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President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi (third left), First Lady Neo (second left), Vice President Slumber Tsogwane (third right), Chief Justice Terence Rannowane (right), Minister of Finance, Ms Peggy Serame (left) and Bank of Botswana governor, Mr Moses Pelaelo during the official opening of the re-developed Bank of Botswana PulaThebe building in Gaborone yesterday. President Masisi said the responsibility by Bank of Botswana was to provide a fiscal environment that supported the expansion of economic activities through enabling savings and provision of credit, facilitating the conduct of transactions and enabling international trade, as well as providing wealth management, custodial and risk mitigation services. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

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Social ills need church intervention - Modukanele

By Phodiso Gaebepe

PALAPYE – The world is faced with a myriad of challenges that need the intervention of churches.

Speaking at the Seventh Day Adventist Northern Camp in Palapye on Tuesday, Assistant Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Mr Sethabelo Modukanele said individuals, the nation and the entire world were faced with trials and tribulations that called for people to seek solutions from God.

Mr Modukanele, who is also the MP for Lerala/Maunatlala, cited senseless and gruesome murders, mostly affecting women and shockingly young innocent children, skyrocketing divorce rates, delinquent children associated with alcohol and drug abuse as well as indulgence of high performing substances, among others, as challenges that bedevilled the nation.

Therefore, he said it was paramount to introspect and find the right path.

On the theme: How Far From

Home, Modukanele noted that it called for every believer and Motswana to do self-introspection and ask themselves what kind of Botswana they wished to live in.

He said the question would help come up with solutions for a myriad of situations that the nation was grappling with, adding it was therefore appropriate that the theme begs for reflection and introspection.

He said as participants pondered the theme, they should turn to the church for comfort. Minister Modukanele said he trusted that the church would help guide the nation back to the right path as well as restoring hope and tolerance. "I want to believe the church is still around and capable of restoration. However, this does not refer to the physical structures of the church, we are referring to the congregants for we are the ones afflicted by these social challenges," he said.

As for the role of the church and alignment to the national vision pillar number two on Human and Social Development, he said faith was the foundation upon which society built its moral and ethical

standards for social development and cohesion.

He said through the Vision 2036 Botswana aspired to be morally upright and tolerant of one another irrespective of gender, age, location, religion or creed, ethnic origin, sex, disability, language and political opinion.

He said freedom of worship would continue to be guaranteed to promote tolerance, peace and cohesion across all sections of the society.

He shared that the principle of Botho would continue to be an anchor that guided the nation.

He appreciated faith-based organisations for playing a significant role in shaping the morality of society, adding that churches contributed significantly to raising leaders who were morally upright, citing educational structures of SDA church.

He lauded the church for its contribution to the health sector through health facilities in Kanye and Gaborone.

He said he was also aware of the church's contribution in the

education sector through pre-schools, primary and secondary schools across the country.

Furthermore, he said another SDA primary school would soon be opened in Maun.

He advised congregants that

their biblical waiting would be in vain if their time was not filled with labour, adding there was need to multiply the resources that God had placed in people's hands, invest talents and money in God's course. **BOPA**

Ambassador hails Botswana, US relations

By Thamani Shabani

FRANCISTOWN - Botswana's long standing relationship with United States of America is underpinned by the two nations' commitment to democracy, human rights, and the rule of law.

This was said by US Ambassador to Botswana Mr Howard Van Vranken at a meet and greet session with journalists in Francistown on Monday.

"There is also a strong military relationship, with the US providing training and assistance to the Botswana Defence Force," he said.

Also, Mr Van Vranken stated, the US had collaborated with Botswana on public health initiatives such as HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment.

He noted that US had also worked with Botswana to combat cross-border crimes.

Ambassador Van Vranken said this done through training and support to law enforcement agencies in Botswana to help them better detect and investigate such crimes.

"These crimes include human trafficking, drug trafficking and wildlife trafficking and poaching," he told journalists.

The two nations according to the US Ambassador also share intelligence.

He disclosed that these efforts were having a positive impact in the fight against cross-border crime.

Concerning the press, Mr Van Vranken said although a lot of progress had been achieved towards press freedom, the

local media could learn a lot from the vibrant US media and be impactful. **BOPA**

Mokhawa assumes United Nations role

GABORONE - Botswana's newly appointed Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Dr Gladys Mokhawa on Tuesday presented her credentials to United Nations secretary general, Mr António Guterres, in New York.

Ambassador Mokhawa, who is the country's first female Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, takes over from Ambassador Collen Kelapile following her appointment by President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi, earlier this month.

A press release from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs states that Ambassador Mokhawa has a wealth of experience in international relations, diplomacy and public policy fields.

She joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2020 and was appointed as the ministry's first female permanent secretary in 2021.

As the executive head of the ministry, Ambassador Mokhawa was a key driver in advancing Botswana's national interests on the bilateral, regional and multilateral platforms.

Prior to joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr Mokhawa worked extensively in academia and among her various roles, she headed the department of political and administrative studies at the University of Botswana. She is also widely published.

As Botswana's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN, Dr Mokhawa is positioned to promote the country's interests at the UN, as well as, strengthen relations with two countries that the mission is concurrently accredited to, namely, Jamaica and Cuba.

Botswana's Mission to the UN is one of the country's oldest diplomatic missions having been established in 1966. **BOPA**



Moarabi Family Ministries founder, Mr Richard Moarabi (left) and participants at the City2City campaign against Drugs, HIV/AIDS and GBV closing ceremony in Gaborone recently. He said family was the cornerstone of society as it shaped the attitude, hopes and values of a child. Mr Moarabi said children from a broken family ended up being involved in drug abuse, as well as engaging in multiple sexual encounters, which could result in them being infected with HIV, as well as experiencing GBV.

Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Morwaeng assures constituents of development projects

By Tebagano Ntshole

MOLEPOLOLE - Numerous development projects have been earmarked for Molepolole South, area MP Mr Kabo Morwaeng has said.

Responding to concerns raised by the residents in Gamodubu and Mmanoko during kgotla meetings on Wednesday, Mr Morwaeng said amongst the projects to be undertaken was construction of the road connecting Gamodubu to the Gaborone-Molepolole road.

He said the 3-kilometre stretch had been allocated P5.6 million.

MP Morwaeng, who is also the Minister for State President, said he made a decision to develop roads in his area from the constituency fund.

Previously, each ward shared the

P10 million annual fund resulting with incomplete roads and the minister said it was important to have completed roads rather than having incomplete patches all over the constituency.

In addition, the pavement connecting Mmanoko to the A12 road would also be extended to the kgotla and the primary school.

Also in the pipeline is development of the 22-kilometre Molepolole internal roads.

Mr Morwaeng said the contractors undertaking these projects would be required to employ locals, especially for semi-skilled or unskilled jobs.

He disclosed that upgrading of the kgotla shelter at the Molepolole main kgotla was complete.

He said the P600 000 project

as well as construction of the P26 million kgotla offices were implemented as a result of his efforts. Mr Morwaeng said the Gamononyane-Molepolole water project was expected to be completed in September.

He explained that the project schedule was extended as it was affected by high steel prices due to the Ukraine/Russian conflict.

He pledged to help develop the local kgotla shelters.

Some residents complained about the slow allocation of residential plots in their areas, which however was explained to be due to the reluctance of ploughing fields' owners to cede them to the land board.

Others decried the high crime rate. In Gamodubu, where it was explained that currently there

was one police officer after the other was transferred but never replaced, the residents requested more law enforcement officers.

Mmanoko residents complained that they had to rely on the police in Molepolole, which was far hence it took a long time to get assistance.

They also talked about unavailability of medications in clinics, which compelled them to travel to Scottish Livingstone Hospital in Molepolole.

Ms Patience Kago of the District Health Management Team (DHMT) said nurses had stopped dispensing drugs as they said it was not their duty.

There are 64 health facilities in Kweneng district, while there are only nine pharmacy technicians, hence the challenge. **BOPA**

PulaThebe building opens

By **Thato Mosinyi**

GABORONE - President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi has hailed the re-development of Bank of Botswana (BoB) headquarters building, saying its symbolic and iconic features are linked to the national development aspirations as espoused in National Vision 2036 and set out in the Reset Agenda.

The President was speaking at the official opening of the BoB PulaThebe building in Gaborone yesterday. He noted that the central bank's location within the government enclave clearly projected it as an important complementary institution in national governance and policy-making.

"Its work is deliberately in alignment with the Reset Agenda, and the 'A Re Chencheng' initiative in the quest of Botswana ultimately transitioning from an upper-middle income to a high income status. Indeed, an important dimension of this economic transformation is technological adaptation and digitalisation," he said.

On this note, President Masisi said the building was in alignment with transition to a knowledge-based economy and what transpires with respect to SmartBots, adding that it was pleasing that the bank also had a digital BoB 2024 initiative. The initiative, he said, translated into transformation of working arrangements, platforms and approaches to interaction with the public and delivery of the bank's mandate. Further, President Masisi said the bank was in the process of deploying resources to enable preparedness for any transition to the issuance of digital fiat money and central bank digital currency as and when necessary.

"The continuing relevance and impact of Bank of Botswana requires addressing modernisation of related legislation as well as governance and institutional arrangements, thus the necessary reforms have been undertaken very meticulously," he said.

He said at the apex of the reforms was the recent promulgation of the Bank of Botswana (Amendment) Act, 2022 through whose mandate of domestic price and financial stability aimed to establish a statutory Monetary Policy Committee with four out of nine members being external independent experts.

Dr Masisi further said the Act aimed to establish a statutory Financial Stability Council for

the effective coordination and collaboration of all financial sector regulators in addressing any potential systemic financial sector instability as well as set up a Deposit Insurance Scheme to compensate.

"Viewed holistically, the re-enactment of the Act was aimed at aligning the central bank with evolving global, regional and domestic financial regulatory developments," he said.

Such reforms, he said were to strengthen the financial sector's capacity to mobilise and deploy resources sustainably and ensure continuing compliance with international norms and standards for a sound, stable and healthy financial sector in a vibrant and rapidly transforming economy.

BoB Governor Mr Moses Pelaelo said the PulaThebe project was quoted to the value of P850 million with a lifespan of over 50 years and was completed within schedule with no cost overrun.

Mr Pelaelo said the project created over 5 000 jobs during its construction with youth as the majority of those employed.

Part of the building, he said, consisted of very impressive aesthetic elements, which were envisioned and designed by local curators and artists. Mr Pelaelo noted that over 160 local artists were supported by Bank of Botswana Art Programme since its inception while an art and crafts collection of over 300 pieces was procured from local artists.

