Mpho Mosojane
GABORONE

The traditional mining model is shifting towards digital innovation, green mining and automation, hence digital literacy, technical problem solving abilities and the capacity to work alongside specialised technology are becoming increasingly crucial for workers in the mining industry.

This sentiment emerged at a recent Botswana Mining Show 2026 panel discussion focused on preparing the nation's workforce for the rapidly changing industrial landscape.

Titled, The future of jobs in Botswana: How technology, Artificial Intelligence (AI), automation and economic diversification are reshaping workforce requirements, the session brought together industry experts, young professionals and human capital specialists to tackle the country's dual challenge of rising youth unemployment and technology adoption.

Mining engineer and data scientist, Ms Vanessa Masupe emphasised the importance of workers being digitally literate in the current era where AI and automation were reshaping workplaces.

"Rather than eliminating jobs entirely, the integration of AI and automated machinery is reshaping the type of skills needed on modern mining sites. Tomorrow's worker must be digitally literate, have technical problem solving abilities and the capacity to work alongside specialized technology," she said.

According to human resource specialists, today's employee needs to be digitally agile and capable of using digital tools, data analytics or AI-driven software to drive solutions for their organisation.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

PNR advances plans to revive Selebi Phikwe

SELEBI PHIKWE - Premium Nickel Resources (PNR) is making progress towards resuming mining operations in Selebi Phikwe, following a significant increase in estimated ore resources at its Selebi North and Selebi Main shafts. PNR Managing Director, Mr Tidimalo Tito, said this during a recent site visit to the mine by Selebi Phikwe West Member of Parliament, Mr Reuben Kaizer. Mr Tito said PNR had successfully acquired the two shafts, adding that resuming mining operations came with significant responsibility and the potential to transform Selebi Phikwe's economic landscape. He said extensive exploration was necessary before mining operations could begin, as it would help establish the extent, quality and overall value of the mineral resources. ***BOPA***

Departments unable to procure as per annual plans

KANYE- Government departments in Kanye District have been unable to procure as per their annual plan due to fiscal constraints. According to the principal economist at Kanye District Council, Ms Keabetswe Marumo, central government departments spent a total of P241,138 to procure from suppliers, out of which P117, 270 was used to procure from local suppliers whilst P123,868 was used to procure from external suppliers. At Kanye District Council, total procurement figures for the second quarter of 2026/2027 amounted to P13.8 million, with P12.2 million being value of local purchases and P1.6 million being value of purchases spent on suppliers outside Kanye District. Ms Marumo said council had a total of 461 purchases during the quarter, of which 91 per cent was awarded to local suppliers, while only 8.2 per cent went to external suppliers. ***BOPA***

African countries enjoy zero customs duties

MOSCOW- Customs duties on goods imported into the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) have been fully eliminated for 32 African countries, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday. Speaking at a meeting with representatives of major African regional organizations, Putin said exporters from 47 African countries benefit from tariff preferences when their goods enter EAEU markets. "These benefits are available to 47 countries on the continent, and for 32 of them, customs duties have been completely eliminated," he said. Formed in 2015, the EAEU groups Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan and Armenia, aiming to modernize and enhance the competitiveness of their economies, strengthen cooperation and foster stable development to improve living standards in member states. ***Xinhua***

Government considers review of underperforming SOEs

Chendzimu Manyepedza
SELEBI PHIKWE

Government is considering a comprehensive review of several State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs), with a potential merger between some of them.

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Mr Gape Kaboyakgosi, said this during the Youth Budget Pitso held in Selebi Phikwe on Tuesday.

The event, aimed at engaging the youth in discussions about the national budget, amongst other matters, was officiated by Vice President Mr Ndaba Gaolathe, who is also the Minister of Finance.

Mr Kaboyakgosi articulated that the primary objective of the review and possible merging of underperforming SOEs was to alleviate fiscal pressure on government and to significantly enhance the operational efficiency of those enterprises.

He highlighted that many SOEs were currently not meeting expected performance benchmarks, which not only affected their viability but also constricted government's ability to invest in vital public services and initiatives.

Mr Kaboyakgosi pointed out that the inefficiencies in the underperforming SOEs had a direct and detrimental impact on government's drive to foster youth economic empowerment.

He underscored that the misallocation of public resources, stemming from those inefficiencies, limited the available funds that could otherwise support competing national priorities, particularly those focused on job creation and entrepreneurial support for young people. "Government is committed to conducting a detailed review of specific SOE portfolios. This effort aims to identify and address the critical challenges that hinder government's capacity to finance essential development programmes," he said.



Participants at the Youth Budget Pitso in Selebi Phikwe on Tuesday. The event provided a platform for young people to discuss the national budget and other issues affecting their progress.
Photo: Baldwin Nyamande

He said the programmes were pivotal, especially those designed to generate employment opportunities and to assist youth in launching their own sustainable businesses.

Mr Kaboyakgosi explained that reforming SOEs should not be viewed solely as a governance issue. Instead, it should be recognised as a critical economic drive. He argued that such reforms have the potential to significantly influence the entities to transform into powerful drivers of economic growth and job creation, and that without those necessary changes, some SOEs might continue to pose long-term risks to public finances, which could undermine economic stability and development

Public Enterprises Evaluation and Privatisation Agency (PEEPA), acting chief executive officer Mr Ismael Joseph said the challenges presented fiscal risks, particularly in cases where those enterprises failed to deliver satisfactory returns on public investments.

Considering the concerns, Mr Joseph elaborated on the need for review policy, which aims to tackle several critical issues affecting SOEs.

Those include outdated business models that hindered competitiveness, a lack of innovation that stifles growth and overlapping mandates that created confusion and inefficiency within sectors. Furthermore, he said governance challenges were prevalent, often leading to a lack of accountability and ineffective management. ***BOPA***

Brand your products - Dikoloti

Relief Lephutshi
METLOJANE

Small, medium and micro businesses have been urged to brand their products, as it would help identify them in both the local and international markets.

Officiating at Rolong Business Expo at Metlojane in the Goodhope district recently, the Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti, who is also a Member of Parliament for Goodhope/Mmathethe constituency, said the district has been well known for its agricultural shows that have been attracting many.

He commended Rolong Business Expo as a private entity for spearheading the forum to give exposure to the small business entrepreneurs.

Dr Dikoloti said the district has a rich heritage, noting that most of the exhibitors were the elderly who showcased their hand-crafted works.

He noted that, as the district, they had always viewed AGOA markets as a distant platform that could not be accessed.

Dr Dikoloti highlighted to the small business community that, from the recent national China visit, the Chobe District Council signed a memorandum of understanding with another Province in China where there was a shop selling some Botswana products, saying the district could benchmark in Chobe district for international market opportunities.

The minister said he believed that even the independent handcrafters, doing business elsewhere should be having their handcrafts showcased at Botswana Crafts centre.

"I would be very pleased as a Member of Parliament to see businesses like those in the Main Mall all gaining access to the markets," said Dr Dikoloti.

He promised to reach out and invite other ministers to Goodhope district whenever they had international visitors, saying the move could help residents of Goodhope district to gain exposure and be better positioned for trading their region's branded goods.

Minister Dikoloti noted that women weavers were unable to maximise the Bots60 season and as such, he encouraged the entrepreneurs to always maximise sales during national ceremonial event. He said it was pleasing to see the exhibitors showing willingness to heed advice and said it positioned them for growth.

Dr Dikoloti said some creativity was interesting, especially in demonstrating a green environment through recycling plastic bags to make crafts. He commended government stakeholders such as CEDA for bracing the event and further urged attendees to visit the organisation for assistance in poultry farming alongside agro farming.

The minister said he was hopeful and looked forward to some development programmes in the pipeline, citing the road connecting Mmathethe-Bray, and Werda as vital in linking the production area with the market, as well as Digawana-Molapowabojang to Gaborone as being the shortest in providing access to markets.

Regarding tourism, he cited some community trusts, especially at Mokatako and Mmathethe, as viable for tourism. He urged Botswana Tourism Organisation (BTO), the parliamentary office, together with the event organisers to collaborate towards promoting tourism in the area.

He cited horse racing sports, which was well established within the corridor from Metlobo up to Sekhutlane and further pleaded with BTO to put the district tourism activities on their events calendar.

The minister said should there be a budget, Goodhope District be allowed to host the state-of-the-art dog field race. He mentioned the existence of water pans and traditional choirs and further urged private stakeholders to collaborate towards promoting such tourism activities in the district.

When sharing the objectives of the Rolong Business Expo earlier, Mr Lawrence Kokole, organising committee spokesperson said it aimed to help small, medium and micro businesses to access markets and relevant avenues, saying they were intending to pick 10 small business entrepreneurs for mentorship and take them through to graduate in the next forum.

He said they intended to take the voice of the small entrepreneurs to establish relations in order to access the foreign markets as one.

Mr Kokole added that they found the need to form working partnerships with the government, the Goodhope council and the private sector.

He said they were expecting to expand the forum to Mafikeng, as they were planning to host the Goodhope/Mafikeng Investment Forum to promote business exchange in their next forum. ***BOPA***

Panellists discuss skills gap as digital innovation persists

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Panellists stressed that while technology was critical in today's economic landscape, it cannot replace the soft skills and human centricity needed to drive organisations.

"Machines can process data but cannot replace critical thinking, emotional intelligence, cross-cultural communication and ethical leadership," highlighted Ms Josephine Mothudi, group head of people and culture at FSG Limited.

Ms Mothudi further reiterated how employers were actively seeking candidates who grasp the bigger picture of how Botswana was moving towards local beneficiation and cross-sector growth.

To keep pace with the rapidly evolving work environment, Mr Tshepo Ramaselwana, chief people officer at Botswana Oil Limited, explained that progressive organisations were heavily investing in retraining their people.

"Companies are rolling out continuous programmes to teach traditional workers how to manage AI tool and data systems.

Training now is centred heavily on remote training operations, supply chain management and safety monitoring," he added.

The consensus from the panel was clear-the future belongs to a workforce that can work alongside technology and as Botswana pushes to diversify its economy beyond diamond extraction, the technical requirements for local jobs are continuously changing. ***BOPA***

Climate smart and conservation agric. inevitable

Mothusi Galekhutle
MALWELWE

In light of climate change and its associated challenges, climate-smart and conservation agriculture have become essential.

These views were expressed by Ms Motlapele Pheto, an agronomist from Letlhakeng District, during a recent demonstration of walk-behind tractors and basin ploughing methods at Malwelwe.

Ms Pheto appealed to farmers to set aside at least an area measuring 29 meters by 16 meters in their fields to use the basin ploughing method, known as "go kabela" in vernacular.

This method, she said helped conserve moisture, enabled farmers to achieve good yields even during seasons with low rainfall, as during the rainy season, water was retained in the basins.

She explained that after planting, farmers were advised to mulch the basins, once the plants begun to emerge, the mulch should be removed and then replaced a few days later after the plants have grown to preserve the moisture.

Ms Pheto also recommended that farmers use wood ash as a liming agent to control soil PH if they could not afford commercial lime.

She encouraged farmers to adopt new technologies and skills to improve their yields while also urging them to preserve their traditional seeds, as they were more resilient to climate change.

Agricultural demonstrator, Ms Patricia Jakoba said the basin ploughing method had proven to be both efficient and effective.

A mechanisation officer, Mr Tlotlo Kootswetse, who led the walk-behind tractor demonstration, stated that the type of tractor was fuel-efficient, noting that only four liters of fuel were enough to plough and row-plant one hectare. ***BOPA***

Politicians pay tribute to BCP stalwart

Mmoniemang Motsamai
MOCHUDI

Paying tribute to the late Botswana Congress Party (BCP) stalwart and former councilor for Boseja South, Molefe Molefe, attendants concurred that his passing marks a painful moment in the history of opposition politics.

Molefe, affectionately known as Phankgachuchu, died at the age of 72 following an illness.

Mourners, who attended his memorial service in Mochudi on Wednesday, said Molefe would be remembered as one of the pioneers of BCP, who formed part of the first cohort of BCP councillors following the party's breakaway from Botswana National Front in 1998.

One of the speakers, Mr Gerald Bodika, said he became closer to Molefe after he won the 1999 election under the BCP ticket, having served one term under the BNF from 1994 to 1999.

"Phankgachuchu, Peter Mogwera and Stephen Makhura were the first BCP councillors in Kgatleng who were significant in shaping our story as a breakaway movement," he said.

Mr Bodika said Molefe would always be remembered as an embodiment of the ideals and values that today constituted the tenets of BCP and that he left behind an indelible footprint that would remain a reference point for upcoming politicians.

Former MP for Kgatleng East, Mr Stephen Mabiletsa, said Molefe was a gentle soul, and a selfless being who shared his wisdom with young and upcoming politicians, having learnt the BNF doctrine in the party study groups and went around campaigning for the movement.

"He was learned, he had been groomed under the tutelage of the great giants in Dr Kenneth Koma, enyeletse Koma, Obonetse Menyatso and Mareledi Giddie, to mention, but a few," he said.

As an MP in whose constituency Molefe was, Mr Mabiletsa said the late politician was also a product of his tutelage as he had set the tone for issue-based politics in the constituency. He said Molefe was also a peoples' person who also shunned dirty politics, and believed in representing the masses and fighting for the emancipation of ordinary and underprivileged people.

BCP deputy president, Dr Unity Dow called on members of the community to emulate the late veteran politician.

She said the deceased's legacy should be preserved and be lived.

"As we remember and celebrate his life, let us look back on his contributions to our democracy. We must hold a mirror against ourselves and determine whether we have managed to emulate his efforts or not," said Dr Dow. BNF representative, Mr Gomolemo Gouwe described Molefe as someone who had an engaging personality and a witty, noticeable character.

"He was a doer, not a theoriser. He was able to stand for what he believed in even if it meant holding views that were in variance with those of others. He defended them when pushed to do so," he said.

Mr Gouwe said Molefe had footprints in the ward that he served for four consecutive terms from 1994 to 2014. He said some of the projects that he advocated for included the Morwa-Mmapole road, a primary school and Boseja 2 clinic.

Botswana Democratic Party's Mr Fox Magole said Molefe was a skillful politician, had a disarming character and was attractive to politicians and members across the political divide. Another political stalwart, Mr Phagenyana Phage said the first time he became a councillor in 1994, he learnt a lot fromvMolefe who was one of the seasoned politicians of the BNF study groups at the time.

"Opposition politics at the time was very difficult, we had nothing. We only relied on our knowledge," he said. He said Molefe was instrumental in growing the BCP.

