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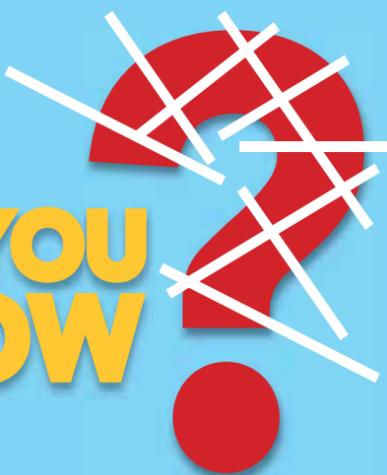
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President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi (left) presenting the former president Dr Festus Mogae with World Health Organisation Public Health Champion Award at WHO 75th anniversary ceremony in Gaborone yesterday. The award was presented to him in recognition of his outstanding service to public health and promotion of the well being of the people of Africa. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

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Phillippines, Uruguay present letters of credence

By **Thato Mosinyi**

GABORONE - President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi yesterday received letters of credence from the Philippines and Uruguay envoys.

Receiving the letters from the Philippines ambassador-designate, Ms Noralyn Baja, President Masisi said he attached a lot of importance to the existing bilateral relations between the two nations that dated back to 1967.

He said the relations were built on shared bonds and cooperation in international organisations such as the United Nations as well as a shared commitment to democracy, respect for human rights, peace and security, economic and social development and an international trade system that benefited both countries.

President Masisi also said there were opportunities to enhance mutual knowledge and understanding between the two countries through

the establishment of political consultations as well as through bilateral cooperation.

He said Botswana could learn from Philippines strong regional leadership in education with well-established public school and university systems.

"The Philippines are renowned for skills export, an area that Botswana can benchmark on as the two countries strive to unlock more channels of bilateral cooperation," President Masisi said.

He urged the envoy to explore the country's tourists attraction areas which he said were endowed with flora and fauna.

For her part, Ms Baja expressed delight over the outstanding bilateral relations that existed between Botswana and the Philippines.

She commended Botswana for making significant strides in infrastructure development; the roads infrastructure and network connectivity.

She said her country was keen to establish a bilateral coordination manual with the aim to nurture the relations between the two countries.

Meeting the Uruguay ambassador-designate, Mr Jose Lopez, President Masisi reaffirmed Botswana's support to the people of Uruguay and the already strong diplomatic relations subsisting between the two countries.

"Botswana remains grateful for the relationship between Uruguay which dates back to 2007 and is premised on shared values of democracy, good governance, respect for the rule of law, mutual respect and understanding as well as continuous pursuit of sustainable development and a free market economy," he said.

He highlighted the need for Uruguay to introduce visa exemptions for Botswana travelling to Uruguay in an effort to strengthen the ties and promote trade between the two nations.

Similarly, Mr Lopez commended President Masisi for

the warm reception accorded to him.

He described Botswana as a true friend with lots of similarities to Uruguay in terms of multiparty state, democracy and obedience to the rule of law.

He said his country was actively looking at deepening and broadening ties with Botswana in the agricultural sector and water reticulation.

Mr Lopez said they were recently impacted by a severe drought which devastated the country's agriculture and food supply chains.

He further said the two countries had similar economic and investment interests that could create employment and economic development for the benefit of both countries. **BOPA**



President Masisi (left) receiving letters of credence from Phillipines Ambassador Baja at the Office of the President yesterday. President Masisi commended Phillipines for consumer-led economy, adding that Botswana looked forward to broadening relations and embracing tourism development skills from the country. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe



Ambassador Lopez

Tsogwane urges all to recruit new members

By **Mooketsi Mojalemotho**

FRANCISTOWN - The Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) members have been reminded that they have a responsibility to recruit new members into the party fold.

Such a responsibility, according to the party Chairman and Member of Parliament for Boteti West, Mr Slumber Tsogwane was not the preserve for members vying for political office only.

He appealed to the BDP Francistown region special congress held at Adanson Hotel in on Saturday.

Francistown region has five constituencies namely; Francistown East, Francistown West, Francistown South, Tati East and Tonota.

"You are advisors and leaders for this party and are duty bound to take it upon yourself to stand for the party and sell its manifesto to the electorates.

Moreover, Mr Tsogwane stated it was important that those entrusted with leadership positions should trust each other, openly tell each other the truth and accept they have different strengths and weaknesses. No one has the monopoly of wisdom, he said.

Democrats, he said should familiarise themselves with the party's guiding documents such as the constitution and the manifesto to be in a better stead to sell the party to the masses.

"Those vying for elections should be at the top of their game and be in a position to explain succinctly what the party stands for in terms

of its pledges, its development trajectory and priorities," he said.

It is Mr Tsogwane's wish that the democrats should have the determination and fire in the belly to take the nation forward like President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi.

It is to this end the party has resolved that recruits should wait for two full years before they can contend for any position within the party.