He thus commended BoB for its contribution to the re-invigoration of the creative industry and assisting the country in fulfilling the post-pandemic cultural renaissance. **BOPA**



Minister Molale (left) interacting with district authority leadership at a meeting to discuss the Development Manager model in Francistown on Monday. The leadership welcomed the model but appealed to government to decentralise powers to local authorities to fast-track service delivery. Photo: Thamani Shabani

Commercial courts in offing

By **Thamani Shabani**

FRANCISTOWN - The Administration of Justice is in the process of establishing commercial courts that will deal with tender disputes cases only.

The envisaged commercial courts are expected to speed up the disposal of tender dispute cases in Botswana.

Responding to comments by some members of the local authorities in a one-day meeting to introduce the development manager model in Francistown on Monday, the Minister of Transport and Public Works, Mr Eric Molale explained that the establishment

of such courts was necessitated by the fact that there was too much litigation on such disputes which stalled developments.

He said the courts would be efficient and cost-effective with a focus on resolving disputes quickly and fairly.

The leadership had complained that some court cases on tender disputes took long to be resolved.

Also, local authorities' top brass suggested that the government should consider introducing toll gates as a cost-recovery measure.

Mr Molale said tolling was provided for in the law and that the government was awaiting completion of the drafting of the

toll-gates regulations.

However, the minister said toll gates must be complimented with alternative routes, stating that the government had already identified certain roads in the country that would be used as alternative routes.

Minister Molale also informed the leadership that P570 million had been set aside for community constituency projects in the 61 constituencies.

He stated that government had taken a decision to augment the figure with another P570 million from road levy, adding that the money would only be used to pave internal roads under the labour-intensive public works.

"All major roads are maintained by central government including the Kenneth Nkhwa interchange in Francistown," he informed them.

Okavango District Council Chairperson, Mr Gaopalelwe Ronald said the development manager model would help in ensuring that the projects met regulatory requirements.

He decried the slow maintenance of government facilities such as health posts and clinics, noting that some of them were in a dilapidated state. Mr Ronald suggested that government put more emphasis on the decentralisation of powers to local authorities to fast-track service delivery.

In his welcome remarks, the Mayor of Francistown, Mr Godisang Radisigo, raised concern about the number of fatal road accidents along the A3 highway.

On the introduction of toll gates, he said they would help recover costs and the revenue would be spent on maintenance of roads.

Mr Radisigo explained that there was a countrywide public outcry about the slow pace of project delivery which also slows economic growth.

He appealed to government officials to desist from using COVID-19 as a scapegoat for not delivering projects on time.

"We in Francistown have reached an agreement that we are not going to use the pandemic as a scapegoat for not delivering services and projects on time," he disclosed. **BOPA**

Science week opportunity for learners

By **Booster Mogapi**

LETLHAKENG - The National Science Week commemoration which aims to raise awareness through sharing of some technological developments will inspire the youth to develop interest in science.

Assistant Minister of Education and Skills Development Ms Nnaniki Makwinja said this when officially opening the National Science Week in Letlhakeng on Tuesday.

Ms Makwinja said the engagement of diverse stakeholders such as policy makers, researchers, scientists, learners and the communities created ample opportunities for pupils to gain insight about science and technology.

She said the National Science Week theme: Leveraging Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) Education for Socio-economic Development was in line with country's aspirations of becoming a high income economy propelled by knowledge.

Ms Makwinja said the commemorations were a culmination of a month-long celebrations of science technology and activation, which included the hosting of satellite activities

across the country by various stakeholders.

She noted that such a development showed growth and increased awareness of each stakeholder's contribution and role in the development of the country through STEAM.

As the winds of change blow across the world, no country wants to remain behind in adopting the fourth industrial revolution (4IR), she said, describing that as a new developmental phenomenon that would help reinvent and reshape labour, skills and production which require new skills for employment and ability to adapt quickly to the needs of the new market.

She further said key technologies that drive 4IR included artificial intelligence, robotics, internet, 3D printing, quantum computing and biotechnology. "During the week, we will witness the commissioning of a biogas digester, which is a technology brought by our own research institution (Botswana Institute for Technology Research and Innovation), and this technology, cow dung and similar biological materials are used as inputs to produce gas that is used for cooking," the assistant minister said.

When sharing the highlights of planned activities, BIUST Vice Chancellor Professor Otlogetswe

Totolo said the national science month was launched on August 1, declaring STEAM activities with the recognition of the importance of Arts as a national interest.

Prof. Totolo thanked all science and technology institutions for collaboratively working with BIUST in view of their unique scientific mandates and shared responsibilities.

Professor Totolo further said they had converged in Letlhakeng to showcase a diverse range of STEAM applications, research, developments and indigenous knowledge.

He said policy makers would have a high level panel discussion on Botswana STEAM education curriculum and there would also be a teacher training session, where responsive methods of teaching science and mathematics would be shared. The vice chancellor also said some teachers would attend a workshop on Astronomy provided by a team of experts from University of Botswana, BIUST and Diamonds on the Sky

Giving a vote of thanks, Letlhakeng/Lephepe MP, Mr Liakat Kablay said network infrastructure was critical especially in the financial systems of government to ensure that Batswana were served without complaints of poor network. **BOPA**

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Maun experiences severe water shortage

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Maun is experiencing water shortage following the vandalism of the main transmission line from Kunyere wellfield to the pump station.

Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) head of business, Mr Thabo Ndadi, confirmed in an interview that the village was experiencing water supply interruption due to the damaged pipeline that supplies the area with water.

Mr Ndadi said all main boreholes were offline to allow the ongoing maintenance.

To mitigate the situation, the corporation is currently supplying water through rationing because of the limited supply from Shashe wellfield.

Kunyere wellfield supplies Maun with 70 percent its water while Shashe and Sexaxa produce 30 percent of the water.

With Thamalakane River having received the annual floods, he said, there was high expectations among residents that the water situation would improve, but the challenge

was the high colour concentration.

"There is a chemical limit we have to dose to remove certain level of colour concentration," he said.

"But with the improvement in colour levels, we anticipate to start Borolong Water Treatment Plant soon."

The plant sources water from the river and waters some parts of Maun. Normally the corporation switches it off when the river completely dries up.

Some residents decried water shortage, saying they had been without water for weeks while some experienced limited water supply despite the arrival of the water inflows into the river.

Persistence water shortage in Maun, they said, had been experienced for many years despite the fact that the village was surrounded by surface water including that from the Thamalakane river.

They complained that the situation had affected households and a number of economic activities including those related to tourism.

Residents said they pinned their hope on the long awaited Maun Water and Sanitation Phase II project that it would provide a long term solution to water woes but the project was reported to be behind schedule.

The project aimed to improve the water supply and waste situation of Maun and the outlying villages.

It was expected to take 36 months to complete and had been packaged into four contractors, as the plan was to have all the contracts completed by October 2022 because they were so dependent on each other.

"I wish the contractors could accelerate efforts to deliver the project as we pinned our hope on to rectifying the situation," Mr Seboko Bathobangwe of Gxhabara said. "Water situation has had a dire impact on our livelihood."

Mr Bathobangwe said he appreciated the fact that the corporation had been trying to tackle water shortage but it looked like the situation was beyond its control. Maun, he said, was a tourism hub and located in area

where surface water was abundant and if the situation persists, it would negatively affect the tourism industry.

Mr Bathobangwe urged the

contractors engaged in the Maun water project to up their game, saying the project could be a permanent solution to their water woes. **BOPA**

Land board issues new certificates

By Phodiso Gaebepe

PAJE - Residents of Paje have been cautioned against land transfers between individuals only for transferers to return to the land board for another allocation.

The residents were told to desist from that as the new secure land title certificate was not only overloading the land board but also a costly exercise.

This was highlighted by a land board official, Mr Moses Kesamang, during the issuance of the first Secure Land Title certificate handing over ceremony at Paje Subordinate Land Board recently.

Mr Kesamang told the people who have been allocated land, especially those who received the new Secure Land Title certificate, that the Tribal Land Act forbids one individual to be allocated more than one piece of land in Botswana and that those who transferred their land will never be allocated another land.

He said this certificate was a treasure because it was not done by the land board but by the Deeds Registry and was the same as a title deed. He added that it enabled every Motswana to have their own title without having to go through the difficult process of paying for survey.

He said some of the advantages about this new Secure Land Title was that it could be used as security to acquire financial assistance from banks, mortgages and other funding.

Mr Kesamang encouraged the recipients to value the certificates and ensure that they do not lose them.

If lost, a title holder will be required to pay P1500 to replace and endure the long process of waiting for long for a new title.

He said this process of making

a new certificate involved a lot of government departments, hence one must treasure the ones issued.

Mr Kesamang explained that the certificate bore a lot of security features that differed from one another to protect it. He explained that every certificate was unique and hindered fraudsters from making their own and cheating people with fake ones.

Land was not growing but the population continued to grow, and hence people should treasure the land allocated to them and jealously guard and protect it.

Mr Kesamang explained that this has forced them to reduce the size of the plot to the current size to spare for future generations.

"We all understand at first one would choose the size for themselves, went on to cut 60 by 40, reduced to 35 by 20 and still reducing because of the population increase we experience as a country so as to accommodate for most of the people."

Mr Kesamang encouraged those who have not registered their plots to do so for the land board to process, print them so that they can be left with the job of printing for the recent allottees.

One of the recipients of the new Secure Land Title, Ms Goabaone Pilatwe, expressed gratitude to the Paje Subordinate Land Board for allocating her the plot which she intends to develop and turn it into her permanent place of residence closer to her home in Serowe.

She encouraged other residents to apply for land and for plot owners to register them so they could be issued new certificates.

Ms Pilatwe said the Secure Land Title was important and must be handled with care.

She added that the recipients must make use of it to improve their lives. **BOPA**



Maun is experiencing water shortage following the vandalism of the main transmission line from Kunyere wellfield to the pump station.

Security forces tutor BDF on urban combat leadership

By Gaboselwe Olesitse

SELEBI PHIKWE - Members of the Botswana Defence Force (BDF) are receiving training on urban combat leadership.

The course is conducted by the United States Security Forces Assistance Brigade Training Team.

The course, which will run for six months, is expected to capacitate and empower the BDF's Ground Forces Command to have effective skills and be efficient upon deployment for urban combat missions.

United States Ambassador to Botswana, Mr Howard Van Vranken told **BOPA** after the training programme's official

opening held at Eastern Military Garrison on Monday that the training was a result of the United States' long partnership with Botswana, and would not only benefit this country, but the entire region as well.

He said the US and Botswana have a close relationship based on shared values. "Both Botswana and the United States believe in the rule of law, respect for human rights, and democratic institutions," he said.

Mr Vranken explained that the two parties also recently hosted the security climate symposium to find solutions to climate change which posed a serious threat to security.