Molefe, whose political career started in the 90's, will be buried in Mochudi tomorrow. ***BOPA***

'Qatar and Botswana investment projects progressing in phases'

Mpho Mosojane
GABORONE

Botswana is implementing projects under a multi-billion-dollar investment agreement with Qatar through the Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) and other state entities.

Answering a question from Kgosi Khama IV of Bangwato during the ongoing 7th Meeting of the 5th Ntlo Ya Dikgosi session, Assistant Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe, said significant milestones had been achieved in implementing the investment framework.

Kgosi Khama had sought an update on the status of the investment and its direct impact on the economy.

Mr Mathoothe said the partnership, formalised with Qatar's Al Mansour Holdings, was progressing in phases, with agreements being translated into commercially viable operations.

He said projects such as Botswana Airport City and the Serowe Coal Bed Gas Project had entered the implementation phase.

"The foundational infrastructure at Botswana Airport City has already been completed, and a 4,000-square-metre factory shell is currently under construction, scheduled for handover by March 2027," said Mr Mathoothe.

He added that major structural construction of the main mixed-use zone, which would comprise a hotel and an international convention centre, was scheduled to begin by the end of 2026.

Once completed, the urban development project is expected to create about 20 000 direct jobs, he said.

On the Serowe Coal Bed Gas Project, Mr Mathoothe said core environmental approvals for pipeline corridors and processing hubs had been secured, while the project was undergoing testing.

He said the project had achieved a technical breakthrough, bringing Botswana closer to domestic gas production.

Mr Mathoothe clarified that the multi-sector financing framework did not involve a direct cash deposit into government treasury accounts. Instead, funds would flow directly into technical operations and joint ventures as the projects progressed towards implementation. ***BOPA***

BLUE CRYSTAL SUKIRI

Blue Crystal Sukiri Invites Batswana to Share Their Sweetest Stories in New National Recipe Challenge

Blue Crystal Sukiri is set to inspire creativity in kitchens across Botswana with the launch of the Sweet Moments – Tell Your Story Recipe Challenge, a nationwide campaign celebrating the recipes, traditions and memories that bring families and communities together.

Running over a three-month period, the campaign will invite Batswana to submit their favourite recipes created using Blue Crystal Sukiri, together with the personal stories that make those dishes special. Whether it is a treasured family recipe, a celebratory dessert, a refreshing beverage or a modern culinary creation, the competition aims to showcase the many ways Blue Crystal Sukiri has remained part of Botswana's sweetest moments for generations.

The initiative forms part of Blue Crystal Sukiri's continued commitment to strengthening its connection with consumers while encouraging creativity, community participation and greater appreciation for the versatility of sugar in everyday cooking, baking and beverages.

Participants will be required to prepare an original recipe using Blue Crystal Sukiri, submit photographs or a short video of their creation together with the story behind it, and share their entry through the official Blue Crystal Sukiri Facebook platform using the campaign hashtags.

Monthly winners will progress to a spectacular grand finale, where finalists will recreate their signature dishes before a panel of judges to compete for the ultimate title of Blue Crystal Recipe Champion. The winning recipes will also feature in a commemorative Blue Crystal Recipe Book celebrating Botswana's rich culinary heritage.

Speaking about the campaign, Head of Marketing, Sales and Distribution, Thapelo Mfosi, said:"Blue Crystal Sukiri has always been more than just sugar. For decades, we have been part of the recipes, celebrations and family traditions that define Botswana's homes. Through the Sweet Moments; Tell Your Story Recipe Challenge, we want to celebrate the creativity of Batswana while preserving the stories behind the meals that bring us together. We are excited to see the incredible talent that exists across the country and look forward to creating lasting memories with our consumers."

The campaign will be supported through an integrated marketing and communications programme incorporating radio, digital platforms, outdoor advertising, in-store activations, influencer partnerships and public relations to ensure nationwide participation and engagement.

Throughout the campaign, consumers can also expect live activations at selected retail outlets, opportunities to interact with campaign ambassadors and judges, exciting giveaways, and regular updates across Blue Crystal Sukiri's social media platforms.

More information on competition mechanics, entry dates, judging criteria and prizes will be announced on Blue Crystal Sukiri's official communication channels.

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University of Botswana Vice Chancellor, Professor David Norris (left) handing over a trophy to the 2026 valedictorian, Ms Karen Ernesta of Seychelles during the university's 44th graduation ceremony. Photos: Washa Bofelwang

UB hospitality earns praise from international graduates

Ndingililo Gaoswediwe
GABORONE

International graduates at the University of Botswana's (UB) 44th Graduation Ceremony have praised Botswana's hospitality and welcoming environment, saying cultural differences did little to hinder their academic and social experiences.

UB's 2026 valedictorian, Ms Karen Ernesta, a Seychellois national who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History, never felt she was in a foreign country, as the food, interactions with lecturers and fellow students contributed to her positive experience.

Ms Ernesta, came to Botswana in 2024 under a scholarship sponsored by her government.

Even though at times the Setswana language proved to be a communication barrier, Ms Ernesta said the cultural differences were minimal as she was fully in touch with the African rhythm.

She appreciated the opportunity presented by getting the scholarship and landing her at UB, noting that admission to higher education in Seychelles was highly selective and merit-based.

A teacher by profession, Ernesta is returning home to continue with her teaching career.

She has appealed to the youth to widen up their scope, search beyond their country's boundaries to pursue educational opportunities abroad.

Her journey reflects a longstanding educational partnership between UB and Seychelles.

Since 2014, approximately 57 Seychellois teachers have trained at UB, with many returning home to assume leadership positions in schools and the Ministry of Education.

Their progression demonstrates how international academic opportunities can strengthen education systems in students' home countries.

Meanwhile, Dr Edwin Kakia from Liberia, who graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership and Management, also commended the cordial reception he received in Botswana and his interactions with fellow students.

Dr Kakia, who arrived in Botswana in July 2023, described his study experience at UB as fair but called for improvements in doctoral supervision, citing delays in guidance and feedback from supervisors as a major challenge.

His thesis examined instructional supervision practices and challenges in public secondary schools in rural Liberia, focusing on Bin-Garr District in Nimba County.

A director in Liberia's Ministry of Education, Dr Kakia said he was returning home determined to contribute to reforms in secondary education which has faced significant disruptions from years of civil war, Ebola and the COVID-19 pandemic.

He hopes his research will help establish whether poor student performance is linked to teachers' effectiveness, learners' commitment or weaknesses in instructional supervision.

His ambitions reflect the wider importance of developing skilled professionals who can apply their knowledge to national challenges.

UB's academic links with Liberia extend beyond individual graduates.

In 2024, UB partnered with the University of Liberia and the Liberia Institute of Statistics and Geo-Information Services to train nine Liberian academics and postgraduate candidates in Statistics, under a World Bank-supported project.

UB has also trained Liberian professionals who have gone on to occupy senior leadership positions in higher education and public administration.

The experiences of the two graduates highlight how international education can benefit both individuals and their home countries, equipping teachers, researchers and education leaders with knowledge to strengthen institutions and improve learning outcomes. ***BOPA***

Blind to the world not to dreams

Ndingililo Gaoswediwe
GABORONE

At 3 am, when much of the world is asleep, Mr Maibongwe Madisa is awake, preparing to tackle his books. For five hours at a stretch, he studies, relying on technology, determination and an unwavering refusal to give up. Sunday after Sunday, for three years, this became his routine.

The reward is a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Botswana (UB), where he graduated with an impressive Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.5, placing him among the programme's best-performing students. He is among 22 postgraduate students with disabilities who graduated from UB this year.

For Mr Madisa, who lost his sight following a violent attack in 2015, the degree represents a return to ambitions abruptly interrupted. His journey also demonstrates how inclusive higher education can enable students with disabilities to pursue their academic aspirations.

In an interview, Mr Madisa recounted how his life changed during a visit to his mother in Harare, Zimbabwe, in 2015.

One evening, while returning from a tuckshop, he was attacked by three men. He suspects that the first blow, delivered with what felt like the back of an axe, knocked him down. The attackers continued beating him, leaving him with a fractured skull before taking the US$7 he had on him.

The consequences were devastating. The attack cost him his sight, job and independence, forcing him to confront a life he had never imagined.

Born to a Motswana father from Lentswelemoriti and a Zimbabwean mother, Mr Madisa moved to Botswana in 2008 with a diploma in information technology and marketing. In 2012, he obtained a degree in entrepreneurship from Limkokwing University, completed a bank internship and joined one of the country's major retail supermarket chains as a trainee manager.

After the attack, he had to rebuild his independence in a world he could no longer see.

Following his recovery, he attended a school for the blind in Zimbabwe for three months before returning to Botswana. Between 2016 and 2017, he enrolled at Pudulogong, where he learnt Braille, computer skills and mobility techniques.

The training laid the foundation for rebuilding his independence, but the transition was difficult. Having previously supported himself, he had to return to his mother for care. His ambitions, however, remained intact.

In 2022, he returned to Botswana and secured a position as a community mobiliser at Men and Boys for Gender Equality, raising awareness about gender-based violence and mental health while encouraging organisations to embrace inclusion.

A year later, a UB Foundation scholarship opened the door to postgraduate study. Mr Madisa says he was the first person living with a disability to receive the scholarship.

Although the MBA programme was designed to take two years, he required additional time to complete it. Instead of the usual five modules, he was permitted to take three. Balancing work and studies proved challenging, eventually leaving him with no option but to quit his job.

The first year was particularly difficult, but he persisted.

Determination was central to Mr Madisa's journey, but it was not the only factor. His experience at UB also illustrates the importance of providing students with disabilities with the resources and support they need to participate meaningfully in university life.

He credits the university's Disability Support Services Unit (DSSU) with helping him navigate his studies. The unit provided a laptop, caretaker, student assistant and other equipment to make learning more accessible.

A portable book reader enabled him to access written material, while voice recorders allowed him to capture lectures and revisit them during study sessions. Artificial intelligence also proved a game changer, helping him bridge learning gaps.

He particularly appreciates the university's educational and recreational trips, including a visit to Pretoria, where he learnt advanced screen-reading skills. The training improved his independence and reduced his reliance on student assistance.

For Mr Madisa, accessibility means having the equipment, adjustments and support necessary to pursue the same academic goals as his peers.

Established in 1982, DSSU provides academic accommodations, psychosocial support, alternative examinations, learner support and assistive technology to students with disabilities. Approximately 150 students with disabilities have graduated since its establishment. While the number of graduates was initially low, at one or two, it began to improve in 2010, with current enrolment standing at about 400.

Mr Madisa's 4.5 GPA offers a striking example of what can be achieved when determination is matched by an enabling learning environment. His story also highlights the university's broader responsibility to make higher education accessible to students with diverse needs.

However, beyond the graduation gown, the milestone marks the end of one demanding chapter and the beginning of another, whose outcome remains uncertain.

Like many graduates, Mr Madisa is seeking employment. He has engaged with the Directorate of Public Service Management and organisations working on inclusion, hoping to secure an opportunity to apply his qualifications and experience.

He recognises that some smaller companies may lack the resources to provide specialised equipment or make the necessary adjustments. Certain tasks may also take him longer to complete. Although he believes he could teach, he would first need to obtain a Postgraduate Diploma in Education.

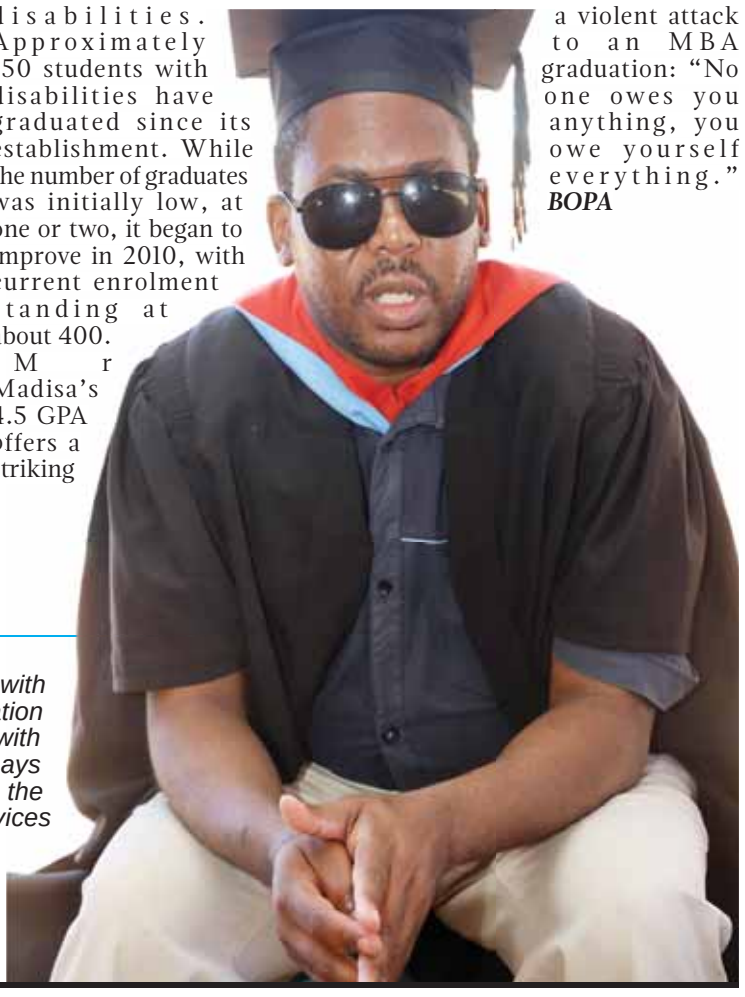
For now, he continues volunteering with Men and Boys for Gender Equality, although the organisation's financial difficulties have prevented him from returning to his former position.

His concerns extend beyond employment. As he prepares to leave UB's student residence, Mr Madisa faces the prospect of having nowhere to stay. Although he is registered with social services and has been allocated a residential plot in Ramotswa, his student stipend was insufficient to build a house.

His circumstances raise a broader question: how can the opportunities created by inclusive education be sustained when graduates with disabilities leave university and encounter barriers in the wider world?

Nevertheless, as he looks ahead, Mr Madisa urges people living with disabilities never to give up, believing that surrender only guarantees failure.