The BDP chairman stated that the resolutions that would emanate from the regional meeting would be key going forward.

Member of the BDP Central Committee (MCC), Mr Machana Shamukuni said in his briefing that members were determined to work hard to ensure they win the 2024 general elections with bigger margins.

"The 2024 general elections will not be business as usual. We will have to put up a fervent campaign and pull out all the stops on our way to victory," he said.

Member of Parliament for Tonota, Mr Pono Moatlhodi challenged the democrats to know each other strengths and make sure they fielded strong people come elections.

He shared Mr Tsogwane's sentiments that the people who have sufficient knowledge of the party usually make good representatives.

He relayed that he was not happy with the current recruitment drive to lure people into the party's fold by BDP members.

Member of Parliament for Francistown East and Assistant

Minister of Youth, Sport and Culture, Mr Buti Billy called on the youth to take advantage of the Youth Development Fund which would be transferred to the Ministry of Entrepreneurship in the next financial year.

The programme focuses on sectors such as agriculture and its value chains, agro-tourism, and

ICT to scale down the country's import bill and increase the export bill; something he stated was in line with the BDP manifesto that pledged to create employment, ensure food security and better the lives of Batswana.

Francistown region Chairman who is also at the helm of Tonota district council, Mr Baemedi

Medupe agreed that the meeting created a perfect platform to come up with resolutions to present at the forthcoming BDP congress slated for Palapye.

General membership, he said also needed to change mindset and ensure they were hands-on in all the activities of the party. **BOPA**



Vice President Tsogwane (second left) and Mr Medupi (second right) during Francistown BDP regional congress recently. Mr Tsogwane implored democrats to familiarise themselves with BDP's constitution and manifesto to be able to sell the party to Batswana. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

Africa CDC pledges support to Botswana initiatives

By Pako Lebanna

GABORONE - Botswana's ongoing efforts to engage in the manufacturing of medicines and human vaccines could do well with support from African states.

These sentiments were expressed by the director general of the Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) Dr Jean Kaseya during a courtesy call on President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi at the Office of the President yesterday.

Dr Kaseya said African states should show support by procuring medicines and vaccines from the country as this would be beneficial to the continent.

He praised President Masisi for his visionary leadership in driving Botswana towards the production of medicine and said he would urge African states to offer the country a market.

"Your vision, President Masisi fits into what Africa needs. We need independence from relying on others, and Africa should open up its market, for what is from Botswana should be for all African states to procure and support our own since we have been heavily reliant on imports," Dr Kaseya said.

The leadership of Africa CDC, the public health agency of the African Union (AU), established in 2016 by the 26th AU Ordinary Assembly of Heads of State and Government to support the public health initiatives of member states and strengthen capacity to deal with disease threats, has been partaking in the WHO Regional Committee for Africa summit in Gaborone.

President Masisi assured Dr Kaseya and fellow Africa CDC leaders that Botswana would continue to offer support for their work, which from a domestic perspective, included complementing the effort of developing the capacity of the country's own healthcare system.