Commander of Ground Forces

Command, Major General Joseph Seelo, underscored the importance of the course for the personnel under his command.

He stated that since the COVID-19 pandemic had forced cessation of training activities, this course would assist the BDF personnel to catch up and complement for the skills loss that occurred because of inactivity during the pandemic.

The course coordinator, Major Boiki Selepeng, said BDF was grateful for the opportunity to learn from the United States military, which had a wealth of knowledge, technological expertise, and experience gained from many operational missions. **BOPA**

Mindset change boot camp to ignite potential

By Calviniah Kgauthe

TSABONG - A robust packed mindset change boot camp organised for upper class students of Tsabong Unified Senior Secondary School is set to ignite potential to improve results as part of the schools turnaround strategy.

Addressing more than 900 Form 3, 4 and 5 pupils in Tsabong on Monday, Kgalagadi regional chief education officer, Mr Daniel Zulu, said the world was moving at an unprecedented pace and therefore it was imperative to evolve the education approach.

Mr Zulu said the mission of the boot camp was to equip students with necessary tools for them to be able to thrive in the ever changing world.

He told the leaners that the world was dynamic and therefore their commitment to education must be unwavering.

The boot camp, he said, was a catalyst for them to embrace change which sought to instill 'Mind-set Change for the 21st Century Learner' as the theme for the boot camp.

The activities are about igniting potential and expected to be a turning point towards a brighter future and will also enable leaners to look at the challenges they faced

as stepping stones to build a better future for themselves.

Mr Zulu took note of the fact that the Tsabong Unified Senior Secondary School performance trend was low and kept on fluctuating.

"These declines and fluctuations present an opportunity for you to improve," he said. "It must be a starting journey towards results improvement and sustain progress."

He said just like everywhere, pupils faced challenges of gender based violence, peer pressure, teenage pregnancy, drug and alcohol abuse and smoking. He called upon leaners to focus on overcoming those challenges.

He said they were also aware of the sex parties that some students at the school engaged in, which must be stopped in order to improve academic performance.

He said they must see their challenges as unique opportunities to make a difference and do what was right.

As teachers, he said, they sought to curb indiscipline and prepare leaners for life beyond the school walls, foster holistic health and wellness and improve resource management habits.

He told them that mind-set change included changing of habits

to get better results.

For his part, Tsabong Unified Senior Secondary School Acting Headmaster, Mr Biliki Mooketsa, reminded the pupils that the school had not been performing well academically hence the need for them to make use of the five day boot camp.

As it stands, he said the 2020 Junior Certificate results showed a 31 per cent ABC pass rate, in 2021 they were at 31 per cent, while in 2022 they were at 33 per cent.

As for the Botswana General Certificate in Secondary Education in 2020 the ABC pass rate was 40 per cent, in 2021 it was 50 per cent, while in 2022 it was recorded at 51 per cent. Therefore, he said, it was important to focus on improving such results.

Mr Mooketsa said the 21st century learner must have strong survival skills and display acceptable behavior at home and in public and therefore he said they sought to build a well-rounded product.

Currently, he said, they were experiencing challenges of indiscipline, alcohol and drug abuse, smoking, teenage pregnancy, delinquency and school drop outs.

He however warned learners that drugs were illegal and chances were high that they could destroy them mentally and warned them to guard against that.

Mr Mooketsa implored pupils to change their mind set, do things differently to be able to perform better.

He reminded them that government invested heavily on their education hence the need for students to pull up their socks and do better.

Motor Vehicle Accident Fund occupational therapist and boot camp opening ceremony guest speaker, Ms Lesedi Molatedi, said the theme, 'mindset change for the 21st century learner' was aligned to President Mokgweetsi Masisi's call for all citizens to unite behind the vision and reignite the values of 'botho, bofelo, bothaga, botswere, bonatla' in the national development framework.

She said that it was incumbent upon every individual to run with it, embrace their full potential, unravel talent and capabilities and adopt the culture of innovation and self-worth.

"It takes you to change, no one is responsible for taking charge

of your journey but yourself," she advised.

Ms Molatedi emphasised that it was important for them to consistently undergo personal development, do self-retrospection and watch self-discipline.

"We are living in fast paced world today, and therefore we must embrace challenges, set goals and grow positive mind set," she said.

She implored leaners to develop strong study habits and a passion for learning and generally work hard to achieve self-actualisation, bearing in mind that education goes beyond text books thus they must always be prepared to face challenges ahead.

The school pastoral care head of department, Ms Omogolo Ramolapong said the boot camp was lined up with fun and exciting activities that started on August 21 and will end on August 25 and it was designed to prepare learners for life after school, to change mind sets and improve academic performance, to develop learner with holistic approach to health and wellness issue, improve resource management and habits of participants as well as improve personal hygiene. **BOPA**

Monnawatsheko's house to get facelift

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Plans are underway to extend and refurbish the house of Ms Nkoketsang Monnawatsheko of Disana ward, courtesy of The Simon Phuthogo Organisation (TSPO).

Ms Monnawatsheko and her daughter, Cecilia lost their forearms in a crocodile attack while harvesting tswii (water lily) in the Thamalakane River in Maun in 2020.

TSPO director, Mr Simon Phuthogo, confirmed in an interview that the family needs a decent house to restore their dignity, indicating that their current house is not in a good condition.

Shelter, he said, is a basic human right, which enables one to have a sense of pride, privacy and protect them from harsh conditions.

He said plans to extend their two-roomed house with a kitchen, laundry room and a bathroom are afoot so that they enjoy a healthy home.

In addition, he said, they also want to refurbish their tuck shop and put up a stock so that they make ends meet as their means of survival following the incident has been drastically impacted as they are no longer able to harvest the much relished water lily tubers.

The family earned a living by selling the water lily at the Maun Old Mall.

According to Mr Phuthogo, all the logistics such as designs of the project have been completed and he has appealed to locals and the business community to assist in kind to ensure that the project becomes a success.

He noted that having access to

safer, good quality housing could have a positive impact on a person's health and wellbeing.

"Botswana are known to be a sympathetic nation that lent one another support in times of need and I believe we all share the same perception that a safe home is the cornerstone on which individuals and families build a better quality of life and gain greater independence," he said.

Initially, he said, his organization wanted to help provide the duo with artificial limbs but financial constraints hindered their efforts as both needed more than P300,000.

Providing prosthetic arms, he said, was quite expensive but promised that they would continue to raise funds to ensure the victims are assisted so that they regain hope, independence and opportunities to live happier and more fulfilling lives.

Meanwhile, the organization raises funds through the Kanvango Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation (KAZA) Co-existence Charity walks with an aim to assist victims of the human-wildlife conflict.

The organization also promotes conversation and raises awareness about the KAZA, a four-country conservation initiative in Southern Africa.

Mr Phuthogo noted that issues of human-wildlife conflict are a serious concern in the KAZA region, a conservation block covering Botswana, Angola, Zambia, Namibia and Zimbabwe in the wildlife rich areas.

He said preparations for this year's charity walk are ongoing but he could not disclose the date. **BOPA**



Tsabong Unified Senior Secondary School Polka group performing to kickstart a five-day boot camp on Monday. The boot camp seeks to instil mind-set change in the 21st century learner and improve academic results performance. Photo: Calviniah Kgauthe

'Psychosocial support important for mental health'

By Kedirebofe Pelontle

SHAKAWE - Psychosocial support services are key in addressing mental health illnesses.

The observation was made by University Botswana's Okavango Research Institute (ORI) director, Prof. Joseph Mbaiwa, when officiating at the Mental Health Psychosocial Support Forum in Shakawe on Monday.

Prof. Mbaiwa observed that mental health challenges affected people of different age groups and status.

He noted that psychosocial support services assisted people with mental health problems to have resilience to withstand such

challenges.

Okavango District Health Management Team (DHMT) Chief Registered Nurse, Mr Boikaego Kgaodi, said the common mental illnesses in the Okavango region were schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. He indicated that at east there were about 350 patients with mental health disorders in the district.

He said some mental health disorders were associated with traditional beliefs such as witchcraft. There was also stigma attached to people with mental health challenges.

"I encourage you to have a positive attitude towards mental health and seek professional help

where necessary," he said.

Mr Kgaodi said Botswana addressed mental health disorders with three interventions under primary health care: preventative, rehabilitative and curative.

Okavango Children's Consultative Forum's representative, Ms Kelapile Kanyodi, said that children faced challenges of being bullied by fellow learners and some teachers who used derogatory words in schools which negatively affected their mental health.

Ms Kanyodi said there was need for disability-friendly environment and facilities for children in schools as well as counselling services. **BOPA**



Botswana taps from Texas A&M Agrilife University

By Bonang Masolotatse

GABORONE - The collaboration between Botswana's agricultural sector and the Texas A&M Agrilife Research University from the United States of America will go a long way in improving agricultural output in Botswana.

Minister of Agriculture, Mr Fidelis Molao said on Monday during a courtesy call by the visiting delegation from the Texas A&M Agrilife Research University that Texas A&M Agrilife Research University was advanced and the country stood a chance to benefit from its research and collaborations and ultimately develop the country's agricultural sector.

"We are happy that they are following on the previous discussions we had on areas of cooperation and partnership," he said, further noting that the visit would cement the relationship between Botswana and the Texas State.

Minister Molao said the Texas A&M Agrilife Research University delegation's visit was a testament of the fruitful outcome of President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi's external trips.

He said of recent, Botswana imported livestock from Texas State, which created both positive and negative feedback.

The director of Texas A&M Agrilife Research University, Dr Cliff Lamb said they were excited about the opportunity presented by collaborating with Botswana, adding that they had done some works in Southern Africa but not in Botswana.

"Agriculture is becoming more global and having relationships around the world helps us to grow," Dr Lamb said.

He highlighted that there were tremendous opportunities in the country, which they were interested in such as livestock production.

However, he said their main strategic areas were development of new technologies for agriculture, sustainable production, economic strength of their tasks and health for both livestock and humans.

Dr Lamb said at the end of their week long visit in the country, there should be a schedule of

action items, adding that the agreement between Botswana and Texas State would not be beneficial unless opportunities were exploited.

While in the country, Texas A&M Agrilife Research University delegation will meet other stakeholders and researchers.

Dr Lamb will also officially open the national agriculture show on Friday at Sebele Show Ground. **BOPA**



Minister Molao (left), Dr Lamb (centre) and Botswana Ambassador to the US, Mr Kitso Mokaila during a media briefing in Gaborone on Monday. Minister Molao said government had signed an MoU with Texas A&M Agrilife Research University in a bid to improve agricultural output. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

SOEs key drivers of economic development

By Lorato Gaofise

GABORONE - State Owned Enterprises (SOEs) have played a key role in the country's socio economic development, hence it is important to ensure alignment of their mandates with the national development agenda, including Vision 2036.