His personal motto captures the resolve that carried him from the aftermath of a violent attack to an MBA graduation: "No one owes you anything, you owe yourself everything." ***BOPA***



Maibongwe Madisa, who graduated with a Master of Business Administration from the University of Botswana with a Grade Point Average of 4.5, says determination and support from the institution's Disability Support Services Unit helped him overcome challenges and achieve his academic ambitions after losing his sight in 2015. Photo: Washa Bofelwang

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Ga go amogelesega gore motsadi a itlhokomolose pabalesego le tlhokomelo ya ngwana, ka go baya dikeletso tsa gagwe kwa pele.

Mopalamente wa Maun botlhaba, Rre Goretetse Kekgonegile, o kgalemile batsadi ba ba fitlhang dikgang tsa tiriso botlhaswa ya bana, ba gabile go akola tlhokomelwa go tswa kwa badiramolato.

Rre Kekgonegile o buile se kwa phuthegong kgotla e e neng e tshwerwe ka Labobedi kwa kgotleng ya Matshwane ka Labobedi. A re, dikgang tsa go dirisa bana botlhaswa di golela pele kwa kgaolong ya Bokone bophirima mme batsadi e le bone ba ba ka di fetsang.

"Fa batsadi ba rotloetsa tiriso botlhaswa ya bana, dikgang tsa bana ba ba itsholofelang ba le dingwaga tse di kwa tlase, ga di ka ke tsa fela," Rre Kekgonegile a tlhalosa.

Rre Kekgonegile o kopile banni go boela mo tsamaisong ya pele ya malapa le baagisani ba ba neng ba tshwaragane go godisa bana, a gatelela gore tshireletso ya bana ga e a tshwanela go tlogelelwa batsadi ba le nosi, mme e tlhoka tirisano ya morafe otlhe.

Fa a lekodisa seemo sa kgaolo, modulasetilo wa komiti ya ditlhabololo kwa kgotleng ya Matshwane, Rre Thomas Kahaka, o supile fa seemo sa banni kwa Matshwane se ngomolang pelo ka ba itlhokomolositse go sireletsa bana ba bone mo diphatseng tsa tlhakanelo dikobo.

Monni wa Matshwane, Mme Molly Diteko, o tlhalositse fa go tlhoka boikarabelo ga batsadi go bakiwa ke go nwa bojalwa, mo go ba itsang go tlhokomela bana sentle mme a tlhalosa fa molao o tshwanetse go gagamadiwa go otlhaya batho ba go nna jalo.

"Bana ba tlhakatlhakana le batsadi mo mafelong a majalwa mme ke gone ko ba bonang dikgang tsse di maswe tsa tlhakanelo dikobo ba bo ba ima ka dipalo tse di kwa godimo," Mme Diteko a tlhalosa.

Modulasetilo wa khansele ya Bokone Bophirima, Rre Itumeleng Kelebetseng, o gateletse tirisano mmogo ya morafe mo go lwantsheng dikgang tsa go dirisa bana botlhaswa le tlhokomelo ya bone.

A re khansele ya Bokone Bophirima e tsere dikgang tsa bana ka tlhwoafalo ebile e tsweletse ka go dirisanya mmogo le ba molao, go sireletsa bana. BOPA



Banni ba kgotla ya Matshwane kwa Maun ba le kwa phuthegong ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke Mopalamente wa Maun East, Rre Goretetse Kekgonegile ka Labobedi. Rre Kekgonegile o kopile banni go boela mo tsamaisong ya pele ya malapa le baagisanyi ba ba neng ba tshwaragane go godisa bana, a gatelela gore tshireletso ya bana ga e a tshwanela go tlogelelwa batsadi ba le nosi, mme e tlhoka tirisano ya morafe otlhe. Senepe: Gaolethoo Kgatitswe

Mophato o botlhokwa mo go lwantsheng borukutlhi

Gaboselwe Olesitse
MMADINARE

Mophato o na le seabe mo go tshwaraganeng le tirisano mmogo ya morafe go netefatsa, pabalesego ya setshaba.

Se se builwe ke Rre Wonder Masebola yo e leng moitseanape wa tsa bojanala le pabalesego ya tikologo kwa phuthegong ya kgotla kwa Mmadinare ka Labobedi jaaka Kgosi Mphoeng Mphoeng a ne a bolotsa mophato wa bomme le borre ba le masome a supa.

Mmadinare ke mongwe wa metse e e gaufi le molelwane o o kgaoganyang Botswana le Zimbabwe mme barui ba koo ba tlhorentshiwa ke go utswelwa leruo.

Ka jalo se se ne sa tlama Kgosi Mphoeng go bolotsa mophato o o tlaa itebaganyang le go lwantsha bogodu jwa leruo, botlhoka tsebe jwa banana, kgokgontsho, tiriso ya bana botlhaswa le tse dingwe tse di tlhokisang morafe kagiso.

Rre Masebola o tlhalositse fa mephato e se selo se se sesha mme e tswa kgakala e ntse e le teng e bile e ne e ntsha maduo jaaka le mo nakong ya gompieno e santse e ikanyega mo go direng ditiro tsa morafe.

Rre Masebola o tlhalositse fa tiro ya mophato e le go tshwaraganya morafe ka jalo a kgotlhatsa maloko a mophato go itlotla le go bereka sentle le morafe gore tiro ya bone e nne motlhofo.

O ne a tlhalosa fa molao o letlelela kgosi go tlhoma mophato fa go na le dilo dingwe tse a bonang di sa tsamae sentle.

O ne a gatelela fa mophatlo o sa tshwanela go inaakanya le tsa sepolotiki ka se se ka ba paledisa thomo e ba e neetsweng.

Rre Masebola o ne a ba gakolola fa tiro ya mophato e le ya boitlhaopo e bile e na le dikgwetlhoko tse ba yang go kopana le tsone ka jalo e bata borre le bomme ba ba ikemiseditseng go e dira le fa diemo di le thata.

O tlhalositse fa go tlhamiwa ga mophato go le botlhokwa ka go lwantsha borukhuthi e se maikarabelo a ba sepodise fela mme go le botlhokwa gore le morafe o tsenye letsogo go bona gore dithoto tsa bone di sireletsegile.

O ne a tlhalositse fa itsholelo ya lefatshe e ikaegile ka nama ya kgomo e bile e le yone banka ya Motswana ka jalo e tlhoka gore e sirelediwe ka ditsela tse di farologaneng.

Erile a tswa la gagwe mogokaganyi wa dikgang tsa go utswuwa ga leruo go tswa kwa Bobirwa Kgosi Gabana Mooketsi o tlhalositse fa mophato o o sa tswang go tlhomiwa ke Kgosi o ya go itebaganya le go tlhokomela terata ya matlhoko a leruo go tswa kwa Matopi go ya go tsena kwa Maleje.

Kgosi Mooketsi o ne a re se ke go tsweledisa maiteko a go lwantsha bogodu jwa leruo kwa kgaolong ya Bobirwa.

A re maduo a go lwantsha bogodu a a bonala ka bogodu jwa leruo bo fokotsegile fela thata mme a re se se kgonagetse ka tshwaragano ya ba na le seabe jaaka mapodise,ba sesole le morafe.

O ne a re se se molemo ke gore tiro e ba e tshwaraganetse le ba mafatshe a a mabapi jaaka la Zimbabwe, Zambia le South Africa.

O tlhalositse fa go tlhagoga ga bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo go apesitse lefatshe kobo ka letshoba mme a akgola ba kgaolo ya Zone 7 ka ba berekile ka natla go tlhomamisa gore bolwetse ga bo tlolele mo kgaolong ya bone.

O ne a re se ke maiteko a a tshwanetseng go lebogelwa ka batho ba ne ba dirisa ditsompelo le nako ya bone go tlhomamisa gore ba busetsa terata mo seemong go laola motsamao wa loruo. *BOPA*



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ALL CORRESPONDECES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE TOWN CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPIES OF LOST TITLE DEEDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Selebi-Phikwe Town Council intends to apply to the Registrar of Deeds for replacement of certified copies of title deeds reported lost in respect of 87 immovable properties registered in the name of Selebi-Phikwe Town Council, as detailed in the attached Schedule.
CERTAIN: Pieces of land being the plots listed in the attached Schedule of Properties.
SITUATE: In various locations within Selebi-Phikwe Township, Botswana.
HELD: Under the respective title deed and registration particulars specified in the attached Schedule.
Any person having an objection to the issue of the replacement certified copies, or claiming any right, title or interest in any of the properties, is hereby required to lodge such objection in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Francistown, within three (3 weeks) from the last publication of this notice.

REGISTRAR OF DEEDS
Deeds Registry, Francistown
Plot 252/2567, Old BGI Building
Private Bag F283, Francistown, Botswana.

A copy of any objection or representation should also be submitted to:

THE TOWN CLERK
Selebi-Phikwe Town Council
Private Bag 001
Selebi-Phikwe, Botswana.

Contact: Mr Letsweletse Kesiilwe, Principal Estate Officer I, on 73060107, or Ms Neo Molosiwa, Chief Development Planning Officer, on 73032587.
ISSUED BY: SELEBI-PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL
DATE OF PUBLICATION:
ATTACHED: Schedule of 87 Properties with Lost Title Deeds.

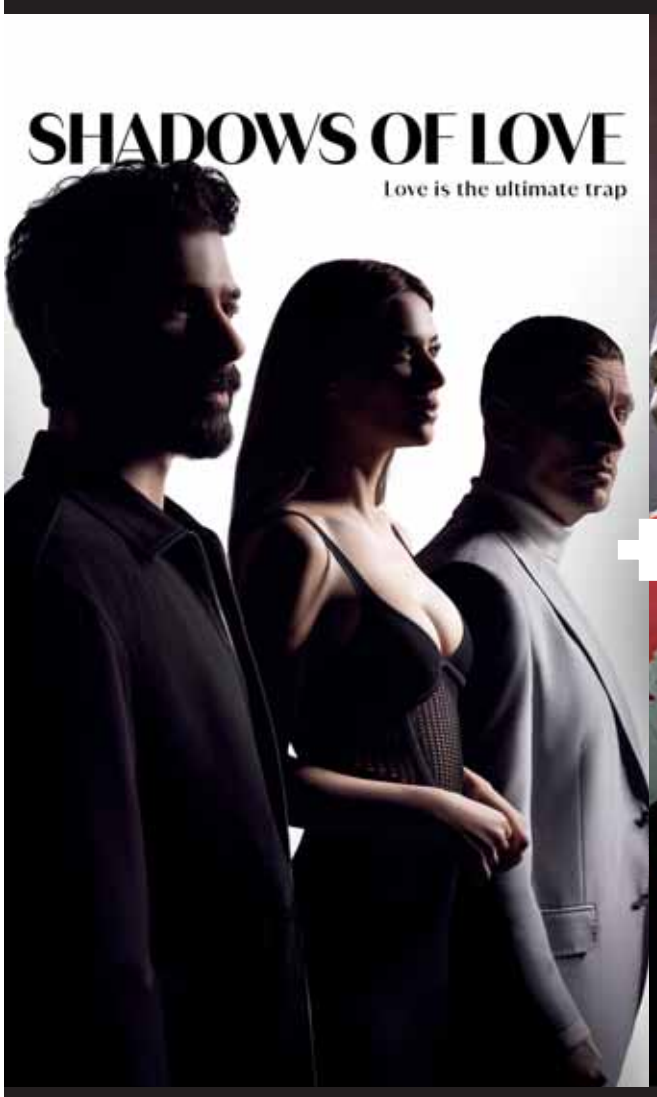
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SCHEDULE OF PROPERTIES WITH LOST TITLE DEEDS
Attached to the Public Notice: Application for Certified Copies of Lost Title Deeds

SR NO.	PLOT NO.	TITLE DEED NO.	DATE	TITLE DEED STATUS	NAME OF OWNER	PLOT SIZE	LOCATION	LAND USE
1	64	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	750 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
2	71	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	665 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
3	73	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	577 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
4	74	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	525 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
5	112	257/74	14/03/1974	Title deed lost	SELEBI-PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	882 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
6	171	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	2025 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
7	174	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1402 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
8	192	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1593 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
9	202	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1593 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
10	206	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1593 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
11	227	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1200 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
12	233	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1200 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
13	373	257/74	14/03/1974	Title deed lost	SELEBI-PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	775 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
14	375	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	689 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
15	377	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	725 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
16	378	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	675 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
17	396	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	694 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
18	401	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	694 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
19	402	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	694 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
20	410	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	547 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
21	418	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	547 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
22	419	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	547 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
23	430	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	465 sq.m	Leseding	Multi-Residential
24	438	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	465 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
25	439	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	465 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
26	442	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	465 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
27	443	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	487 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
28	445	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	465 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
29	456	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	465 sq.m	Leseding	Multi-Residential
30	457	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	465 sq.m	Leseding	Multi-Residential
31	477	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	450 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
32	478	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	450 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
33	484	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	384 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
34	485	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	384 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
35	496	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	384 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
36	497	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	384 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
37	504	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	334 sq.m		Residential
38	510	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	339 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
39	937	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1495 sq.m.	Kopano	Multi-Residential
40	938	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1326 sq.m	Kopano	Consolidated (Plots 937 & 938)
41	961	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1475 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
42	966	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	2124 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
43	972	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1482 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
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45	991	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1760 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
46	997	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1760 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
47	1076	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1582 sq.m.	Kopano	Residential
48	1077	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1491 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
49	1102	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1760 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
50	1384	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	364 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
51	1385	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	364 sq.m	Leseding	Residential
52	2381	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1020 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
53	2384	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1020 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
54	2385	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1020 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
55	2386	257/74	14/08/1974	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1020 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
56	2393	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1068 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
57	2400	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1020 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
58	2407	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1020 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
59	2408	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1020 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
60	2480	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	542 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
61	2481	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	528 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
62	2482	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	528 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
63	2483	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	528 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
64	2500	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	528 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
65	2501	530/79	9/11/1979	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	528 sq.m	Kopano	Residential
66	2931	750/95	4/9/1995	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1400 sq.m	Botshabelo	Commercial
67	2938	152/88	30/03/1988	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	15.2679 ha	Kopano	Civic & Community
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79	5229	277/83	21/07/1983	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	478 sq.m	Orlando	Residential
80	5230	277/83	21/07/1983	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	467 sq.m	Orlando	Residential
81	5231	277/83	21/07/1983	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	479 sq.m	Orlando	Residential
82	5232	277/83	21/07/1983	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	466 sq.m	Orlando	Residential
83	5589	1172/79	23/10/2007	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	2672 sq.m	Ikageleng	Commercial
84	8924	FT 202/2007	8/3/2007	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	1,3881 ha	Industrial	Industrial
85	9295a	FT 166/07	1/3/2007	Title deed lost	SELEBI PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL	12796 sq.m	Phase 1	Commercial
86	Plot 9029	591/95	11/7/1995	Title deed lost	Selebi Phikwe Town Council	616 sq.m	Union	Residential
87	Plot 188	FT 74/2004	16/2/2004	Title deed lost	Selebi Phikwe Town Council	1948 sq.m	Kopano	Residential

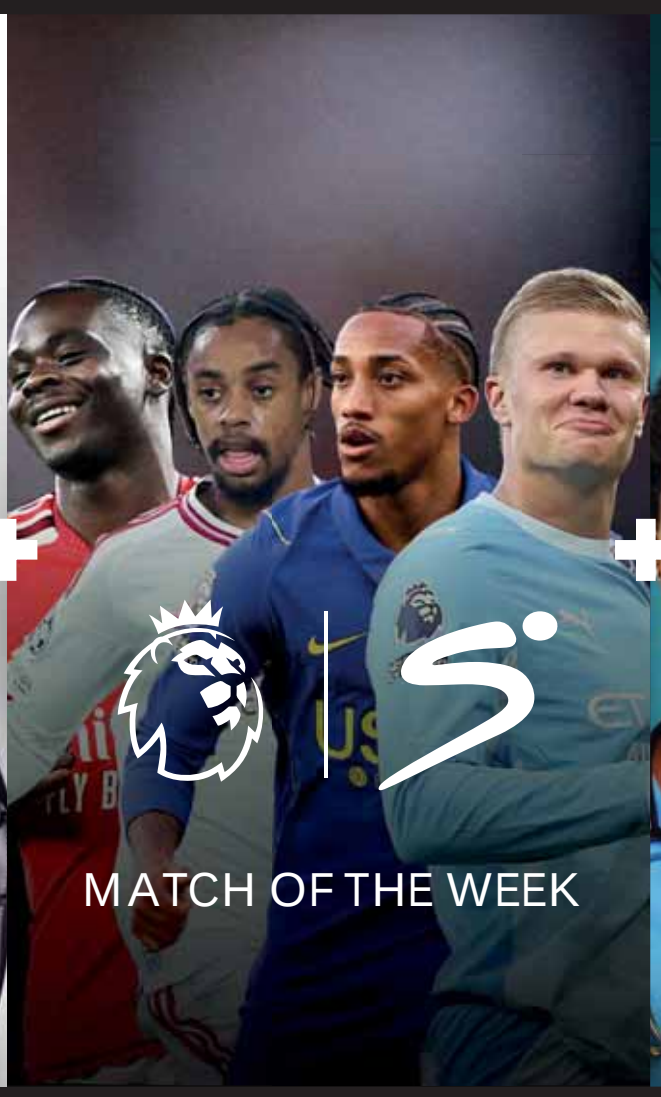
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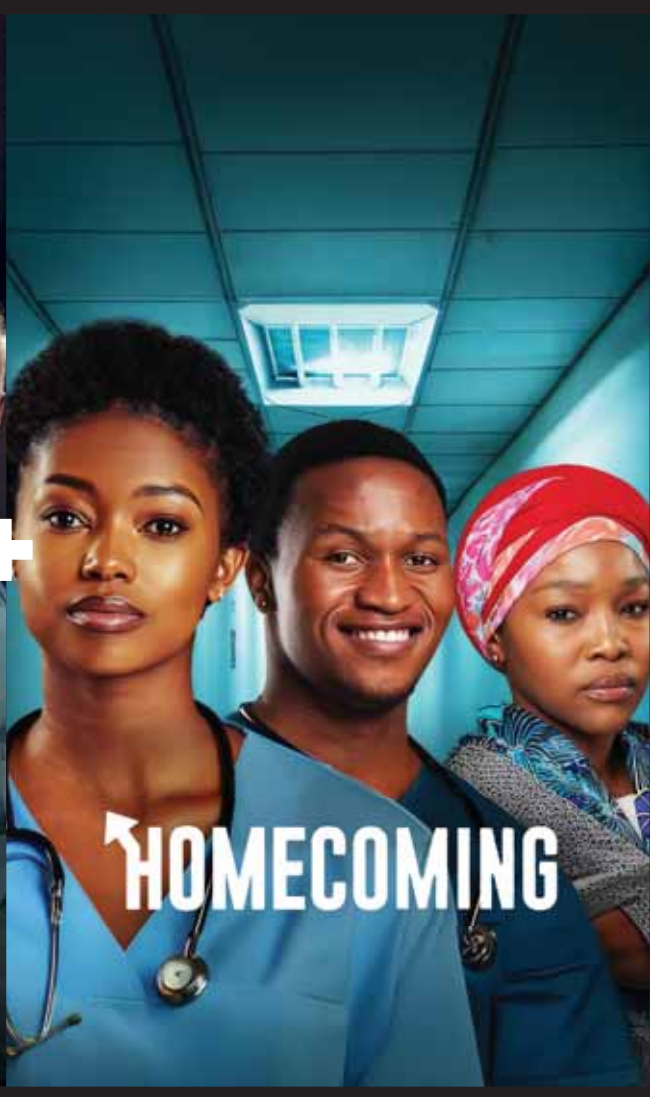
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Invites applications from suitably qualified individuals for a post of Civil Engineer with at least 10 years' experience in Building Construction Projects. Send your applications, including CVs, certified copies of academic certificates, and at least two recent references to: Email: **cherrysplash2020@gmail.com.**

The deadline for submission of applications of **09/11/2026.**

LOST TITTLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Fixed **Period Grant No. 29/2021** dated the **6th** day of **January 2021** made in favour of **Samuel Buddy Morake**, in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 57337 Gaborone;
SITUATE: in Gaborone Administrative District;
MEASURING: 450 m² (Four Hundred Fifty Square Metres);
AS WILL MORE FULLY APPEAR: From General Plan **D.S.M No. 956/2001** in **August 2001** And approved by the Director of Surveys and Mapping on **9th August 2002**
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Deed of Fixed Period State Grant **No. 29/2021** dated the **6th** day of **January 2021** made in favour of Samuel Buddy Morake;
SUBJECT TO: all such conditions in the aforesaid Deed;

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 23RD DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

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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 Bvindi (F I Arb) | Lebogang George
Associates Mary Maeda | Juwairiyyah Maher | Seabo Kgwadi | Tiso Boiteto

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED OF TRANSFER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No 1270/2018 dated 1st August 2018 made in favour of PETER JOSEPH LAPHAM & VALERIE LAPHAM in respect of the following property :-

CERTAIN: Piece of Land being Lot 32138 Gaborone;
SITUATE: in Gaborone Administrative District;
MEASURING: 648 m² (Six Hundred and Forty Eight Square Metres)

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

DATED AT JWANENG ON THIS 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

NOWBUTH LAW CHAMBERS
ATTORNEYS NOTARIES CONVEYANCERS
Plot 3543, Leshomo Crescent EU 5 JWANENG
Email: sooman.nowbuth@gmail.com | Tel: (+267) 5887020 | Cell 73564738

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000531-26**

IN THE ESTATE of the Late Mooketsi Motshwaedi who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 23rd 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 Mahalapye on this 21 Day of October 2026.

The Executrix
Gosego Ramotshabi
P.O Box 21613
Gaborone
Cell No. 71888864

The Executor
Game Motshwaedi
P.O Box 21613
Gaborone
Cell No. 74427989

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE EBRAHIM ISMAEL NADAT

IN PURSUANCE of of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01), the heirs and next of kin of the deceased persons specified above are hereby invited to attend a next of kin meeting on **Wednesday 2nd December 2026 @ 10:30 a.m at** the **Office of the Master – B. Kgerethwa** located at the Gaborone High Court Division.

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

For any enquiries concerning the deceased person's estate please contact the Master's office on 3718343 or 371800/3718040 (switchboard)

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INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME

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

1. **SEGAETSHO KUTLWANO MOHUTSIWA** who is married to **TSHOLOFELO MOHUTSIWA**, in community of property on the **11th** day of **November 2021** at Kanye in the Southern District, intends to make an application to the High Court of Botswana for leave to change their property regime to out of community.

2. **SEGAETSHO KUTLWANO MOHUTSIWA** and **TSHOLOFELO MOHUTSIWA** intends 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.

3. Any **person, creditor or debtor**, who may have an **interest in the assets and/or liabilities** of **SEGAETSHO KUTLWANO MOHUTSIWA** and **TSHOLOFELO MOHUTSIWA's** estate, should they have objections to the proposed change of matrimonial property regime, should inform the Applicant's Attorneys, WAME'S LEGAL CHAMBERS in GABORONE, **before the expiration of three (3) weeks period,** or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

DATED IN GABORONE ON THIS 26th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.

WAME'S LEGAL CHAMBERS Applicants' Attorneys
Plot 908, Extension 2,
African Mall, GABORONE

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
GAOLEHUHA SHEKI SEFALANA ESHMY	000353-26	26.11.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 21ST OCTOBER 2026

DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of lost Title Deed No MA 14/98 dated 29th day of January 1998 Made in favour of Legae English Medium School (Proprietary) Limited

Certain: Piece of Land Tribal Lot 10 Gabane
Situate: at Gabane in the Bakwena Tribal Territory
Measuring: 1.5265 HA, One point Five Two Six Five Hectares
Which Property: is held under Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No MA 14/98 dated 29th January 1998 made in favour of LEGAE ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL PROPRIETARY LIMITED

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

DATED at Gaborone This 19th day of October 2026

LKK ARCHITECTS | Plot 171 Commerce Park Gaborone | Tel 71635083

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of lost Title Deed No MA 58/98 dated 15th day of April 1998 Made in favour of Kweneng Commercial Consultants (Proprietary) Limited

Certain: Piece of Land Tribal Lot 11 Gabane
Situate: at Gabane in the Bakwena Tribal Territory
Measuring: 7.3855 HA, Seven point Three Eight Five Five Hectares
Held Under: Deed No MA 58/98 dated 15th April 1998 made in favour of Kweneng Commercial Consultants (Proprietary) Limited.

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

DATED at Gaborone This 19th day of October 2026

LKK ARCHITECTS | Plot 171 Commerce Park Gaborone | Tel 71635083

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME

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

1. Be pleased to take notice that **OARABILE SEBUBI and MOTLHOKA SEBUBI** who have been married in community of property since the **04th of JULY 2002 in FRANCISTOWN** wish to change their marriage property regime from in community of property to out of community of property.
2. The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana after the expiration of the **three (3) weeks** of the publication.
3. Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties' shared estate, should they have any objections to the parties' changing their property regime from in community of property to out of community of property are to inform the parties attorneys to ensure that no person is prejudiced by the proposed change before the expiration of the said three weeks period or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.
4. The address of their attorneys is **C/O UB LEGAL CLINIC, PRIVATE BAG 00705 GABORONE**

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 19th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

C/O UB LEGAL CLINIC
OFF MOBUTHO DRIVE
Private Bag 00705

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Dominion Destiny Academy Gaborone a reputable Christian School is seeking to employ a competent, vibrant and God fearing **Receptionist**.

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- Must reside in Gaborone
- Previous experience is an added
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Submit your handwritten application letter, CV, Certificates and Pastoral recommendation letter to

The School Manager
Dominion Destiny Academy
Or Email to: *acadeydominion@yahoo.com*

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

THE OWNER OF plot 3466, Gaborone intends to construct a three storey development consisting of 14 units. Any objections to this proposal should be lodged within 14 days from date of publication to Gaborone city council planning office. Tel no. 3657591/77471559

OWNER OF PLOT 33762 located at Senthumole ward in Mogoditshane intends to change use from commercial (Garden) to Multi Family Residential use. For any objections contact Mogodithsane Physical Planning Office, Telephone 3166653 or Phodiso Philiso Valashia at cellphone No. 74712499

I the owner of Lot 7269 Maratanang, Tlokweng inform neighbors of 7270, 7276 and 7277 about my intention of change of land use from single residential to multi-residential use. Any objection contact 72170074 / 74919335 and Tlokweng District council physical planning office at 369500 / 53 / 41

OWNER OF PLOT no 5382 Tlokweng Masetlheng ward, would like to inform neighbours about the intention to build a boundary wall. For any enquiries contact Tlokweng District Council within (14) days of this publication of this notice.

THE OWNER OF integrated farm, tribal grant 1103-KP, at Mosupabatho lands, in Kgatleng district council, intends to change land use from integrated farm to mix-use agriculture/ civic & community use. Any objections, please notify the physical planning department, Kgatleng district council on 5773512, within 14 days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT no. 1935 in Moroka would like to change land use from industrial to mixed use commercial. Any objections may be forwarded to North East District Council on 2482119 within fourteen days of this publication.

TIROYAONE THOBEGA WOULD like to change land use of her vegetable garden in Ramaphatle from agriculture to mixed use agriculture. Any objections may be forwarded to Mogoditshane Thamaga District Council on 3105615 within fourteen days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT no. 57264 and no. 57265 in Gaborone would like to consolidate the two and change land use from commercial and civic & community respectively to mixed use residential. Any objections may be forwarded to Gaborone city council on 3657495 within fourteen days of this publication.

CHANGE OF LAND-USE Pearl Godiraone B. Mopako of plot 34074 in Serowe Dinokwane West would like to change land use from single family to multi-family residential. For any objection please contact Serowe District Council Physical Planning Office within fourteen days of this advert publication or contact cell phone : +267 74346420

OWNER OF PLOT 7527 Kazungula would like to change land use to mixed use (Agriculture and Industrial). Objections should be fowarded to Chobe District Council on Tel: 6250276 within 14 days of notice

THE OWNER OF no: 1366 at Francistown wishes to change land use from single family residential to Civic & Commuity. For any objection within fourteen days of this publication consult City of Francistown Physical Planning Office Telephone no: 2411700

GOLDEN DAZZLE PTY Ltd owner of plot #2519. situated at Matebele (Cadastre 21), Kgatleng wishes to erect boundary wall. Any objections & enquiries, contact Kgatleng District Council (Physical Planning office) at 5773512 during working hours within (14) days.

OWNER OF PLOT 31439 in Gaborone North would like to inform owners of neighboring plots 31438, 31440 and 31441 of the intention to erect a boundary wall. For queries contact: Gaborone City Council- Building Control Department on +267 3657492

NEIGHBOURS OF PLOT 9354, Letlapeng, Tlokweng, owner wishes to build boundary wall. Contact Tlokweng council on 3695018 for any objection.