State Owned Enterprises were established to achieve some public policy objectives, such as the regulation of businesses and to serve as investment arms of government.

Office of the President's Public Sector Reforms coordinator, Mr Thuso Ramodimoosi said in his welcome remarks during the Stakeholder Validation Workshop in Gaborone on Tuesday that the workshop afforded stakeholders an opportunity to comment on the draft policy and give feedback to the consultants tasked with developing the SOEs Ownership Policy for Botswana.

"The fact that Botswana has, overtime, attained an upper middle income status, is largely due to their contributions," he added.

However, he expressed concern that the performance of SOEs remained unsatisfactory in terms of delivering their mandates and providing fair return on investments, which was a great concern to government.

"This concern was also expressed by the Permanent Secretary to the President, Ms Emma Peloetsetse, when she recently met with the leadership of the respective SOEs, on a one-on-one basis," he said.

For that reason, he stressed that it was important for SOEs, as key

stakeholders, to be invited to the workshop to contribute to the development of their ownership policy.

"Please feel free to critic the document, while also offering constructive input for a sound policy," he added.

In an effort to improve SOEs performance, the Public Sector Reforms coordinator said in 2020 government established a Cabinet sub-committee on the performance of SOEs to improve performance of these enterprises by considering all aspects in relation to their establishment, corporate governance, funding, performance and oversight.

"The sub-committee, which I believe was chaired by the Minister of Finance, was expected, amongst others, to review the SOE landscape with a view to strengthen accountability, create efficiencies and achieve service excellence," he said.

Furthermore, in pursuit of its mandate, he said the sub-committee immediately noticed that the SOE landscape was characterised by incoherent and unstructured approaches, in relation to issues of governance, oversight and monitoring and evaluation.

To address these deficiencies, he said the sub-committee came to a conclusion that there was need for a government policy on SOEs, which would clearly articulate the stakeholders' expectations on the role of SOEs in the country's development and also ensure alignment of their mandates with the national development agenda, including Vision 2036.

Subsequently, in 2021, Mr Ramodimoosi said the then Ministry for Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration mandated Public Enterprises, Evaluation and Privatisation Agency (PEEPA) to undertake the task of developing an SOE Ownership Policy for Botswana.

In fulfilling this task, he said PEEPA in turn engaged Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis (BIDPA).

He, therefore, commended PEEPA and BIDPA for delivering on the task, as well as the Reference Committee for spearheading the task.

Once the validation exercise has been completed, the coordinator said the draft policy would go through the normal government process of approval 'and I think you are all aware that the ultimate approval body is Parliament'.

"Let us remember that we are creating an enabling environment for the economy and the country to attain high income status, as envisioned in Vision 2036.

It will please one, or us all, that when we submit the document to the relevant authorities for approval, especially Cabinet, it sees that indeed we have really done a great job," he added.

Mr Ramodimoosi noted that in certain instances Cabinet would defer, or even reject a proposal, because it was not thoroughly done, not well assessed, not comprehensive enough, did not meet the objectives or it was not aligned to the National Development Agenda.

However, having gone through

the document himself, he opined that after the validation workshop, and with the enrichment of the process, the draft policy would see the light of day.

PEEPA acting chief executive officer, Mr Ishmael Joseph also emphasised that it was important for SOEs, as key stakeholders, to have an input into the draft policy and also interrogate its every aspect.

The contributions, he said, would help provide valuable insights on issues that might have been missed during the stages of development and address all outstanding questions.

"We are here to confirm validity and reliability of the policy, as it sits. We are not building a policy for the past.

We are looking ahead, so as we look at validity, in terms of whether it represents indeed what we have experienced, but for the most part how it leads us into the future.

There is a great future for us ahead and we need to be working the path in the next five to 10 years of delivering on this policy," said Mr Joseph.

Presenting the draft SOE Ownership Policy, BIDPA lead consultant, Dr Molefe Phirinyane explained once developed, the policy would; ensure efficient and effective performance of SOEs and create value for their shareholder, create a level playing field and expose SOEs to private sector competition and set out important principles and appropriate frameworks for the governance of SOEs, as well as their leadership with the shareholders and other stakeholders. **BOPA**



Statistics Botswana invites interested locally registered companies to tender for;

TENDER NO: STB\DCS\23-24\003 – PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF INTERNET SERVICES TO STATISTICS BOTSWANA FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS

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- Code: 118 - Telecommunication Services
- Sub Code: 05 - Installation and maintenance of Telecommunications equipment and Systems

And/OR

- Code:120 - ICT Technical Support Services
- Sub code(s): 07 - Internet Services

The tender is reserved for citizens or citizen contractors as stated under Section 76 (2) of the Public Procurement Act.

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Alternatively, an EFT/deposit to the following banking details and email proof of payment to the email stated underneath.

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Account Name: Statistics Botswana

Account Number: 1001058

Branch Name: Barclays House

Branch Code: 290267

REF: STB\DCS\23-24\003 – Name of Company

Proof of Payments to be addressed to: gmakelepe@statsbots.org.bw
or
okelapetseng@statsbots.org.bw

3. Invitation to Tender documents may be obtained from Statistics Botswana **Accounts Unit located at Fifth (5th) Floor, Corporate Services, Four Thirty Square, Plot 54350, CBD, PG Matante Road, Gaborone** during working hours from Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays), from **07:30 – 12:45hours and 13:45 – 16:30hours** from **16th August 2023**.

- Closing date: **1st September 2023 at 10:00 hours.**
- Opening date: **1st September 2023**, immediately after tender closing.
- 4. The tender will be opened at Statistics Botswana Head Office, North Wing First (1st) Floor, **Four Thirty Square, Plot 54350, CBD, PG Matante Road, Gaborone** in the presence of bidders wishing to attend.
- 5. Late tenders, telephonic, telegraphic, telex, emailed or faxed tenders will **not** be accepted.
- 6. Enquiries in relation to this tender can be made to:

Phenyo Tafi
Assistant Manager Procurement
Statistics Botswana
Private Bag 0024 Gaborone Botswana
TEL: 3671300

Email: ptafi@statsbots.org.bw

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REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

MINISTRY OF LANDS AND WATER AFFAIRS

Request for Bids

Supply and delivery of ICT Equipment for Department of Water and Sanitation

Country: Botswana

Name of Project: Botswana Emergency Water Security and Efficiency projects

Contract Title: Supply and delivery of ICT Equipment for Department of Water and Sanitation

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: 160911

RFB Reference No.: BW-DWA-363618-GO-RFB

1. The Government has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Botswana Emergency Water Security and Efficiency projects, and intends to apply part of the proceeds towards payments under the multiple contracts¹ for the Supply and delivery of ICT Equipment for Department of Water and Sanitation.
2. The Department of Water and Sanitation now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders registered under;

PPRA code 203 (Electronics and ICT supplies), sub code 01 (Electronic Equipment, spares and accessories (includes ICT, Photographic equipment and others) for 1 to 4 and

PPRA code 120 (ICT Technical Support Services), sub code 02 (Server Management and Maintenance) and sub code 06 (ICT Security Management and Maintenance Services) for Lot 2

For the Supply and delivery of ICT Equipment for Department of Water and Sanitation Lots 1 to 4.

- Lot 1: Supply and Delivery of All in one (35) Computers
- Lot 2: Supply and Delivery of a (1) Server and (1) Backup Equipment
- Lot 3: Supply and Delivery of (1) Graph Digitizer
- Lot 4: Supply and Delivery of two (2) Heavy duty printers

3. The items will be delivered to the Department of Water and Sanitation, Gaborone, Botswana.

The delivery period is 60 days after the signing of the contract.

Bidders may bid for one or several contracts (Lots) as defined in the request for bid document.

4. Bidding will be conducted through national competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" [Fourth Edition November 2020] ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Department of Water and Sanitation Gaborone, Tumelo Ntlhe, email: tntlhe@gov.bw; Thabo Shabane, email: tshabane@gov.bw and inspect the bidding document during office hours from 07:30 hrs. to 16.30 hrs. at the address given below
6. The bidding document in English may be purchased by interested Bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P 250.00. The method of payment will be direct deposit in favor of Government of Botswana. The document will be collected at the Department of Water and Sanitation upon payment of the non-refundable fee.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 20/09/2023 at 10:00 hrs. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on the 20th September 2023 at 10.00 hrs.
8. All Bids must be accompanied by a "Bid-Securing Declaration," as appropriate
9. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.
10. The address(es) referred to above is (are):

Inspection of bid documents and collection at:

Physical address: Old Lobatse Road, Plot 25019 Gaborone, Botswana.

Office number: +267 3607188 or + 267 3607218

Block B, First floor, office No B101B

Postal address: Department of Water and Sanitation, Private bag 0029, Gaborone Botswana

Sealed bid shall be delivered to:

Physical Address:

The Director, Procurement Oversight Unit
Ministry of Lands and Water Affairs (MLWA)

Debswana House, Ground Floor, Reception Area, East Wing

Main Mall,

Gaborone

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REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

NOTIFICATION

Notice issued in terms of Section 10 (2) of the Environmental Assessment Act, (CAP 65:07)

NOTIFICATION FOR PUBLIC REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A FILLING STATION AND MINI-SHOP AT PLOT 2788, PITSANE WEST, PITSANE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT

The major findings of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study undertaken for the proposed Filling Station and Mini-Shop facility in Pitsane, Southern District are as summarized hereunder:

a. Description of the Project

One Company (Pty) Ltd is proposing to develop a filling Station and Mini-Shop facility at Pitsane, Southern District. The project comprises of the following capacities: 46 000 litres of ULP 95 petrol; 23 000 litres ULP 93 petrol; 23 000 litres of diesel and a Mini-Shop.

b. Location of the Project/Development

The proposed construction of a Filling Station and Mini-Shop facility is located at Plot 2788, Pitsane West, Pitsane, southern district. The plot is located within a commercial site. The project site is accessed along the A1 Road (in-between Gaborone and the Ramatlabama border post), site is accessed through a gravel road connecting from the main road.

c. The anticipated environmental impacts of the project and the proposed mitigation measures to respond to both negative and positive environmental impacts.