OWNER OF PLOT 8859 at Letlapeng ward, Tlokweng would like to change land use from single residential family to Guest house. For any objections contact Tlokweng District Council Planning Office, Telephone 369500

PLOT OWNER OF 9615 Letlapeng Tlokweng wishes to inform neighbours of the intent to erect a boundary wall. Any queries/ objections can be forwarded to Tlokweng Council at 3695003

OWNER OF PLOT 16191 at Lesetlhana ward, Ramotswa wishes to change land use from residential to civic and community. For any objections consult GaMalete District Council, Physical Planning Office on 5381200 within 14 days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 8859 at Letlapeng ward, Tlokweng would like to change land use from single residential family to Guest house. For any objections contact Tlokweng District Council Planning Office, Telephone 369500

Bidvest Steiner Gaborone is looking to hire a Regional Pest Control Manager.

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All interested to send theirs CV's to colleenv@steinerbots.co.bw by the 14th November 2026.

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
BULAYANI JULY LUFU & IRENE	ESHFT-000348-26	26-11-26	0900HRS	SARM LUFU

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 22ND DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

DEPUTY REGISTRAR & 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
Lemogang Mokgweetsi	ESHMY 000328- 26	26.11.26	0900 HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 22ND OCTOBER 2026

DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY

OF A LOST TITLE DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of **Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No FT TL 403/2008 dated 19th November 2008** made in favour of **OTHATA MASEDI in respect of:**

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Tribal Lot No. 11360, Maun;
SITUATE: At Maun in the Batawana Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 1172m² (One Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Two Square Metres);
HELD UNDER: Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. **FT TL 403/2008** dated 19th November 2008 made in favour of **OTHATA MASEDI.**

All such persons having objections to such copy being issued are required to lodge the same in writing to the Registrar of Deeds Francistown, Private Bag F72 Francistown within 21 days of publication of this notice.

DATED AT MAUN THIS 26TH OCTOBER 2026.

AGATHA RAY LEGAL | PLOT 17936, Malbridge Complex | Boseja, Maun | P O Box 40341 | GABORONE

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 estate Act [cap33:01], 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 mister 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
MALEBOGO TSHOGANETSO	ESHMY 000490-26	23.12.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 14TH OCTOBER 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

Grove Gardens at Farm 7889 Metsimotlhabe is looking General Farm Worker

Requirements:
- Minimum Education: Junior Certificate (JC)
- Experience: 2 to 5 years of practical experience in integrated farming .
- Working Conditions: Willingness to live on-site at the farm.

Apply to: The Manager, P O Box 667 AAH Gaborone or boi.ruks@gmail.com
Closing date: 10 November 2026

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

ESHFT-000145-26

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **TABOKA BOREKILWE - ESHFT-000145-26** - who died at RIVERSIDE HOSPITAL, FRANCISTOWN, and FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT BOTSWANA on the **4TH JANUARY 2026.**

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 28 DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

Chris Modisaotsile Borekilwe
Executrix Dative
P O Box 110
Francistown

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters' Reference: ESHMY 000493-26

IN THE ESTATES of the late **KAELO MADIMA** who died at Flowerton ward, Mahalapye , Central-Mahalapye District, Botswana on the 31st October 2025.

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

DATED AT ……ON THIS ……DAY OF…… 2026.

The Executor
Basimane Eric Madima
P O Box 393
Mahalapye
Cell: 72136571/75419080

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000389-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **ALEXANDER MODISA** who died at Mowana ward, Mahalapye, Central-Mahalapye District, Botswana on 24th June 2024

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

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 22nd SEPTEMBER 2026

The Executrix Dative
Iven Segaise
P.O.Box 609
Mahalapye
Cell: 72862020

VACANCY: QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED INDIAN CHEF

Rasoi Dardar Pure Vegetarian Restaurant, a 100% pure vegetarian restaurant based in Gaborone, Botswana, hereby invites applications for the position of Indian Chef. The restaurant seeks a suitably qualified and highly experienced professional with extensive knowledge of Indian cuisine and additional expertise in vegetarian international dishes.

Key Requirements and Qualifications

The successful candidate must meet the following requirements:
- Possess a recognised formal certification in Food Safety and Hygiene.
- Demonstrate extensive expertise in both North Indian and South Indian cuisine.
- Must be specialised in Jain food
- Have proven skills and practical experience in Tandoori cooking and preparation.
- Be proficient in preparing a variety of vegetarian Chinese and Mexican dishes.
- Have a minimum of 14 years of relevant professional experience in the culinary and food service industry.
- Be capable of managing day-to-day kitchen operations, maintaining food quality and hygiene standards, and ensuring efficient kitchen management.
- Have demonstrated ability in menu planning, food preparation, portion control and kitchen resource management.
- Be able to train, supervise and develop local kitchen staff, ensuring the consistent delivery of high-quality meals.

Employer Details
The Manager
Rasoi Dardar Pure Vegetarian Restaurant
P.O. Box: 404667
Gaborone, Botswana
Email: jobs.africa22@gmail.com
Closing Date: Within 14 days of the date of publication

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 000767/24**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **FREDDY KAUHANDA** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **27th day of February 2022**

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

DATED at.....On this ..... Day of 2026

Executor Dative
Tshenolo Botho Buisanyang
P O Box 2074 ABG
Sebele Centre
GABORONE
Cell:71556869

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act **(Cap.31:10)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estate 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 Matter of the High Court at Mahalapye High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purposes of recommendation for appointment, a person 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
MOHUTA JOHANNES	ESHMY 000342-26	03.12.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 27th OCTOBER 2026

DEPUTY REGISTAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

LEBURU J

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

CASE NO: CVHGB-004391-24

In the matter between:

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BOTSWANA LIMITED **PLAINTIFF**

And

LESEGO GOREWANG **DEFENDANT**

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to a judgment granted by the above Honourable Court on **30th June 2025**, the following property of the Defendant will be sold by public auction to the highest bidder by Deputy Sheriff **GAOLATLHE W. RAMOKGWANA** as follows:

DATE OF SALE: 04 December 2026
VENUE: Tribal Lot 1264 Bokaa
TIME: 14:00 PM

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD: The Defendant's rights, title and interest in a certain piece of land being Tribal Lot 1264, Bokaa, situate at Bokaa in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory, measuring 1042m2 held under Notarial Deed of Cession No. MA 280/2018 dated 12th day of April 2018, made in favour of Lesego Gorewang with developments thereon being a 2 bedroomed house with communal bathroom and a screen wall.

TERMS OF SALE: All payments will be made through an electronic fund transfer

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 20TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.

PEOLEGAL

DEPUTY SHERIFF GAOLATLHE RAMOKGWANA
C/O PEO LEGAL
Plot 2536, Thutlwa Close, Extension 9, Gaborone
Tel: 397 5779

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000583/25

IN THE ESTATE of the late **RAOSENKA T. PHUTHE & DIDIMALANG PHUTHE** who died at Ranta Ward, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Molepolole and Sir Ketumile Masire Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on 27th April 2024 and 7th April 2025.

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

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

DATED AT GABORONE this day 21 October 2026

O.Phuthe **Executrix Dative** | Ogaufi Phuthe PO Box 2898 MOLEPOLOLE CELL: 72806485/75415693

SELEBI-PHIKWE MINERS SAVINGS AND CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD

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Selebi-Phikwe

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Fax: 2600914
Email: spmsaccos@botsnet.bw
Website: www.spmsaccos.co.bw

28th October 2026

INTERESTED PARTIES

Invitation for Interested Parties to Rent Bar Premises

We are pleased to invite interested individuals or businesses to express their interest in renting and operating our bar premises located at Plot 5734 Donga, Francistown.

The premises is well-positioned and suitable for bar and entertainment business operations. We are seeking a responsible tenant who is capable of managing the establishment professionally.

Further discussions regarding rental terms, viewing arrangements and other relevant details will be communicated at a later stage.

For inquiries or to arrange a meeting, please contact:

2600915 skeganegile@gmail.com

Deadline for submissions 06th November 2026.

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

ESHFT-000218-26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late Kemiso Kuyenda- ESHFT-000218-26 who died at at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Central- District, Republic of Botswana on the 29th day of January 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 28th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.

OTSILE KUYENDA
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 1203 FRANCISTOWN

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

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION – MOVABLE PROPERTY

Industrial Court of Botswana, Gaborone | Case No. IC 544/25

Gaongalelwe Kgaudi v Sido Engineering Services.

Notice is hereby given that a white Ford Ranger, Registration No. B 969 BEK, will be sold by public auction.

Date: 6 November 2026
Time: 10:30 hours
Venue: In front of Broadhurst Magistrate Court.
Payment: Cash or Electronic Funds Transfer.

Conditions of sale and vehicle inspection: Contact the Deputy Sheriff's office. **(+267 71411705)**

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

CASE NO: CVHGB-000861-24

In the matter between:

FIRST NATIONAL BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED PLAINTIFF

and

SEGOMOTSO KHANDO MATSWE DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to a judgment granted by the above Honourable Court on **3rd July 2024**, the following property of the Defendant will be sold by public auction to the highest bidder by **Deputy Sheriff GAOLATLHE RAMOKGWANA** as follows:

DATE OF SALE	**:** 11 December 2026
VENUE	**:** Tribal Lot 2563 Kopong
TIME	**:** 14:00 Hours
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD	**:** The Defendant's rights, title and interest in a certain piece of land being Tribal Lot 2563, Kopong, situate at Kopong in the Bakwena Tribal Territory, measuring 1304m2 held under Notarial Deed of Cession No: MA 723/2011 dated 15 day of December 2011, made in favour of Segomotso Khando Matswe with developments thereon being a 3 bedroomed house, a 2 bedroomed house with kitchen and bathroom, walled and partially paved.
TERMS OF SALE	**:** All payments will be made through an electronic fund transfer

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 20th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.

DEPUTY SHERIFF GAOLATLHE RAMOKGWANA
C/O PEO LEGAL | **Plot 2536, Thutlwa Close, Extension 9, Gaborone**
Tel: 397 5779 | **Cell:** 72 201 769

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

ESHFT 000392-26

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **SISTER LUFU- ESHFT 000392-26** who died at **NYANGABWE HOSPITAL** North-East District on the **21st November 2023.**

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 29th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

BONANI MOLAPISI | Executor Dative
P O BOX 861, Francistown

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000422-26**

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **OOKEDITSE MATANTA KGANTA** who died at Parwe Ward, Mahalapye, Central-Mahalapye District, Botswana on the **01st June 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 30 days after publication hereof.

DATED at MAHALAPYE on this 26 Day of October 2026.

The Executor
Kabo Kganta
P O Box 2302
Mahalapye
Cell No.72988017

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

ESHFT 000147-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **RICHMOND BOAGI AGYEMANG -ESHFT 000147-24** who died at **UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON MEDICAL CENTER, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98133** on the **22nd day of JANUARY 2024.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that first and final liquidation and distribution account in the above Estate will be open for inspection at the chambers of the **Assistant Registrar and Master of the High Court Francistown** for period of **twenty one (21) days** from the date of the second publication thereof

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 07th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

Mavis Oteng Boadi-Agyemang
EXCECUTOR DATIVE
PLOT NO. 20509, Tati River South, Francistown
CELLPHONE: +267 75 287 630

AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference:
ESHGB 000250-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **KELESITSE SHIMANE KOOGOTSITSE ESHGB-24.** Who died at **SEVENTH DAY ADVESTIST HOSPITAL, KANYE, NGWAKETSE DISTRICT, BOTSWANA** on the **1ST day April 2022.**

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

DATED at 14:30 ON THIS 28 DAY OF 11 2026.

The Executor
Kaone Maungo Sethebe
CELL : 77 064 200

Change of Land Use

Owner of ploughing field at Mmamojewa Lands in Kweneng Disctrict intends to apply for a change of land use of her ploughing field to Mixed-Use Agriculture(crop production, poultry & poultry abattoir).

Interested parties are invited to submit objections to the Kweneng District Council, **Physical Planning Office, Tel: 5922100 or contact 73969514.**

Objections must be submitted **within fourteen (14) working days** from the date of publication of this notice.

VACANCIES

BOHUA (PTY) LTD is looking for qualified a Senior Civil Engineer. Requirements : Bachelor Degree of Civil Engineering with 5-10 years experience. Apply to : The Manager X , P.O Box BR58 Gaborone. Closing date : 11 November 2026.

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WHITACON (PTY) LTD a construction company in Mogoditshane is looking for Operations Manager with a minimum of Diploma in Projects Management and 10 years experience in the field of construction. Send applications to : The Director, P/Bag B O 289, Bontleng. Tel : 267-3186086. Closing date 06/11/2026

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000364-26**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MATHARING ABOTSENG** who died at Princes Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 22nd April 2026

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

DATED AT MAHALAPYE ON THIS 28th DAY October 2026

The Executor
Keikabile Nnoi Batisane
P O BOX 43
SEBINA
71452903

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: - ESHGB 001032-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MOLETSI MICHAEL MATSHWELE** who died at Sir Ketumile Masire Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **4th September 2024.**

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026.

_____
Jessie Magdeline Matshwele
P o Box 30729, GABORONE | **Cell:** 76 116 649

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters Reference: ESHGB-000419/23

IN THE ESTATE of the late **PHENYO PUSOILE** who died at Masuaditshwene Ward, Molepolole in Kweneng District, Botswana on 27th January 2021.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after publication hereof.

DATED at……on this ……Day of……2026.

The Executor & Executrix Pere Pusoile P O Box 1604, Molepolole

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference ESHMY000267-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late Kebabonye Nyoka who died at Xhosa 1 Ward, Mahalapye Central, Mahalapye, District Botswana on the 12th May 2024

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

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

DATED AT MAHALAPYE ON THIS 28TH DAY OCTOBER 2026
Executrix
Letsositswe Tokwe
P O Box 311 Tonota
Cell: 71254421

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CONSUMABLES SALES MANAGER

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PURPOSE OF THE JOB
The Consumables Sales Manager will sell consumable products and services by collaborating with sales specialists and account managers to establish strategies for interacting with priority accounts, developing opportunistic accounts, and promoting the portfolio of office control solutions. Apply knowledge of the organization's services, products, and marketing techniques in pursuit of responsible profit margin and market share growth.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES
- Sell consumable products and grow the existing business by developing and managing relationships with key customer decision-makers.
- Identify and penetrate all priority accounts within the assigned geographic area. Following the sale, demonstrate proper product use to customer and Service Representative.
- Educate Service Representative on account products in use to equip him/her with proper tools to maintain account. Meet or exceed the assigned territory's sales quota and margin objectives for all assigned products while maintaining expenses within expense limitations.
- Prepare and submit territory forecasts and call planning travel agendas detailing customer visits and progress.
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- Respond to all customer inquiries in a timely manner. Comply with all company SOPs, policies and procedures.
- Participate in training seminars, meetings, and on-the-job training programs. Demonstrate an understanding and an ability to apply concepts and knowledge obtained from these training and skill development sources.
- Support Corporate Sales efforts to obtain and implement National Account contracts and agreements in conjunction with Corporate Sales team.
- Maintaining sales call data by entering into designated Nashua System.
- Completing required corporate and sales reports within designated timeframes.
- As required, resolve account billing and contract renewal issues.
- Manage administrative responsibilities timely including assigned training, expense reports, etc.
- Perform other related duties as required.

QUALIFICATIONS
Education / Certification / Experience Required:
- Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Technology or a related field; relevant experience may be considered in lieu of a degree.
- At least 7 years' experience in printing solutions and IT technologies.
- Strong client relationship, account and project management experience.
- Proven customer service and sales performance record.

Competencies Required:
- Strong communication, negotiation and presentation skills.
- Excellent business acumen and product knowledge.
- Effective problem-solving, planning and organisational abilities.
- Integrity, accountability and a customer-focused approach.
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively.

Suitably qualified applicants should forward their application along with CV and educational qualifications to:

Human Resources Officer
Nashua Botswana
P O Box 40439
Gaborone

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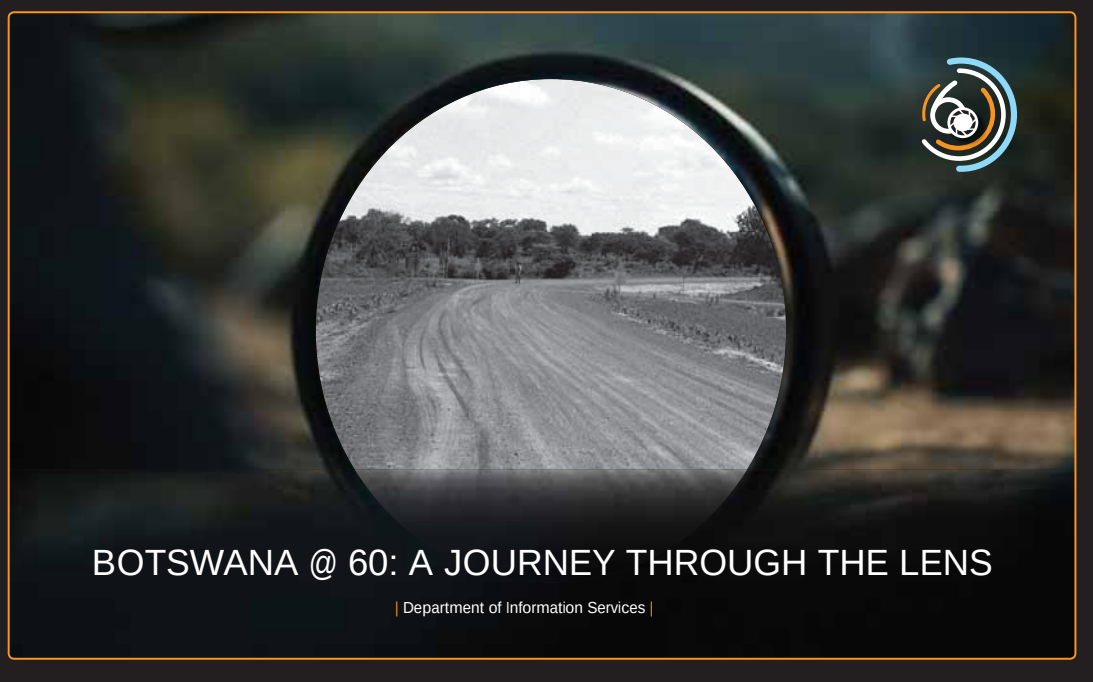
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN

ESHFT 000870-25 | NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the **late Dikeledi Mmereki, ESHFT 000870-25** who died at Sekokwe ward Matshelagabedi, North East District on the 26 day of November 2020.
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 28 DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.

Kemoreng Mmereki
Executor Dative
P O Box 11365, **Francistown**

AND TO: Master OF High Court
Private Bag F13
FRANCISTOWN

THE MAKEOVER PLACE BEAUTY SALON

VACANCY: HAIR & SCALP SPECIALIST HAIRDRESSER

Employer: The Makeover Place Beauty Salon
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Job Title & Summary:
The Hair & Scalp Specialist Hairdresser will provide professional hairdressing services, specialise in Caucasian hair, perform hair and scalp restoration treatments, assess scalp health, and identify conditions requiring referral to a qualified medical practitioner.

How to Apply:
Email your CV to **themakeoverplacebw@gmail.com** or contact 71384131 for enquiries.

Closing Date: 7 November 2026

GROUP INTERNAL AUDITOR

Motovac Group invites applications from highly experienced, result-oriented, and dynamic professionals for the position of Group Internal Auditor.
The successful candidate will play a pivotal role in strengthening the Group's internal control systems, enhancing operational efficiency, ensuring regulatory compliance, and promoting the highest standards of corporate governance across its trading and manufacturing operations.

KEY QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE
The ideal candidate must meet the following requirements:
• **Professional Qualification:** Must be a Chartered Accountant and a member of the Botswana Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA).
• **Experience:** A minimum of 18 years of post-qualification experience in internal auditing, within diversified trading and manufacturing organisations.
• **Internal Audit and Corporate Governance:** Extensive experience in evaluating internal control systems, identifying operational and financial risks, strengthening internal audit frameworks, and ensuring compliance with established policies, procedures, and applicable regulations.
• **Accounting Standards and Auditing:** Excellent working knowledge of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and International Standards on Auditing (ISA).
• **Accounting and ERP Systems:** In-depth knowledge and practical experience of accounting and ERP packages, particularly Tally ERP, Pastel, Kerridge, and SYSPRO.
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• **Manufacturing and Operational Audit:** Thorough knowledge of production planning, logistics operations, material balancing, machine breakdown analysis, and cost-quality analysis.
• **Analytical and Leadership Skills:** Demonstrated ability to identify control weaknesses, recommend practical corrective measures, improve operational performance, and deliver measurable results.

TRAVEL REQUIREMENT
The position requires a willingness to travel extensively across Botswana and neighbouring countries in which Motovac Group operates.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE
Interested candidates who meet the above criteria are invited to submit the following documents:
• A detailed and updated Curriculum Vitae (CV) with covering letter to :
Email: *anil@motovac.com*
Postal Address: The Finance Director,
Post Box 2486, Gaborone
Deadline: 14/11/2026

TEACHING VACANCIES

ST. ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OF PALAPYE

DATE: 26th OCTOBER 2026

TEACHING VACANCIES

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CLASS TEACHERS
Qualification and experience
- Recognized teaching qualification
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- BOPTECO license will be an added advantage
- Minimum of 2 years teaching experience in Primary Schools

JOB SUMMARY
To deliver lessons effectively and efficiently to pupils according to the prescribed syllabus and defined standards.

JOB DESCRIPTION
- Develops, plans and implements curriculum, lesson plans and educational programs for student audiences within areas of expertise.
- The employees shall be responsible for the teaching of the class assigned in accordance with the curriculum laid down by the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education and adopted by ST Anthony's Primary School
- The employee shall be responsible for the maintenance of discipline and an atmosphere conducive to learning in and outside the classroom. Supportive to the needs of all children.
- The employee shall be required to keep records and produce reports for all pupils in his/her charge on a regular basis.

Interested and qualified candidates should send applications to:
The Principal,
St Anthony Primary School
PO Box 005 Palapye

OR

EMAIL: director@stanthonypy.org

Closing Date: 17th November 2026

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESEMY 000414-26**
IN THE ESTATE of the late **KOORUTWE TUMELO & KESEBONYE KOORUTWE** who both died at Mahalapye Hospital, Mahalapye, Central-Mahalapye District, Botswana on the 25th August 1996 and 11th November 2004 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.

The Executor
Mathata Koorutwe
P O Box 1032
Mahalapye
Cell: 74536106

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000452-26**
IN THE ESTATES of the late **LERURI BASHA PHILLIP** who died at Bokamoso Private Hospital, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 29th March 2023.

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

DATED AT ……ON THIS ……DAY OF…… 2026.

The Executrix
Bennedict Lesego Motsewabagale
P O Box 2107
Mahalapye
Cell: 71893197

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

ESHFT - 000219-26 | **NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

IN THE ESTATE of the **late SEMAU MANWELE, ESHIFT - 000219-26** who died at Riverside South, Francistown DISTRICT on the 11th day of April 2016.

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 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

EXECUTOR DATIVE

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AND TO: Master of the High Court
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VACANCIES:

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For more information contact +267 78 714 387 / 3112439

Deadline: 30 November 2026

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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

ESHFT 000661-25 | NOTICE TO DEBITORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the **late Edward Mbengwa**, **ESHFT 000661-25** who died at Tati Siding Mmoroso, North-East District on the 06th day of MAY 2025.
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within **30 days** after the publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 28 DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

Executor dative:
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FRANCISTOWN
CELL NO. 75217080/71767317

Executor dative:
ELIZABETH MBENGWA
P. O. Box 269
TATISIDING
CELL NO. 76715568

AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
Private Bag F13
FRANCISTOWN

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

ESHGB-000866/23
IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE KGOTLAYAME MAKABE who died at 20th day of September 2023 at Scottish Livingstone Hospital, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Botswana.

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

DATED AT _____ ON THE ____DAY OF _____2026

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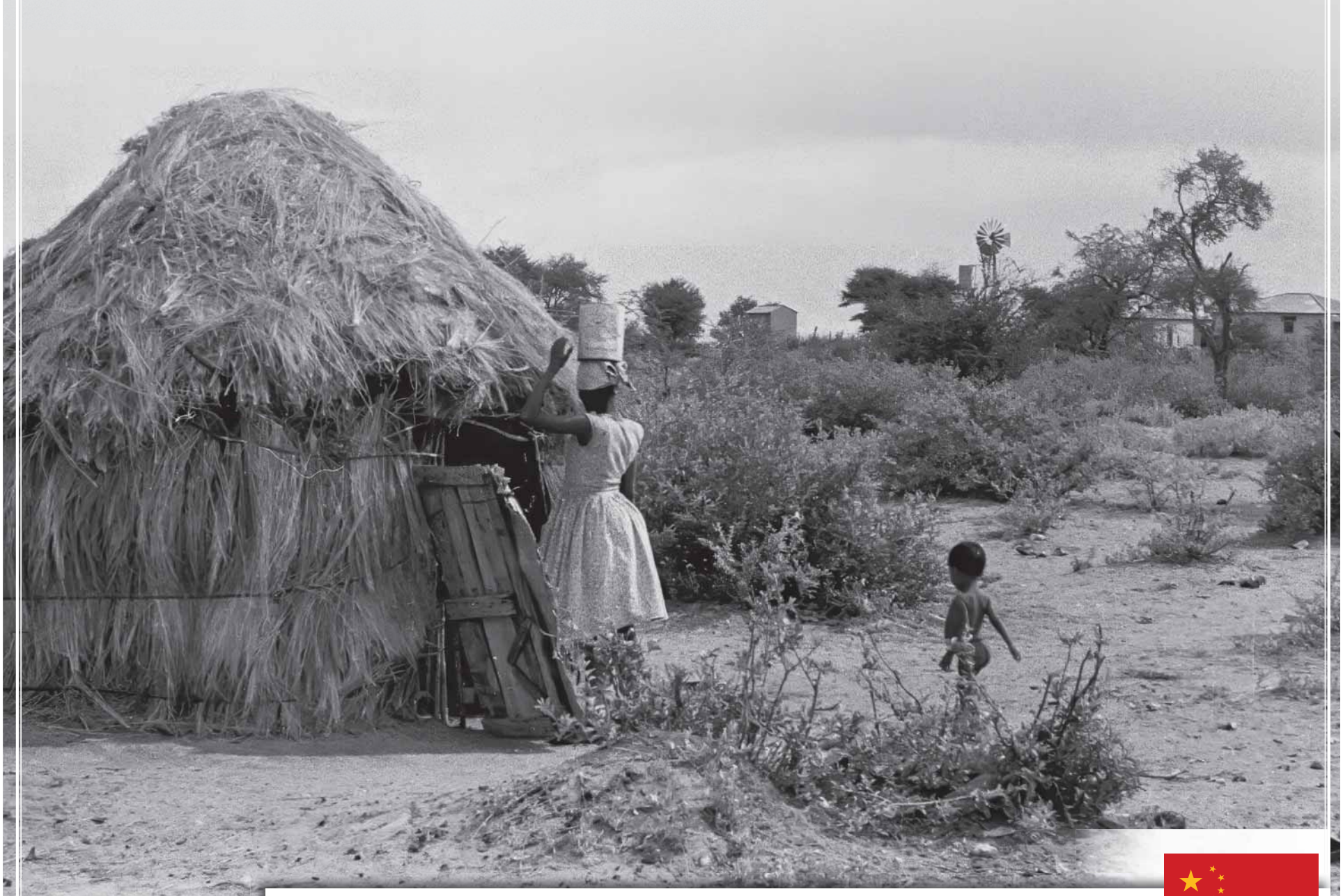
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Two lucky Choppies Stores customers from the north and southern part of the country will smile all the way to the bank each **P1million richer** at the end of this year's **23rd Choppies Big Birthday Bonanza competition.**

The local retailer has also availed **three** T**oyota Land Cruiser FJ off-road SUV's** to three other lucky customers and **six Suzuki super carry trucks or matshelonyana** at the grand finale of the competition slated for January next year.

A whooping **P100 000 wor**th **of gift vouchers** is expected to be shared amongst lucky customers across all **Choppies stores every Saturday** while the other prize is a **3nights stay at Wilderness camp for two adults.**

Welcoming guests at the **Choppies Big Birthday Bonanza prizes** reveal on the 16th October **Choppies Botswana Category Manager Mr. Boniface Tebogo** said once again the competition was an exciting opportunity and memorable moment for **Choppies Stores** customers.

He said it was a heartfelt thank you to all stakeholders as the retailer embarked on its proud tradition with excitement.

Mr. Tebogo said behind every purchase was a customer making a choice to support and trust the brand. He said **Choppies Stores** valued the loyalty of its customers and provided an opportunity to give back.