The following anticipated impacts are likely to occur during the construction, operation, and decommissioning stages:

Impacts	Enhancement/Mitigation measures
Construction phase impacts	
Air Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that dust production from the work area and access roads is minimised by sprinkling recycled wastewater three times a week. Cover stockpiled soil which could be blown by the wind. Avoid or minimise operations likely to create dust during windy weather.
Noise Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hearing protection for workers. Use of silencers in generator sets for the backup power.
Soil Disturbance and Contamination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoiding piling waste soil by carting all waste soil to the licensed burrow pits. Provision of spill trays to contain possible spillages during construction phase. Construction of slab to contain all fuel spillages during operation phase. Restricting vehicle movement to the available road network to avoid vehicle movement related soil compaction and erosion
Land pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always encourage a hygienic clean working environment Training and awareness on proper waste handling and disposal. Provision of waste receptacles on site during construction
Surface water contamination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of spill trays to contain possible hydrocarbons spillages during construction phase. Construction of slab to contain all fuel and oil spillages during operation phase.
Ground water contamination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of spill trays to contain possible spillages during construction phase. Construction of slab to contain all fuel and oil spillages during operation phase
Increased risks of occupational health and safety hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Aid Kit should be made available in all project vehicles equipped with all the necessary and up to date equipment. Issuance of proper protective equipment should be practiced Workers should undergo routine medical check-ups.
Increased employment opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A recruitment procedure that abides by the provisions of the Employment Act should be developed and implemented. There should be gender equity in the recruitment of labour
Operational phase	
Surface and groundwater contamination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment should be serviced regularly to avoid spillages and leaks of fuels, oils and other lubricants. Equipment and vehicles should not be serviced at the site rather they should be serviced in the village at private garages.
Land pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide litter collecting receptacles for different forms of waste at strategic locations. Potable sanitary facilities should be provided on site and should be emptied regularly
Increased risks of occupational health and safety hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Aid Kit should be made available in all project vehicles equipped with all the necessary and up to date equipment. Issuance of proper protective equipment should be practiced.
Increased spread of HIV and COVID 19 infections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointment of a SHE Officer to carry out trainings and awareness workshops on such.
Boost to local economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citizen owned Small Medium Enterprises (SMMEs) should be engaged where possible to facilitate the Citizen Economic Empowerment Drive
Improved shopping and fuelling convenience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renewal of operating license where possible and feasible
Possible risk of fire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proper training of employees of fire hazards and risk, appropriate and proper training on the use of fire fighting equipment and installations. Working with the immediate community on fire risk management including emergency preparedness and reaction
Decommissioning Phase	
Noise Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workers should be provided with noise protection gear such as ear plugs and ear muffers. Scheduled construction period should be adhered to avoid longer than necessary exposure to noise.
Air pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workers on site should be protected against dust by being provided with dust masks. The access road should be sprinkled with recycled water to suppress dust.
Land pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide litter collecting receptacles for different forms of waste at strategic locations. Litter should be disposed at the designated landfill.

d. Environmental Impact Assessment Placement

Copies of the Environmental Impact Assessment can be accessed at the following areas by the public:

- Department of Environmental Affairs, Gaborone office
- Pitsane Kgotla
- Goodhope Kgotla

d. Correspondences

All correspondences should be addressed to The Director, Department of Environmental Affairs, Private Bag 0068 Gaborone, and Tel: 3902050, Fax 3902051 or hand delivered to Department of Environmental Affairs Gaborone Travaglin House 2nd Floor before 15/09/23

KITSISO

Kitsiso e, e ntshiwa ka ntlha ya Tsetlana ya molao wa Tshekatsheko Tikologo wa Bolesome (Environmental Assessment Act, (CAP 65:07)

KITSISO SECHABA MABAPI LE KANOKO YA TSHEKATSHEKO YA KAMEGO YA TIKOLOGO E E KA BAKWANG KE KAGO LE TSHIMOLODISO YA MAREKISITSO A LEOKWANE LE MAREKISITSO A A MAPOTLANA.

Dipatlisiso tse di bonweng fa go dirwa ditshkatsheko tsa seemo sa kamego ya tikologo ka nako ya kago, fa marekisetso a bereka le nako ya fa marekisetso a sa thhole a dirisiwa di sobokilwe fa tlase.

f) Boleng le bogolo jwa ditlhabololo

One Company (Pty) Ltd e letsa go aga marekisetso a leokwane . Kago e tla akaretsa tse di latelang: Marekisetso a leokwane a ditanka tsa selekanyo sa 23000L tse pedi tsa leokwane le le thothlhweng, 23000L ele ngwe ya leokwane le le sa thothlhweng le 23000L ya disele. Le marekisetso a dijo.

g) Lefelo la Tlhabololo

Marekisetso a, a kwa Plot 2788, mo motseng wa Pitsane bophirima mo kgaolong ya Borwa. Lefelo le fa thoko ga tsela ya A1 ya Ramatlabama - Gaborone. Go na le tsela e e fetang fa pele ga lefelo la ditlhabololo, tsela e, e tlaa dirisiwa go tsena le go tswa mo lefelong la ditlhabololo.

h) Ditlamorago tse di ka bakiwang ke ditlhabololo, metlhale ya go fokotsa manokonoko a ditlamorago tse di sa siamang kana go nonotsha tse di siamang.

Ditlamorago kana manokonoko a a ka nngang teng ka nako ya kago, nako ya tiriso le ka nako ya fa ditlhabololo di sa thloheng di dirisiwa ke a latelang;

Ditlamorago	Ka fa di ka fokotswang kana tsa oketswa ka teng
Ka nako ya kago	
Tatlhego ya dimela	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ditiro tsa kago di tshwanetse tsa dirwa fa go tshwanetseng. Ditlhare tse ditona le tse di sireleditsweng ka fa molaong ga di a tshwanela go kgaolwa. Ditlhare tse di sa kgaolweng di tshwanetse tsa tshwaiwa ka pente
Kgotlelesego ya metsi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Didirisiwa di tshwanetse tsa baakangwa gangwe le gape go fokotsa go dutla ga leokwane le di ole. Fa go ka diragala gore leokwane le tshologe, mmu o tshwanetse wa phepafadiwa nako e le teng.
Kgotlelesego ya lefatsho	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go tshwanetse ga nna le tse go latlhelwang matlakala ka go farologana mo lefelong la kago. Matlakala a tshwanetse go latlhelwa ko go maleba.
Modumo o o feteletseng	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Babereki ba tshwanetse go fiwa ditsa itshireletso kgathanong le modumo Didirisiwa tsa kago di tshwanetse tsa baakangwa gangwe le gape go fokotsa modumo o montsi o ka tswang mo go tsone Tsamaiso ya kago e tshwanetse ya salwa morago go fokotsa kamego le modumo o o lobaka.
Kgotlelesego ya loapi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tsela e tla bong e dirisiwa e tshwanetse ya gasiwa ka metsi go fokotsa lerole le lentsi Diteraka tsa mmu di tshwanetse tsa apesiwa ka nako tsothe fa di tshwere mmu go fokotsa lerole. Didirisiwa tsa kago di tshwanetse tsa baakangwa gangwe le gape go fokotsa mosi o o lesweng o tswang mo go tsone
Koketsego ya dikgobalo mo tirong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mabokoso la thuso ya potlako le tshwanetse la nna teng mo dikolung le mo lifelong la ditlhabololo mme ebile a tshwanetse a bo le na le tse di thokafalang mo go one. Tiriso ya dilwana tsa boiphemelo e tshwanetse ya netefadiwa Babereki botlhe ba tshwanetse go nna ba thathobelwa makoa a mmele gangwe le gape
Koketsego ya ditiro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lenaneo la khiro le le tsamaelanang le molao wa tsa pereko le tshwanetse la dirwa. Go tshwanetse ga nna le tekatekano ya bong ka nako ya khiro
Ka nako ya fa lefelo le le mo tirisong	
Kgotlelesego ya metsi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Didirisiwa di tshwanetse tsa baakangwa gangwe le gape go fokotsa go dutla ga leokwane le di ole. Didirisiwa ga dia tshwanela go baakanyetswa mo lefelong la marekisetso.
Kgotlelesego ya lefatsho	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go tshwanetse ga nna le tse go latlhelwang matlakala ka go farologana mo lefelong la kago.
Koketsego ya dikgobalo mo tirong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lebokoso la thuso ya potlako le tshwanetse la nna teng mo dikolung mme ebile le tshwanetse la bo le na le tse di thokafalang mo go lone. Tiriso ya dilwana tsa boiphemelo e tshwanetse ya netefadiwa
Koketsego ya kamego ya HIV/AIDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go tshwanetse ga thapiwa moitseanape wa tsa itshireletso mo tirong go rutuntsha babereki ka malwetsi a, le ka fa ba ka ithokomelang ka teng kgathanong le one.
Kgolo mo go tsa itsholelo ya motse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go ka ikgolagangwa le dikgwebopotlana tsa beng gae fa go kgonega go leka go oketsa itsholelo
Koketsego ya theko le bo leng teng jwa leokwane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go tshwanetse ga ntshafadiwa tseletso ya lefelo gore le bereke fa go kgonagala
Kgonagalo ya thagogo ya molelo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Babereki ba tshwanetse ba rutuntshiwa ka bodiphatsa jwa molelo le tiriso ya didirisiwa tse di lwantsang molelo. Go ka ikgolagangwa le morafe o o mo tikologong mabapi le tsa thibelo molelo ga mmogo le ipaakanyetso thagogo ya molelo.
Ka nako ya fa lefelo le se mo tirisong	
Modumo o o feteletseng	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Babereki ba tshwanetse ba fiwa tsa itshireketso kgathanong le modumo o o montsi Tsamaiso ya kago e tshwanetse ya salwa morago go fokotsa kamego ya modumo e e lobaka
Kgotlelesego ya loapi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Babereki ba tshwanetse ba fiwa tsa boiphemelo kgathanong ke lerole le le feteletseng Tsela e tla bong e dirisiwa e tshwanetse ya gasiwa ka metsi go fokotsa lerole le lentsi
Kgotlelesego ya lefatsho	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go tshwanetse ga nna le tse go latlhelwang matlakala ka go farologana mo lefelong la kago Matlakala a tshwanetse go latlhelwa ko go maleba.

i) Mafelo a go beilweng meriti ya mokwalo wa maduo a tshekatsheko

Moriti wa mokwalo wa tshekatsheko tikologo oo feletseng o ka bonwa kwa mafelong a a latelang:

- Lephata la Merero ya tsa Tikologo (Gaborone)
- Kgotla Kgolo ya Goodhope
- Kgotla Kgolo ya Pitsane

j) Tshoboko le dikgakololo tsa tshekatsheko

Mokwalo wa dikakgelo go tswa mo go ba ba ka amegang, kgotsa ba ba nang le kgatlhego mo tirong e, o ka romelwa kwa go ba Lephata la Merero ya tsa Tikologo mo Gaborone, ko Private Bag 0068, Tel: 3902050, Fax 3902051 pele ga di 15 Lwetse 2023





Phiro ya baabi ba melemo e a wela

Ka Portia Rapitsenyane

RATHOLO - Puso e leka ka bojotlhe go fa balwetse dipilisi kana melemo ka nako e e tshwanetseng.