Tebogo said it was a moment of resilience and dedication to those who had shown commitment to the building of the brand.

He said they displayed great determination and strength despite challenges encountered along the way and such partnership and successes was worth celebrating.

CA Sales representative **Mr. Bashi Ngwato** said they had established **a lasting partnership** with **Choppies** over the years.

He said his company was proud to be part of the life changing competition and they understand how it had touched many lives.

Providing the **Bonanza** overview **Choppies Group Chief Executive Officer Mr Ramachandran Ottapathu** said since its inception back.

in 2003, the competition started small but had grown in leaps and bounds owing to the contributions of partners, customers and **Choppies** selfless staff.

He applauded **Choppies** customers and said they continued to contribute to the retail giant's growth and brand.

For the last 23 years in existence **Mr. Ram** noted that most impressive edition was when a young lady who was an amputee won a motor vehicle.

He said it was the most joyful experience to watch close to three million people waiting with bated breath the announcement of the eventual winner of the grand prize.

For his keynote address **Minister of Sport and Arts Mr Jacob Kelebeng** appreciated Choppies Management together with its partners for the endeavour as he said it was in line with government's vision and mission to empower **Batswana.**

He said the **Bonanza competition** was one of **Botswana's** most celebrated customer promotions which has had a remarkable journey.

Minister Kelebeng said he was encouraged by initiatives such as the **Bonanza** which were supporting national development aspirations.

He said the story of **Choppies** through the **Bonanza competition** was an example that businesses could do more than provide goods and services but could be partners in providing an inclusive and empowered **Motswana**.

Mr Kelebeng said as **Botswana** grappled with challenges of poverty and economic uncertainties among others initiatives such as the **Bonanza** were commendable as they ensured that **Batswana** were provided with sustainable livelihoods and participated in the economy.

In his closing remarks **Choppies Chief Operations Officer Mr Koos Pieterse** was thankful for their suppliers for making the **Bonanza** dream a reality.

He applauded staff and their loyal customers for making massive contributions to the competition over the years.


Welcome Remarks by **Choppies Botswana Category Manager Mr Boniface Tebogo.**


Minister of Sport and Arts Mr Jacob Kelebeng delivering his **keynote address.**


Choppies Group CEO Mr. Ram giving an overview of the **Bonanza Competition.**


Supplier Foreword by **Bashi Ngwato of CA Sales**


Testimonial videos of the **past winners** of the **Bonanza Competition.**


Minister Kelebeng and **Mr. Ram** unveiling the **P2 million Grand Prize**


Choppies Group Chief Operations Officer Mr. Koos Pieterse delivering a **vote of thanks.**


Local musician Chokoma and **his dancers** provided entertainment and the theme song of the **Bonanza Competition** during the prizes reveal


Minister Kelebeng cuttin the **Big Birthday Bonanza** cake.


Mr. Ram unveiling the **Suzuki super carry truck** *Matshelonyana.*


Minister Kelebeng unveiling the **Toyota Land Cruiser FJ SUV vehicles**



Grand Prize



Arts & Culture

Mosimanyana stitches heritage into modern fashion



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Young author pens spiritual growth book

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

Through his upcoming book, *Raphah*, Kgosietsile Kooagile also a spoken-word artiste seeks to encourage readers to deepen their relationship with God amid the pressures and distractions of modern life.

The 21-year-old from Mmadinare said the book was inspired by his conviction that spiritual growth required intentionality and a conscious effort to spend time in God's presence.

Kooagile who is a fourth-year Logistics and Supply Chain Management student at the University of Botswana said often, people became occupied with outward appearances and neglect personal relationship with God.

"Intimacy with God must be cultivated deliberately. It cannot be replaced by religious activity, public appearances or the ability to quote Scriptures," he said.

He explained that Raphah was inspired by Psalm 46:10, which calls on believers to be still and acknowledge God.

Kooagile said the Hebrew word Raphah, as used in the context of his book, encouraged people to be still.

"Stillness is often mistaken for weakness, laziness or the absence of ambition. However, it does not mean abandoning responsibilities, but rather refusing to allow the noise and demands of everyday life to dictate one's priorities," he said.

He said the book was not limited to a particular age group or Christian background.

"Anyone who desires spiritual growth, renewed perspective and a more intentional relationship with God can find something meaningful in its message," he said.

He also has other books to his name including, *Shattering Shackles*, *Ataraxy*, *Here's My Heart* and *Morafhe*, a poetry anthology featuring various authors.

He said his broader vision was to use storytelling as a vehicle for thought, transformation and creative contribution.

For him, literature should go beyond artistic expression to help readers understand themselves, question assumptions and examine the world around them.

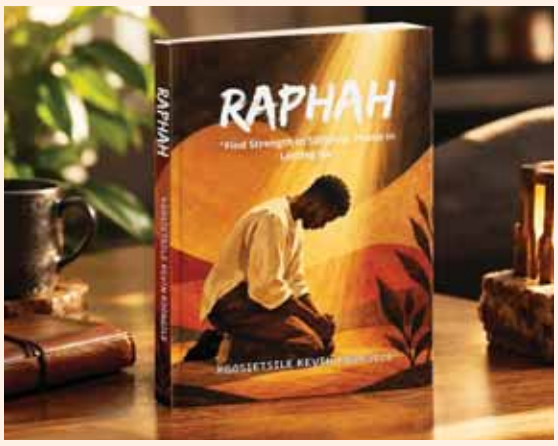
"I want to write works that engage the intellect without neglecting the heart. I want to explore faith without making the human experience seem simplistic and discuss difficult realities without sacrificing compassion," he said.

Kooagile draws inspiration from Christian leaders Dr Myles Munroe and Bishop David Oyedepo, whose teachings on purpose, leadership, biblical conviction and disciplined study have influenced his approach to writing.

He also admires Maya Angelou for her ability to explore dignity, vulnerability, injustice and resilience through poetry and prose.

Kooagile said Botswana remained his starting market, with ambitions to reach readers across Africa and eventually the international market.

The book launch is November 28. ***BOPA***



The book was inspired by Psalm 46:10, which calls on believers to be still and acknowledge God.



Kgosietsile Kooagile said the book was inspired by his conviction that spiritual growth required intentionality and a conscious effort to spend time in God's presence. Photos: Courtesy of Kgosietsile Kooagile

Pelo Ya Monna helps men confront struggles

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

As conversations around mental health, family responsibilities and positive masculinity gain importance, Pelo Ya Monna is creating a platform for men to confront personal struggles, share experiences and redefine what it means to be a man in contemporary society.

The initiative, spearheaded by entrepreneur and community development activist Gape Tubego in collaboration with entrepreneur and gender activist Bridget Pemole, will tomorrow host a men's talk session themed New Beginning in Palapye.

The event seeks to provide men with a safe and supportive environment to discuss issues often left unspoken, including childhood trauma, anger management, addiction, financial pressure, absent fathers and societal expectations of men.

Pemole said the initiative was established to give men an opportunity to express themselves freely without being judged or negatively labelled.

"In most cases, women have more platforms where they can openly discuss their challenges, while men are often expected to remain strong and deal with their problems alone. When a man struggles, he can easily be perceived as irresponsible or even evil, without anyone understanding what he is going through," she said.

She explained that Pelo Ya Monna initially held one-on-one sessions, during which men were encouraged to speak honestly about their experiences and challenges.

According to Pemole, the discussions revealed the need to expand the initiative into a larger gathering where more men could engage in meaningful conversations and learn from one another.

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What's On This Weekend!

30 October

BDF Bands in Concert: Botswana Defence Force kick starts the 32nd BDF Bands in Concert Style to raise funds for charity @ SSKB Auditorium at 7pm

Masa Poetry Nights: Halloween Edition @ Protea Hotel at 7pm

Simmy Live at Coconut in Francistown @ Coconut Lounge at 7pm

31 October

Halloween Festival
@ Joy City Park at 12noon

GaMaila Sports and Cultural Festival in Kanye
@ The Hamptons Inn Garden at 12noon

Tshimong Market Day in Tlokweng
@ Tshimong at 10am

Gospel Meets Jazz Concert
@ Molapo Crossing at 6pm

All White Party 2.0 in Matebeleng
@ Animax Park at 6pm

Hallowen Pantsula
@ SeventyNine Lounge at 6pm

RnB on the Lawn in Francistown
@ Riverside Deck at 12noon

Kabelo Tiro Live in Concert
@ Game City Roof Top at 6pm

1 November

Brunch Controller
@ Capello, Molapo Crossing at 11am

The Gathering Market
@ Bonnington Farm at 10am

The Sunday Sermon featuring RnB and the People
@ Ko Taung at 12noon

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"Our previous sessions created a safe space where men could talk openly about issues affecting their lives. We discussed childhood trauma, anger, absent fathers, financial pressure, addiction and societal expectations. It was not about lecturing men, it was about men talking to men," she said.

She added that the decision to organise a larger event followed participants' willingness to open up about personal struggles, some for the first time.

Pemole said the impact of the previous sessions was evident in the relationships participants had built and the positive changes some had made in their lives.

She cited men who returned with friends and relatives, those who reconciled with their families, sought counselling or stopped drinking as encouraging signs that the initiative was making a difference.

She also highlighted continued interaction among participants through a WhatsApp group, where members check on one another beyond the organised sessions.

"For us, success is not just about the number of people who attend. It is about men who begin to heal, repair relationships and support one another even after the sessions have ended," she said.

The upcoming event is expected to attract between 120 and 200 men aged 18 and above. The organisers are targeting both young men navigating the early stages of adulthood and older men carrying family and community responsibilities.

Pemole said the gathering would be exclusively for men, although the initiative was led by women.

"We believe it takes a community to raise a man. However, the audience and conversations will be strictly for men, so they can be vulnerable without fear of judgement," she said.

She explained that the selection of speakers was guided by their lived experiences, community involvement and willingness to speak honestly about their journeys, rather than their professional titles alone.

The programme will bring together voices from different backgrounds, including traditional leadership, public service, health, faith and agriculture, to offer perspectives on the challenges and responsibilities of manhood. ***BOPA***



Bridget Pemole said the initiative was born out of the need to give men an opportunity to express themselves freely without being judged or labelled negatively.

OvaMbanderu national conference set for Tsabong

Naomi Leepile
TSABONG

Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe is set to attend the upcoming OvaMbanderu National Conference as the guest of honour.

The national event, set for November 7 in Tsabong is organised by the OvaMbanderu Traditional Authority Steering Committee, will be held at Tsabong Unified Secondary School.

Running under the theme:Celebrating Uniqueness in Diversity - A Call for Nation Building, the conference aims to gather delegates of the OvaMbanderu community from across the country to reflect on their collective identity, celebrate cultural diversity, and strengthen national unity.

Chairperson of OvaMbanderu Traditional Authority Abia Kavei, said the gathering would serve as a platform to foster social cohesion and reinforce inclusive nation-building across Botswana.

Organisers anticipate a strong turnout from community members and national leaders. ***BOPA***

Mosimanyana stitches heritage into modern fashion

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

At just 24, fashion designer Isago Mosimanyana is carving a her path in Botswana's fashion industry.

Through her label, Isago Ntle Designs, the Limkokwing University graduate is building a brand that celebrates cultural identity while embracing modern fashion trends.

The brand's name, a creative interpretation of her first name, represents her ambition to contribute to the growth of Botswana's fashion industry.

"I want Isago Ntle to stand for timeless style, cultural consciousness and a distinctive African luxury aesthetic," she said.

A native of Molepolole, Mosimanyana's journey began to take shape during her Fashion Design studies at Limkokwing University, where she acquired skills in illustration, pattern drafting, garment construction and the business aspects of running a fashion enterprise.

Her training taught her that creativity alone is insufficient to sustain a fashion label. Designers must also understand materials, production, financial management and the commercial realities of the industry.

Although university provided the foundation, she continues to develop her craft through experimentation, mentorship and exposure to the fashion industry.

Denim and leather are among her preferred materials. However, Isago Ntle Designs began with swimwear made from nylon Lycra, a collection she remains proud of for its originality and willingness to experiment.

Her participation in Fashion Without Borders Africa has been among her proudest milestones, providing an opportunity to showcase her work and engage with a wider African fashion audience.

She also secured a Mr Price scholarship through Fashion Without Borders Botswana, which offered her a three-month internship in Durban to gain further industry experience.

Beyond individual achievements, Mosimanyana believes collaboration is essential for emerging designers seeking to establish sustainable businesses.

Together with fellow graduate Bokani Monei and experienced designer Phumzile Akolang of Exquisite Designs, she formed a collective that enabled the designers to share expenses, exchange ideas and learn from one another.

Akolang mentored the younger designers while they were still at university, and the relationship subsequently developed into a working partnership.

Mosimanyana said the arrangement had demonstrated how shared resources, industry knowledge and professional networks could help young creatives navigate the challenges of establishing their businesses.

For Mosimanyana, building a fashion label also requires visibility. Networking, participating in fashion events and maintaining an active social media presence help designers reach potential clients and establish industry connections.

Pricing, she said, must reflect the complexity of a garment, the technical skill required, the time invested and the design process.

Her advice to aspiring Batswana designers is to begin rather than wait for perfect conditions.

"Do not wait until everything is perfect before you begin. Experiment, learn through experience and expose your skills and craft to the world," she said. ***BOPA***



The label reflects her ambition to contribute to the growth of Botswana's fashion industry



Mosimanyana's work draws inspiration from Botswana's cultural heritage.

Kasane here we come - hand paddlers

Lindi Morwaeng
RASESA

With their hands firmly on specially adapted bicycles, a group of cyclists with disabilities is turning Botswana's highways into a platform for inclusion, determination and tourism promotion as they pedal from Gaborone to Kasane.

Their stop by Matsieng Footprints in Rasesa on Saturday was more than a welcome break on a demanding journey.

It was an opportunity to showcase Kgatleng District's cultural heritage while demonstrating that disability does not diminish a person's ability to contribute to society.

The cyclists are participating in the BIDII YETU Inclusive Cycling Tour 2026, a national advocacy and fundraising initiative running from October 24 to November 6 under the theme "Pedaling Beyond Barriers, Celebrating Ability, Inclusion and Community Solidarity."

Leading the team, Thuso Rasetapa, a wheelchair user following Polio infection, said the tour sought to promote inclusive cycling, showcase the abilities of people with disabilities and raise funds for projects that would improve their lives.

"Our slogan is 'power in the hands'. We are using our hands to show that indeed we can do powerful things, even though we are persons with disabilities," he said. The cyclists use specially adapted handcycles, which enable people who cannot use their lower limbs to propel themselves using their hands. For Rasetapa, the journey is also an opportunity to introduce Botswana's heritage attractions to a wider audience, particularly sites that may be overlooked by travellers passing through the country.

At Matsieng Footprints, the team stopped to appreciate a site associated with the history and origins of Batswana, reinforcing the tour's message that tourism should be accessible and that people with disabilities can actively participate in exploring and promoting the country.

Rasetapa said the cyclists would travel along the A1, A3 and A33 roads, passing through different parts of Botswana and highlighting attractions along the way.

Among the places he identified were the Tropic of Capricorn, where the team was scheduled to camp and a distinctive Mophane tree near Radisele that he believes deserves greater recognition as a heritage attraction as it is the last Mophane tree from the North and the first Mophane tree from the South of the country.

He said the initiative was intended to encourage both local and international audiences to discover Botswana's cultural and natural heritage.

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism and Environment, Ms Neo Sebolao, who joined the cyclists at Rasesa, commended the initiative for combining tourism promotion with disability inclusion.

She said the journey from the Three Dikgosi Monument in Gaborone to Matsieng Footprints demonstrated how heritage sites could be incorporated into tourism experiences and promoted to wider audiences.

Ms Sebolao urged the team to prioritise their health and safety, particularly given the effects of the sun as they travelled north.



The BIDII YETU 2026 Inclusive Cycling Epic team, comprising cyclists from five countries, arriving in Tonota on Wednesday en route to Kasane. Team leader, Thuso Rasetapa said the team, representing Botswana, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Mozambique and the United States, was expected to arrive in Kasane on November 6. He appealed to the public to assist with water and sports drinks to help cyclists cope with the hot weather. Photos: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

In a gesture of support, she presented the cyclists with 10 sun hats, which she had bought personally to help protect them from the sun.

Meanwhile, Kgatleng District Deputy Commissioner, Phenyo Nthaga said the tour offered the district an opportunity to promote its heritage attractions while creating economic opportunities for local communities.

Nthaga said the district was hoping to develop the initiative into an annual handcycling challenge, allowing more people to experience its heritage while promoting inclusion. "The cyclists are showing that Kgatleng is worth a stop, not just a pass," he said.

He added that the initiative could also create opportunities for people with disabilities to showcase their talents and participate in community tourism.

"This event is both a human rights statement and an economic opportunity for Kgatleng," Nthaga said. For Letlhogonolo Morwagole, who delivered a message of solidarity on behalf of people with disabilities, the gathering was a reminder that inclusion must go beyond words and translate into everyday actions. He said the cyclists were challenging the negative attitudes that often lead society to underestimate people with disabilities.

"Inclusive means eating together, travelling together and building together," he said, calling for a society in which everyone, regardless of ability, belongs.

The message was echoed by Kelebogile Puontwa, a member of the Botswana team who also participates in wheelchair basketball and wheelchair racing.

Puontwa said being part of the tour had strengthened her belief in the abilities of people with disabilities and encouraged her to inspire others to embrace their circumstances rather than allow them to limit their aspirations.

"It has taught me that people living with disabilities have ability and that they should not look down upon themselves, but embrace disability," she said.

She expressed confidence that she would complete the journey to Kasane, saying people with disabilities should be encouraged to recognise their potential and strive to achieve their goals.

Rasetapa said proceeds would go toward constructing a rehabilitation centre in Kasane and developing handcycling through the acquisition of additional handcycles.

He explained that the proposed centre would serve people across the wider Chobe region, including communities such as Nata, Parakarungu, Satau, Mabele and Kachikau, where access to rehabilitation services can be challenging.

The initiative began in 2023, when the organisers introduced handcycles.

In June of that year, they undertook a journey across the Kgalagadi, travelling from Charles Hill to Ramatlabama over approximately 850 kilometers.

The current tour marks another major undertaking, bringing together approximately 30 participants, including handcyclists from Botswana, South Africa, Mozambique and Zimbabwe, alongside a supporting team from the United States and cycling groups joining along the route.

The journey is supported by several organisations, including Hosting Solutions, Duma FM, Nashua, Starlink, Paratus, Enka Clothing, Senn Foods and Veggieland, which have contributed through financial assistance, publicity, internet connectivity, clothing and refreshments.

As the cyclists continue toward their destination, their journey carries a message that extends beyond the road: that people with disabilities deserve equal opportunities to participate in sport, explore their country, contribute to economic development and live with dignity.

For the cyclists, every kilometre is another opportunity to challenge assumptions and demonstrate that barriers can be overcome.

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The BIDII YETU 2026 Inclusive Cycling Epic team leader Thuso Rasetapa

Scorching heat and water shortage hit 1000km inclusive cyclists

Thamani Shabani
TONOTA

The scorching heat has become the biggest enemy for hand cyclists undertaking a 1000 km inclusive cycling journey from Gaborone to Kasane. Hand cyclist, Thuso Rasetapa, who is leading the team as part of the BIDII YETU 2026 Cycling Challenge, said since they started their journey five days ago, cycling under the blazing sun has been extremely difficult.

Speaking at Tonota Main Kgotla on October 28, on day five, Rasetapa said the other major challenge was shortage as they get dehydrated by the scorching heat.

"Cycling under intense heat without cooling agents like water and fruits poses a serious challenge for us," he said.

Rasetapa, a teacher at one of the primary schools in Tlokweng, however said despite the heat and water challenges, all cyclists are in good condition and appealed to companies and individuals to assist with fruits and water for the remaining nine days of the journey.

Rasetapa said the cyclists have been receiving good reception and overwhelming welcome in all stop-over villages.

He explained that the cycling brand name "BIDII YETU" was a Swahili name meaning "Our Hard Work," or "Our Resilience," was a cycling challenge for cyclists with disabilities who were determined to prove their capabilities despite having disabilities and prevailing conditions like the current heat wave affecting their journey.

Rasetapa said the main objective of the challenge was to sensitise people about inclusion of people with disabilities in everyday life while using sport.

He said the second objective was to enhance a positive healthy lifestyle amongst people living with disabilities as well as to educate Batswana on the rights of people living with disabilities.

In addition, Rasetapa said the other objective is to encourage elderly people to test for Non-Communicable Diseases.

He said five countries were involved in the challenge being Botswana, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and the USA. Rasetapa also disclosed that amongst the cyclists were four women, two from Botswana, one from Zimbabwe while another was from the USA, adding that this was part of women empowerment among people living with disabilities. *BOPA*

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Sua Flamingoes edge Extension Gunners

Marvin Motlhabane
LOBATSE

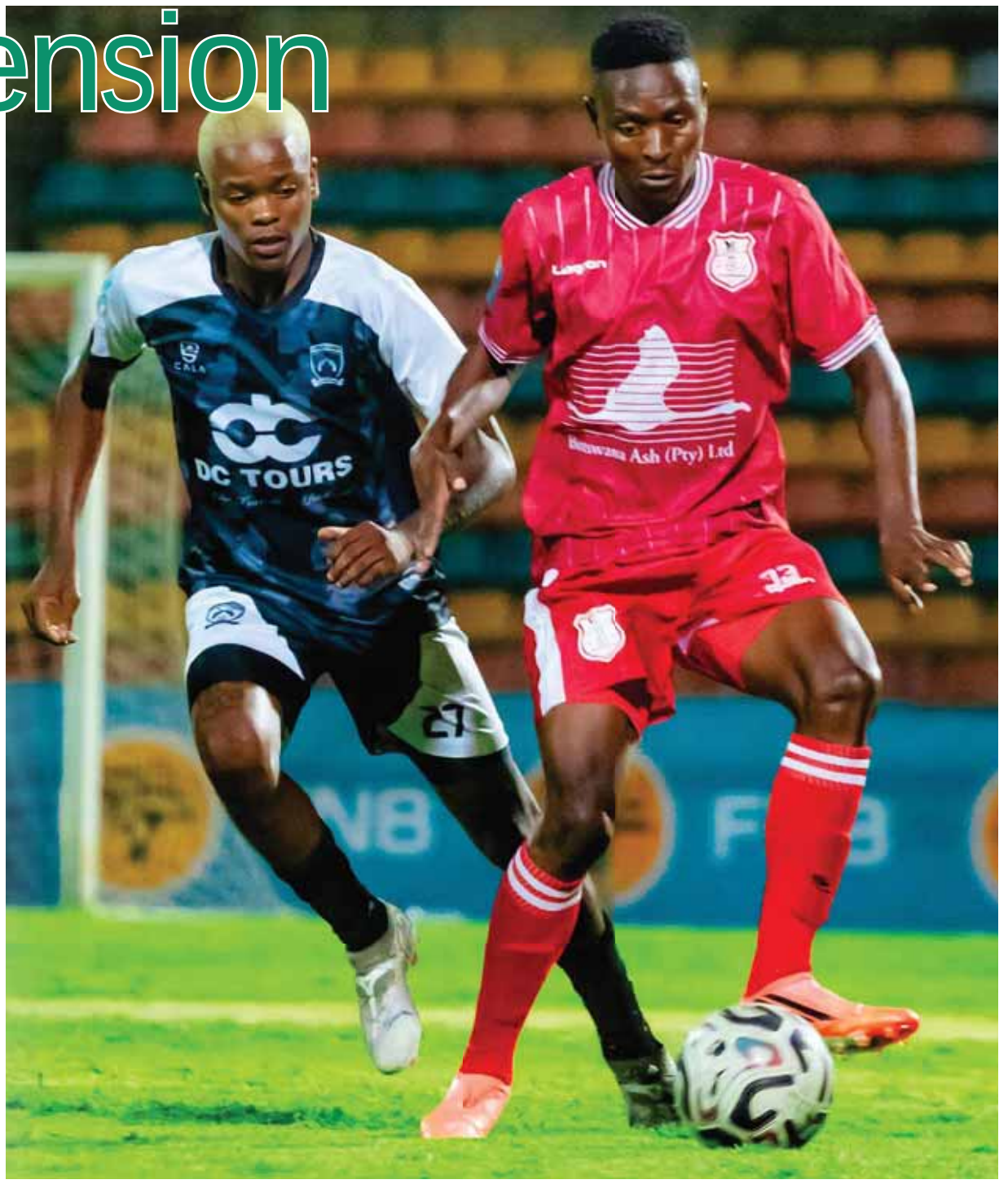
A closely contested game saw Sua Flamingoes claim a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Extension Gunners in Lobatse on Wednesday to strengthen their position in the 2026/27 FNB Premiership.

The Flam boys secured their victory in the 78th minute through a tap in from a corner kick by Lucas Keabetswe.

The result moved them to position three with 14 points from seven matches behind Tonota FC who have accumulated same number of points but ahead on goal difference and Gaborone United at the summit of the log with 18 points.

Extension Gunners, who had targeted a win that would have taken them to 12 points, remain with nine points and outside the top eight bracket.

In other midweek results, BDF XI and Morupule Wanderers settled for a two-all draw, Gaborone United defeated Orapa United by a solitary goal, Enesia FC and TAFIC FC settled for a one-all draw, while Jwaneng Galaxy defeated Centre Chiefs one nil. *BOPA*



Resaobaka Thatanyane of Extension Gunners (left) and Keabetswe Lucas of Sua Flamingoes during FNB Premiership encounter in Lobatse on Wednesday. Sua Flamingoes won 1-0.
Photo: Courtesy of Sua Flamingoes

Maotoanong true patriot - Kelebeng

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

The Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeng says the late Olympian, Gaone "Lux" Maotoanong's legacy will live on through the athletes he inspired, the teammates he supported and the contribution he made to Botswana's sporting success.

Kelebeng described Maotoanong as a patriot whose outstanding achievements and dedication to athletics brought honor to Botswana.

Speaking at Maotoanong's memorial service at the National Stadium in Gaborone on Wednesday, Kelebeng said the late sprinter was disciplined, resilient and committed, having represented the country with pride on the international stage.

He said Maotoanong's contribution to sport extended beyond competition, as he also served on the Botswana National Olympic Committee Athletes' Commission from 2021 to 2025.

He said the late athlete's decision to obtain a Level One coaching certification last year demonstrated his commitment to developing future generations of athletes and strengthening the sporting fraternity.

Kelebeng further urged young athletes to draw inspiration from Maotoanong's journey by pursuing excellence through perseverance, sacrifice and dedication, while representing the national colours with pride.

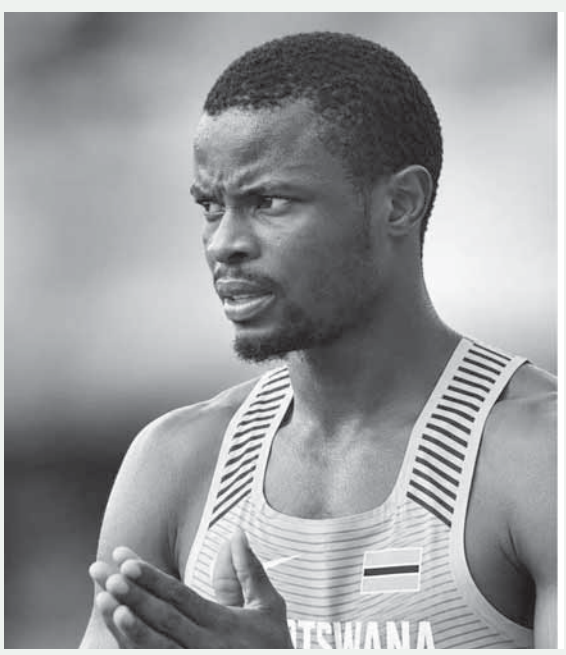
He said although the athlete's race had come to an untimely end, his name would remain associated with excellence, courage, national pride and service to sport.

Maotoanong's career was highlighted by a gold medal in the 4x400m relay at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, Australia, as well as African Championships relay gold medals in 2014 and 2016.

Coach Justice Dipeba also remembered the late Olympian as a resilient athlete and jovial teammate who inspired those around him. Dipeba recalled the sprinter's humor and his welcoming nature, particularly his playful interactions with young athletes during team trips.

He said Maotoanong made younger athletes feel welcome and took time to guide them, leaving a lasting impression on his teammates. Dipeba said Maotoanong demonstrated resilience following criticism of his performance after the 2016 Rio Olympic Games, going on to contribute to Botswana's men 4x400m relay gold medal victory at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

He died last week on Wednesday and is scheduled to be laid to rest in Tlokweng on Saturday. *BOPA*



The late Olympian; Gaone "Lux" Maotoanong