Sebe sa phiri ke gore go na le dikgwetlho fa e sa le baoki ba ithola tiro ya go aba melemo.

Mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Lerala/Maunatlala Rre Sethabelo Modukanele o buile se fa a buisa diphutho tsa kgotla kwa metseng ya Ratholo le Manaledi bosheng.

Rre Modukanele o ne a tsibogela ngongora e e neng ya ntshiwa ke mothusa modulasetilo wa komiti ya ditlhabololo tsa motse wa Ratholo Mme Osego Gabaatlholwe yo o neng a supa matshwenyego a gore banni ba kgona go ya kokelolwaneng ba itekodisa ba bo ba felela ba fiwa dipilisi morago ga malatsi gongwe a le mararo ka ba fiwa dipilisi ke ba ba tswang Palapye.

O ne a kopa Rre Modukanele go tsibogela kgang e bogolo jang ka gore e ama botsogo jwa batho, e bile motho a kgona go gatelelwa ke bolwetse ka ntata ya go sa fiwa dipilisi kana melemo e a neng a e kwaletse.

Ka jalo Rre Modukanele o ne a tlhalosa fa seemo sa go sa fiweng

dipilisi ka nako se bakilwe ke gore baoki ba ne ba emisa ditirelo tsa go fa melemo mme ba tswela ka tiro ya go bona balwetse fela.

Rre Modukanele a re mo nakong eno puso e santse e tswelsetse e buisanya le ba ba maleba go rarabolola seemo se.

A re go le pele go ne go na le matshwenyego a gore dipilisi le melemo di a tlhela kwa dikokelong mme ya re go sena go tsibogelwa kgang e, ka maswabi ga tlhagoga kgang ya tlhalelo ya ba ba abang melemo.

A re thulaganyo ya go thapa ba ba ithutetseng tiro ya go fa dipilisi le melemo e tswelsetse mme o na le tsholofelo ya gore e tlaa re mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo seemo se boele mo taolong.

Mopalamente a re mo nakong eno go dirilwe ditlhalaganyo le ba ba ntseng ba le teng, gore ba dire thulaganyo ya gore ba tsamaye le metse e e farologaneng ka malatsi a a farologaneng go fa melemo le dipilisi.

Mo go tse dingwe Rre Modukanele o ne a itsise banni fa komiti e e neng e tlhomilwe go sekaseka dikgaolwana tsa bokhanselara e ne ya wetsa tiro ya yone mme kgaolo ya bone e boetse



Banni ba Ratholo ba le kwa phuthegong ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke Rre Modukanele bosheng. Senepa: Portia Rapitsenyane

mo leineng la pele la Tswapong Bokone.

A re metse e mengwe e e neng e se mo kgaolong ya Tswapong Bokone e tsentswe mo go yone mme e akaretsa Mogapi, Mogapinyana, Tamasane, Kgagodi le Diloru.

O ne a itsise banni gape gore kgaolwana ya bokhanselara e e neng e bitswa Ratholo/Majwaneng e kgaogantswe gabedi mme e nngwe e bidiwa Ratholo fa e nngwe e le Majwaneng.

Rre Modukanele o ne a itsise

banni fa pego ya tshakatsheko ya molao motheo e ne ya neelwa

Tautona mme mo nakong eno e santse e tlhotlhiwa. **BOPA**

Dikoloti o rotloetsa go itshidila mmele

Ka Aobakwe Molefhi

PITSANE - Tona wa Lephata la Botsogo e bile e le

Mopalamente wa Mmathethe/Molapowabojang Dr Edwin Dikoloti o rotloeditse maloko a kereke ya Bethel Ame church kwa Pitsane go itshidila mmele.

A re se se botlhokwa mo malatsing a gompiano bontsi jwa batho bo gapelwa matshelo ke malwetse a a sa tshelanweng.

Dr Dikoloti o ne a le kwa motseng oo ka taletso ya ba kereke eo go tsena mogwanto o o neng o itebagantse le go kgobokanya madi a go baakanya dikago tsa kereke.

Tona Dikoloti a re malwetse a a sa tshelanweng a dirwa segolobogolo ke go sa itshidila mmele go fokotsa bogale jwa one.

O tlhalositse fa malwetse ao a le botlhoko ka jaana fa a setse a tsene motho, a sena kalafi.

A re ntswa itshidilo mmele e sa tlhoke madi gore motho o ka e dira, bontsi bo santse bo le maoto a tshupa.

Dr Dikoloti o supile fa puso ya lefatshe leno e dirisa madi a mantsi go leka go ritibatsa malwetse a tshwana le sukiri, madi a matona ga reng ga a mangwe.

O supile fa a itumeletse go lemoga gore e re le ntswa go santse gole thata go amogela molaetsa wa itshidilo mmele, bontsi jwa dikereke bo atlele mogopolo oo.

Dr Dikoloti o ne a abela kereke eo madi aa kanang ka dikete tse some, mme a bolela fa seo e le go lebegela maloko gobo ba bone go le botlhokwa go tsena mogwanto ka o ka thusa go babalela matshelo a bone. **BOPA**

Moseki o kopa baruakgomo go ikopanya

By Gaboselwe Olesitse

SELEBI PHIKWE - Rre Moseki Moseki yo e leng mongwe wa ba ba neng ba amogela mpho ya poo go tswa kwa go Tautona Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi mo kgaolong ya Mmadinare a re o ikaelela go thusa barui ba bangwe go tlhabolola leruo la bone.

Fa a bua mo potsolosong Rre Moseki yo o tlogetseng tiro ka bogodi, o gateletse botlhokwa jwa gore barui ba ikopanye gore ba kgone go thusana, a tlatsa ka gore nako e tsile ya gore Batswana ba tlhabolole thuo ya bone go godisa mhama wa nama.

Rre Moseki o rotloeditse barui ka ene go dirisa dikampa tsa kgwediso ka seatla go gwedisa leruo la bone ka poo e tlhabolotsweng, a supa fa go se turu ka go lopa P30.

A re puso e dira go le gontsi go thusa baruakgomo, a tlhalosa gore fa ba isitse dikgomo tsa bone kwa dikampeng di tlhokomelwa mahala kgwedi tse tharo.

A re pele a fiwa poo, o ne a kile a nna le ya gagwe, mme ya mo latlhegela ka jalo o ntse a tshela ka go isa leruo la gagwe kwa kampeng ya kgwediso ka seatla e e kwa Sefhophe.

Rre Moseki o tshepitsitse go tlhokomela poo e a e filweng kgatlhanong le kgofa e thamaga e e kgonang go bolaya leruo e a reng e tshwenya meraka ya Marulamabedi gaufi le

Mmadinare.

Le fa e setse e le dikgwedi tse tharo a ntse a filwe poo e, a re ke gone ne e simolola go gwela mme o solofetse go le gontsi mo nakong e sa fediseng pelo.

Le fa kgaolo ya Zone 7 e akaretsang meraka ya kgaolo ya Mmadinare le Bobirwa e le kgaolo e tswang kgakala e tshabelelwa ke bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo, Rre Moseki



Rre Moseki a re o tswelsetse sentle ka go tlhokomela poo ya gagwe ka go bona gore e ja dijo tse di maleba le gore e seka ya longwa ke dikgofa. Senepa: Kgotsotalang Botsang

o lebogetse barui go bo ba dira ka natla go tlhokomela leruo la bone gore le seka la amana le leruo le le tswang mo mafatsheng a mabapi.

A re go setse go le dingwaga di le mmalwanyana bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo bo sa tshwenye mo kgaolong ya Zone 7 e bile a re o akgola puso go bo e ile ya tsaya tshwetso ya go letlelela thekiso ya leruo le le

tswang mo kgaolong eo.

A re se se file malwapa ka bontsi botshelo ka ba kgona go rekisa nama ya bone ka tlhwalhwa tse di fa godimo.

Rre Moseki o thapile babereki ba le babedi kwa morakeng mme jaaka morui yo o itseng ka leruo o nna kwa morakeng wa gagwe go bona gore leruo le bona tlhokomelo e e maleba ka e le lone le mo jesang. **BOPA**



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FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference ESHGB-000103/18
IN THE STATE of late Rebaone Mosidila who died at Good Hope Hospital, Rakhuna Borolong District, Botswana on the 18th May 2018.
FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at master of High Court at Gaborone for period of (14) days from the date of publication hereof.

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodge with Master

THABISO MOSIDILA, The Executrix. P O Box 176, Plot 5207 Somerset Extension, Francistown
 Cellphone No's: +267 74461671 / 76139391

BEFORE MOTUMISE J. IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT GABORONE

CASE NO. CVHGB- 003657/19
 In the matter between:
BOTSWANA SAVINGS BANK PLAINTIFF
 AND
SHARON MOTHUDI DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION- IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

BE PLEASED TO THAT NOTICE that a sale in execution against Defendant will be held by Deputy Sheriff Brian M. TSHABANGU to the highest bidder pursuant to judgment granted in the above Honourable Court.

DATE: 31st August 2023
TIME OF SALE: 1000HRS

PLACE OF SALE: Plot 113, Kgosing ward, Mmatseta
TO BE SOLD: Defendant's right, title and interest on a certain piece of land being Plot 113, kgosing ward, Mmatseta. Measuring 697 m² (Six Hundred and Ninety Seven Square Meters) with developments thereon being a bachelor pad.

Terms and Conditions: Cash or Bank guaranteed cheques.
DATED AT GABORONE THIS 14th DAY OF AUGUST 2023

Deputy Sheriff Brian M. Tshabangu
 c/o Rendo & Company
 Mogobe Plaza, Lot 54367,
 New CBD, Wing 2, Office 4
P O Box 70514 GABORONE
 [CMR/mn/181]
 Tel. 3160185

EASTERN GATE ACADEMY



1. **Eastern Gate Academy** wishes to fill teaching vacancies for the following Secondary School subjects:

- 1 x English & Religious Studies teacher
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Qualifications:

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Posts are available **1st January 2024**.

Candidates must send their application letters, CVs with copies of Academic credentials, experience certificates to:

Principal
 Eastern Gate Academy
 Private Bag F197
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 Tel: +2672402877

Deadline: 1st September 2023

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FARM WORKER WANTED. Jackalas No.2. Contact: 71 492 282 / 77 009 371, Obert Maponda

LOOKING FOR FARM LABOURER at Moseitse by Boikanyo Buzwani. P O Box 479, Tutume. Call 77 187 069

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A FARM WORKER with many years on farm work including horticulture and vegetable production. Please apply P.O. Box 1659 Gaborone

EXPERIENCED INTEGRATED FARM worker needed. Apply - Oanthata Masiele, Box 164 Molepolole

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

FREDRICK MOLAPISI INFORMS his neighbours that he intend to construct boundary wall at Maratanang Plot No 7293, Tlokweng. Any objections should be forwarded to Tlokweng Physical Planning Department, Telephone No 369 5003 within (14) days of publication.

SOFTWARE ENGINEER

SOFTWARE ENGINEER/DEVELOPER NEEDED.

- Relevant Degree
- 10 years experience
- Experience in Data Analytics
- Knowledge of Github, Azure, Atom Linx, Cloud-9 software

Send applications to:

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
 ESHFT-000027-17
FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT IN THE ESTATE of the late **SIYANA ROBI** – ESHFT-000027-17, who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital in Francistown on the 8th of September 2017.
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the above Estate will lie open for inspection at the chambers of the Assistant Master of the High Court Francistown for the period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of the second publication thereof.
DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16th DAY OF AUGUST 2023
SITHEMBILE NEKETE (Nee ROBI) +263775668679
EXECUTRIX DATIVE
P O BOX 2753
FRANCISTOWN
 EMAIL: sithembilerobi@gmail.com

PRIME PROPERTY FOR SALE

EXTENSION 5 GABORONE: 3 BEDROOM HOUSE (MASTER BEDROOM EN-SUITE) FOR SALE. PLOT SIZE 1368 M2. THE PROPERTY IS IN A HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER CENTRAL AREA OF GABORONE, WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE TO THE MAIN MALL. HAS SWIMMING POOL AND MAID QUARTER

whatsapp or Call 78454880

H/W KHUTO IN THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF GABORONE HELD AT BROADHURST

CASE NO. MAMBR- 000387/22
 In the matter between:
 HOPE TLOTLO PHADIMA Plaintiff
 and
 MOSETSANAGAPE MOABI Defendant

NOTICE FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

To; **MOSETSANAGAPE MOABI**, an adult female with full legal capacity, who whose further and better particulars are unknown to the plaintiff.
BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE the application has been issued against you in the above Clerk of Court by HOPE TLOTLO PHADIMA.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT you are hereby commanded that within 7 days from the date of this publication, inclusive of the first day of such publication, you do cause an appearance to be entered for you in an action at the suit of HOPE TLOTLO PHADIMA, in which action Plaintiff claims the following relief;
 a) That a paternity test be conducted on the minor child being Kutlo Hosea Moabi;
 b) That the costs of the paternity test to be shared equally between the parties;
 c) Cost of Suit in the event of opposition; and
 d) Any further and/or alternative relief.

TAKE NOTICE FURTHER that in default of you so doing the Plaintiff may proceed therein and judgment may be given in your absence.

TAKE NOTICE FURTHER that an order has been made that the publication of this Notice shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service of application on you.
DATED AT GABORONE THIS 24th DAY OF JULY 2023

Rendo & Company
 Mogobe Plaza, Plot 54367
 New CBD, Wing 2, Office 4
 P O Box 70514
 GABORONE
 [CMR/mn926]
 Tel. 3160185

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I PATRIC MASEBEKE, Owner of plot 10122 Extension 10 Palapye, would like to consult plot owners: 10123 and 10121 extension 10 for change of land use from residential to multi residential land use. Any objections, please contact: 71748899 or Palapye physical planning office 493 0821

CHANGE OF LAND USE. I Gosego Lekhana Thomamisang wish to change land use of Plot No: 4040, Kumakwane from single family to multi family residential. For any queries in relation to this request, kindly contact Kweneng District Council Physical Planning Department Telephone No: 592 0274 within 14 days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 6098 Lobatse Motswedi would like to inform neighbours that he intend to construct a boundary wall. All queries and inquiries should be forwarded to Lobatse Town Council physical planning office on telephone no. 530 5851 or call Tebogosi L. Mokgosi on 71 683 067

CHANGE OF LAND USE. The plot owner 15940 would like to change the plot use from residential to multi residential in Ramfurwa ward, Tlokweng. The neighbours plots, 15941, 15945, 15939 are being noticed. Any relating queries you can contact Tlokweng physical planning office on 369 5002

VACANCIES

TINO LIFE HOLDINGS Pty Ltd P O Box 10445 Palapye, looking for designer with diploma or degree in cutting and design with 5 years experience, able to make suits and wedding gowns. Cell 71 891 971

RADIOGRAPHERS WANTED 2 years experience. Send to: Box 47 Kazungula Plot 334, Ext 5 Gaborone.

MANAGER WANTED with 5 years experience at De-Barber Studios (Pty) Ltd. P O Box 26637, Gamecity

RADIOGRAPHERS NEEDED 2 years experience. Apply: Ramotswa Imaging Centre Box V744 Ramotswa

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NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING

ESTATE LATE MMAMOIKETSE SEMELE- ESHGB 000500/22

In pursuance of section 31 of the administration of **ESTATE ACT (Cap 31:01)**, the heirs and next kin of the deceased persons specified below are hereby invited to attend meetings at the office of the Master of high court on Thursday the 26th day of 26 October 2023 at 1100hrs.

All the respective meetings, the next of kin are to recommend persons to be appointed Executor(s) Executrices Dative, identity beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to estate of their deceased relative.

For more information concerning the deceased person's estate, please contract the Masters Office at 3718083, 3718343 or switchboard 3718000

Application for Lost Title Deed

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of lost Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. TG 67/2017 dated the 11th day of August, 2017 made in favour of Semanga Koitsiwe in respect of the undermentioned property namely:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 3164 Malolwane;
SITUATE: at Malolwane (Cadastre 29) in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 20.9955 (Twenty Point Nine Nine Five Five Hactares).

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 date of publication of this notice.

SEMANGA KOITSIWE, P.O. Box 1085, Mochudi.
Cellphone No. +26775901444/+26775359776.

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy

Of Deed NO: MA 956/2015 dated 27th day of November 2015

made in favour of Mpho Emmanuel Mogabe In respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Tribal Lot 4091 Goodhope

SITUATE: in the Goodhope in the Barolong Tribal Area

MEASURING: 894m2 Eight Hundred and Ninety Four Square meters

HELD UNDER: Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No TL 976/2012

dated the 6th day of July 2012 made in favour of Nkeletsang Monyepi.

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

DATED AT Gaborone ON THIS 9th DAY OF August 2023

MPHO E. MOGABE

(APPLICANT)

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed No; 2803/2009* dated 8th day of December 2009 made in favor of **Babotseng Monokane Nko** in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being LOT 60202 GABORONE

SITUATED: IN GABORONE WEST EXTENSION 48

MEASURING: 375m² (three hundred and seventy five square meter)

HELD UNDER CERTIFICATE OF CONSOLIDATED TITLE NO: 149 / 96

DATED 4TH MARCH 1996

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

Dated at Gaborone on this 21 Day of August 2023

APPLICANT



The F.G. Mogae Scholarship Fund applications now open

We are pleased to inform you that our prestigious scholarship fund is officially open for applications in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in Botswana. We encourage you to apply if you are eligible.

Eligibility criteria

- Citizens of Botswana
- Must be aged between 18-35 years
- People living with disabilities encouraged to apply
- Registered or intends to register for a Master's degree on a full time basis and not on secondment with a company
- Outstanding performance in the final two years of undergraduate studies and should have achieved an aggregate pass of 75%
- Financial need
- Involvement in community and extracurricular activities
- No criminal record

Please send your applications to FGMogaeSF@absa.africa

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

The deadline for applications is Friday, 15 September 2023.



Batlokwa celebrate culture

By Lindi Morwaeng

TLOKWENG - Batlokwa on Saturday gathered at Tlokweng Village Development Committee (VDC) grounds to celebrate their culture in an event they dubbed Mafifatshwana Cultural Festival.

Celebrated under the theme; My Culture, My Pride, Journey to 2025, the festivities were low key because of poor attendance.

Nevertheless, organisers went all out to stage a good show in a bid to pave way for the main celebrations billed for 2025 when they would be celebrating 145 years of the tribe's existence.

Officiating at the event, Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sport and Culture Development, Mr Tumiso Rakgare commended Batlokwa for celebrating their rich cultural heritage.

"As a ministry we are here to give support and bear witness that culture is celebrated and preserved," he said.

He further said celebration of culture by different tribes in Botswana showed unity in diversity.

Cultural activities on display such as music, dance, traditional games and many others, Minister Rakgare said demonstrated a sense of belonging and pride, which made the Setswana culture unique. Kgosi Puso said the main objective of the day was to remember the origins and heritage of Batlokwa so as to preserve them for the future generations.

Also, he said the tribe wanted to demonstrate economic benefits that could be derived from celebrating cultural activities.

He said such celebrations started in 2009 with an intention to

celebrate the day annually until the main event in 2025.

He was however concerned that their proximity to the city was a threat to preservation of culture due to influx of other tribes who had now been integrated into the tribe. Therefore, he said the tribe vision was to have a smart model village to help stop modernisation from eradicating their culture and value systems.

He said in Botswana Batlokwa were found in Tlokweng, Mogobane, Ramotswa, Mmatseta and Maun.

Giving words of encouragement, Oupa Bogatsu, representing Batlokwa from South Africa, said Batlokwa were spread throughout Southern Africa.

He Batlokwa were also found in Lesotho, Zimbabwe and Zambia.

He encouraged fellow tribesmen to be proud of their identity.

He cautioned them to desist from selling land as it was the case with those in South Africa.

He said land was an important resource with an intrinsic value.

A representative of Batlokwa from Zimbabwe, Sindile Mdlhongwa shared that Batlokwa were scattered throughout Zimbabwe.

He explained that they arrived in Zimbabwe during the time of the Difecane wars.

He said while some Batlokwa tribesmen remained in Botswana, his clan ended up in Zimbabwe while others went further north into Zambia.

He also said although they had lost the language in the process because of integration, that had not caused them to lose their cultural identity, hence his name is Mdlhongwa, which means



Kgosi Puso (third left) and Batlokwa during Mafifatshwana Cultural Festival in Tlokweng recently. Minister Rakgare commended Batlokwa for celebrating their rich cultural heritage, saying celebration of culture by Botswana tribes showed unity in diversity.

Motlokwa.

He said Batlokwa were by nature brave and decisive, so he encouraged them to hold on to those traits as they believed in greatness. According to Kgosi Ramonnye Matlapeng, the Batlokwa tribe was one of those that arrived in Botswana in the 1800s from South Africa during the Difecane wars.

They split with Bakgatla in South Africa and found refuge in Botswana.

When they arrived in Botswana they sought refuge from Bakwena tribe under the leadership of Kgosi Sechele I, who gave them land.

He explained that the story of Batlokwa was one of courage and strife from other tribes who

wanted to swallow them, but always found a way to split from those dominant tribes to preserve their own identity and survival.

Their totem is Thakadu since the animal is believed to have rescued them during a time of turmoil.

He said they were referred to as Mafifatshwana as they were revered to carry out their cultural ways in secrecy just like their

totem, hence they still bury their dead in their home steads.

The festivities were characterised by presentation of dikgafela to Kgosi Puso, poetry, traditional games such as morabaraba, traditional cuisine and lots of entertainment.

Biggest performances were from Cultural Spears, Mma Ausi and Mafithhakgosi traditional dance troupe among, others. **BOPA**

Glotto brand hits international stage

By Gaolethoo Kgatitswe

GABORONE - Botswana's youthful fashion brand Glotto will rock the New York Fashion Week ramp on September 5 - 12.

The founder and creative director of Glotto, Mboko Basiami said this in an interview on Friday.

Basiami said the local brand was founded in 2015 and had since dominated social media platforms and found favour in the eyes of the youth due to its elegant blend of tourism and fashion.

"I used my book allowance whilst I was at the University of Botswana and started my brand from my small savings," she said. Basiami graduated from varsity in 2020 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in International Business Marketing and Research.

"We have made progress throughout the years and have been honoured in the top five Most Admired Brand in Botswana and we are the only youth brand amongst the top 10

of that list," she added.

She also highlighted that Glotto would be showcasing their products at the New York fashion week under the theme; Glotto Summer Spring - Weaponise Competence.

"The theme is inspired by our cultural and natural soldiers who wore leather tunics for uniforms and the spears they used, and so we will be revealing our organic leathers and crochet wool clothing to the world," she said.

Basiami called out for support from Botswana to sponsor the team to New York, as well as to follow the journey on social media platforms to appreciate the evolution of Botswana fashion.

She further encouraged other designers not to underestimate the power of social media, noting that it was through such a platform that the New York Fashion show team reached her.

Basiami also emphasised the importance of building one's portfolio and leaving behind digital footprints. **BOPA**



Children playing a traditional game of mhele at the cultural festival. There was also presentation of dikgafela to Kgosi Puso, poetry, traditional cuisine and games such as morabaraba and lots of entertainment. Photos: Lindi Morwaeng

Games promote wellness, friendship

By Jeremiah Sejabosigo

LOBATSE - Sport and exercise can play a critical role in promoting physical wellness, mental well-being as well as teamwork among employees.

Minister of Health Dr Edwin Dikoloti said this when officially opening the Southern Region Inter Health Games in Lobatse on Tuesday.

The week-long competition, which finishes on Friday, has brought together teams from eight District Health Management Teams (DHMTs) in the southern part of Botswana.

Dr Dikoloti urged participants to use the games for awareness creation about Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).

He said NCDs such as hypertension, cancer and others had increased and became major global concern.

"Creating awareness about NCDs, their risk factors and preventative measures is crucial.

Government, health care

organisations and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) should collaborate and educate people about healthy lifestyle, including proper nutrition, physical activity as well as tobacco and alcohol control," he said.

He said participation in the Inter Health Games would benefit health care workers by improving their wellness.

He added that it would also help to strengthen the health system since it would be run by healthy people. "Healthy staff in our healthy system will help to improve access to quality health care services, medication and specialised care for all our patients," said the minister.

Dr Dikoloti therefore commended the ministry of health employees for organising the games annually.

Explaining the objectives of the event, Athlone Hospital superintendent, Dr Malebogo Rauwe pointed out that the games were organised to promote

wellness and cooperation among health care workers.

Dr Rauwe said health care workers should be physically and mentally healthy since they provided critical services to the nation.

Safety, Health and Environment Coordinator in the Ministry of Health, Ms Ellen Kahovere, in her overview of the games, said they were established in 2012 by the health care workers from Rakops, Palapye, Gantsi and Maun.

She said workers from the Chobe DHMT, Sefhare Primary Hospital, Masunga and Gweta joined the following year as the games grew.

She said when they started, the main mandate of the games was to tackle issues that affected men.

She said during their gathering they would invite other stakeholders to come and address issues such as HIV/AIDS, financial literacy, as well as men's sexual health.

Ms Kahovere said interest grew in the games as time went

on and more DHMTs started participating.

She said the games had now turned into a forum for health care workers to converge and collectively look at their health and wellness by getting screened for illnesses and carrying out physical exercises.

The games brought together teams from Greater Lobatse,

Kgalagadi South, Kgalagadi North, Southern, Greater Gaborone, Kweneng and Kgatleng DHMTs.

There were also teams from Sbrana Psychiatric Hospital, Kanye SDA and Ministry of Health headquarters.

They competed in football, netball, volleyball, darts and snooker tournaments. **BOPA**

Masalela back on track tonight

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Tshepiso Masalela will tonight compete in the 800 metres semi-finals at the ongoing World Athletics Championships held in Budapest, Hungary.

He booked a spot as one of the fastest non-automatic qualifiers after finishing in position four in the heats with a time of 1:45.60 on Tuesday.

Tonight, he will line up against polish Mateusz Borkowski, Mohamed Attaoui of Spain, Ben Pattison of Great Britain, Joseph Deng of Australia, Benjamin Robert from France two Africans Slimane Moula and Abdelati El Guesse of Algeria and Morocco respectively.

National team coach Chilume Ntshwarang said they would go all out in the semi-final as their main aim was to make it to the final.

"He should run and go with the front pack.

He should avoid being boxed in because to come out of the box is other story. The idea is to increase the pace and see if we will get a Personal Best time and a final spot," he said.

Former Botswana Athletics Association secretary Patrick Moesi said the athlete ran a good race, though in the mix, adding that he had dug in a little bit more he would even have qualified automatically

"His race management has improved greatly this season and he is sure to develop into a world class athlete from this experience.

In the semi-finals, he needs to stay up there with the leading pack and finish strongly.

He may be in with a chance for the finals if he fights until the end," he said.

Meanwhile it was a bad day in office as three 400m runners did not proceed to the finals.

Bayapo Ndori could not complete his race due to an injury while Leungo Scotch and Coleen Kebinatshipi both finished last in their different heats with 45.96 and 46.39 respectively.

Athletics coach Boxah Kootshabe said Scotch and Kebinatshipi were both slow in their first 200m.

"It looked like they gave up when they saw that they don't have a chance of better position and times.

I hope they will recover and give us better performance in a relay," he said

On the other hand, Moesi said it was not a good day for the 400m trio and that Scotch was in the strongest heat and his lane draw did not do him any favours.

He said running from that lane against fast athletes, he needed to have started very quickly but he did not seem to kick it off too well hence the result.

The coach said Kebinatshipi, a junior, did well to have made it to the semi-finals, adding that he too was affected by the lane draws.

Moesi said while known for his fast take offs, he did not start off too well and was already trailing in the back straight.

"It's a learning curve for the youngster and he will grow from strength as a result.

Our athletes need to be aware of the new rules for lane draws and should strive to qualify automatically for better lanes," he said. **BOPA**



Dr Dikoloti (centre) and Dr Rauwe (right) sharing a light moment with the Great Lobatse District Health Management Team players during official opening of the Southern Region Inter Health Games in Lobatse on Tuesday. Dr Dikoloti said sports and exercise could be used to promote health, mental wellness and friendship among healthcare workers. Photo: Jeremiah Sejabosigo

Osasuna faces Bruges in Conference League preliminary round

MADRID - Osasuna will make their European comeback for the first time since 2007 as they face the Belgian team, Bruges, in the preliminary round of the Conference League on Thursday night.

The team from Pamplona, which secured a seventh-place finish in LaLiga last season, endured an uncertain period before their European spot was confirmed.

This was due to an investigation into match-fixing allegations from the 2013-14 LaLiga season.

While the club was initially ousted from the competition, their position was restored on appeal.

They received a fine of 100 000 euros and were directed to

surrender five per cent of their income from the group stage should they qualify.

UEFA determined that the match-fixing was orchestrated by the club's former directors, some of whom have since been sentenced to prison in Spain. Osasuna entered this match after starting LaLiga with a 2-0 victory over Celta Vigo but suffered a 2-0 defeat against Athletic Club Bilbao the subsequent weekend.

Winger Kike Barja, who sat out last weekend due to a minor muscle issue, is expected to be ready by Thursday. Coach Jagoba Arrasate plans to deploy his strongest lineup. Bruges, currently leading the Belgian league with three victories and one draw

from four matches, advanced to the preliminary round with an impressive 10-2 aggregate triumph over the Icelandic team, Knattspyrnufelag Akureyrar.

Their storied European history includes reaching the Champions League's last-16 in the previous season, emerging from a group that ousted both Bayer Leverkusen and Atletico Madrid.

With the subsequent leg in Belgium set for the following week, predicting the outcome of this tie is challenging.

Yet, considering Osasuna's athletic and legal battles to return to European competition after 16 years, it would be somewhat ironic if they faltered at this initial stage. **Xinhua**



Masalela will tonight compete in the 800m semi-finals at the ongoing World Athletics Championships held in Budapest, Hungary.



Tebogo set for semis tonight

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Botswana's finest runner, Letsile Tebogo will tonight continue on his quest of clinching another medal at the ongoing World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary as he lines up for the 200m semi-finals at 820pm.

Tebogo cruised to the semi-finals yesterday finishing ahead of the pack with a time of 20.22, beating among others Blessing Afrifah of Israel, who denied him a gold medal at the World Athletics Junior Championships last year.

From the start of the race, Tebogo was very conservative possibly saving the best for the semi-finals where most athletes will come with guns blazing.

Some of the athletics pundits are of the view that should Tebogo proceed to the finals tonight, the world should expect yet another good performance.

Former athlete and now a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Sport Science at the University of Botswana Dr Tshepang Tshube said it was clear in the 200m heat that Tebogo had been able

to monitor and regulate his mental and emotional state.

First, he said Tebogo was focused on the race and calm from the introductions to the end, adding that was important, particularly for self-awareness.

Dr Tshube said in the build-up and during the race, he had to focus on relevant cues only, such as his starting block, lane, and productive thoughts about the race.

Secondly, he said at a technical level, two things happened: the first thing was energy management.

He said Tebogo ran to qualify, adding that he expected him to continue with his good performance tonight.

"Secondly, Tebogo was aware that he was the favourite to win and controlled the race from start to finish.

He has built the confidence to control the race.

It was clear that other athletes respected him to win the race," he said.

Meanwhile, it was end of the road for Oratile Nowe as she failed to progress to the 800 metres semi-finals as she finished in position seven with a National Record of 2:01:62. **BOPA**

BUDAPEST - Tebogo leading the men's 200m during day five of the World Athletics Championships at National Athletics Centre in Hungary yesterday.

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