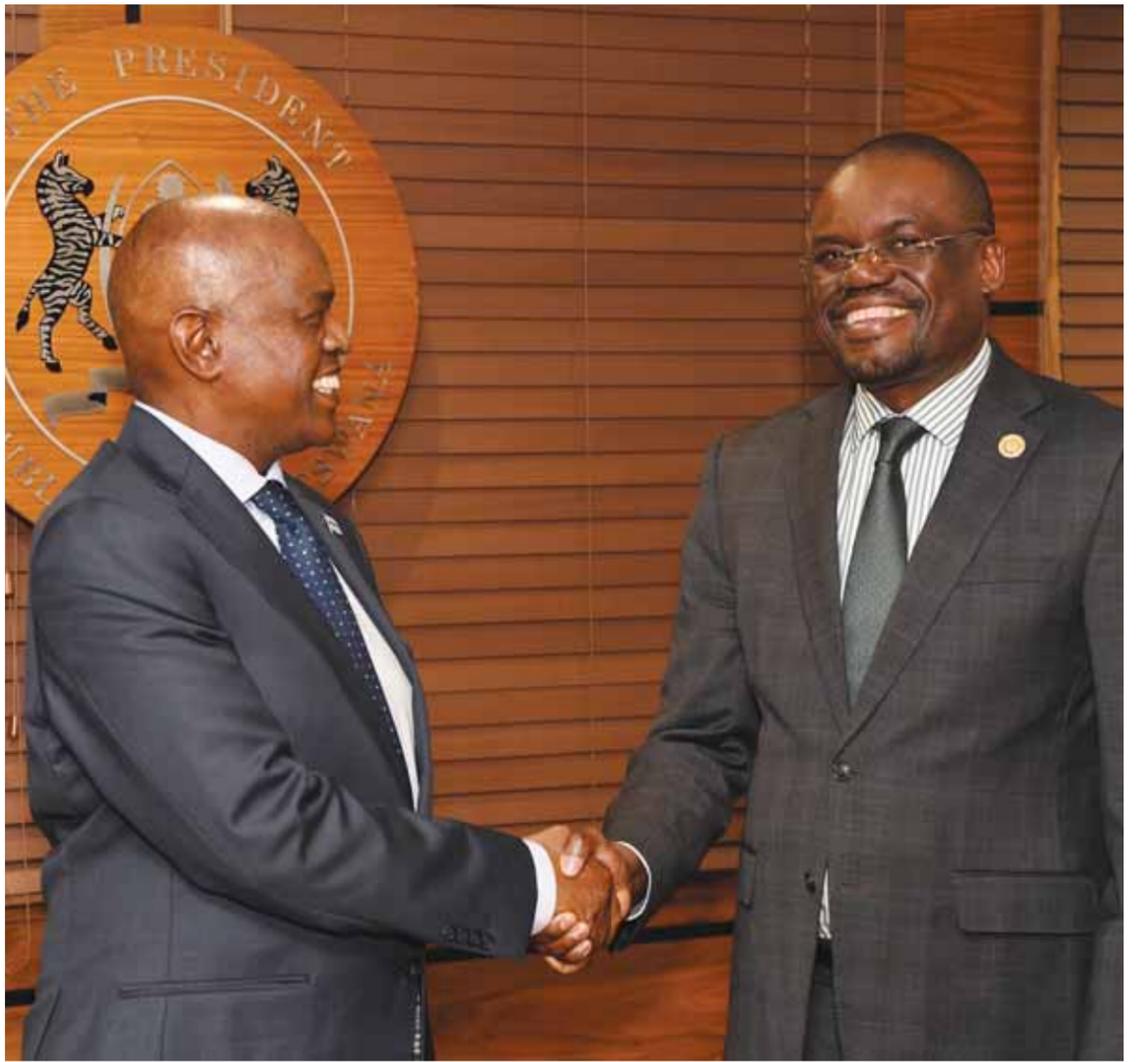
He said Botswana had taken 'baby steps' towards developing its healthcare ecosystem, including the production of drugs, vaccines and therapy saying the country sought to further strengthen the

Botswana Medical Regulatory Authority (BOMRA).

Dr Masisi added that Africa needed to build strong healthcare systems, which include, building human capital, industrial development, and technology, as well as the monitoring, detection and capacity to deal with disease burden along with research and analytics and drawing lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic.

President Masisi concurred with Dr Kaseya that the continent needed to be united in building regional synergy around its healthcare regulatory systems.

He added that the work of the Africa CDC should be seamless, rapid without being tied to bureaucracy and overcoming potential language barriers on the continent. **BOPA**



President Masisi (left) and Dr Kaseya during a courtesy call on the former at the Office of the President yesterday. President Masisi assured Dr Kaseya and Africa CDC leaders that Botswana would continue to offer support for their work, which included complementing the effort of developing the capacity of the country's own healthcare system. Photo: Godfrey Mpusu

Masisi commends Prisons for successful OPR

By Mmoniemang Motsamai

TLOKWENG - Botswana Prisons Service has been commended for developing a comprehensive Offender Reintegration Programme that encourages community participation in reintegrating ex-offenders.

Officiating at the Botswana Prisons National Ex-offenders Reintegration Conference in Tlokweng yesterday, President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi said positive strides had been made in reintegrating ex-offenders into communities.

"Since the launch of the programme in 2021, out of 459 inmates handed to the reintegration committees, only eight or 1.74 per cent have re-offended. This is an indication that if all prisoners were to go through the same process, there was no doubt in the efficacy of attaining successful reintegration," he said. He said the programme through community participation in the form of Community Based Reintegration Committees (CBRC) was chaired by the village

leadership for aftercare and continuity.

"The reason for such a decision is that in Setswana, dikgosi are key in providing guidance in nation building," he said.

President Masisi said the reintegration programme was also important as it was purposed to change the way society perceived ex-offenders.

Therefore, he said the programme would positively influence ex-offenders to view life in a different perspective, leading to a reduced chance of re-offending.

He also underscored that Botswana prisons was also one of the departments that were doing well in the implementation of the Reset Agenda.

"I am not surprised that we are gathered here today in a conference of this magnitude, which is aimed at strengthening programmes geared towards promoting a safer Botswana," he said.

President Masisi reaffirmed government's commitment to support the Botswana Prison Service in all its efforts geared

toward enhancing the delivery of rehabilitation and reintegration programmes. To that effect, he said the amendment of the Prisons Act would adequately address issues of human rights in prisons.

"I wish to point out the significant role of the community in this challenging phenomenon. Reintegration takes place in the community, by the community and for the community. The most the state can do is to facilitate and support the endeavours of the community in this regard," he said.

Meanwhile, Minister of Defence and Security, Mr Kagiso Mmusi said the historic event for the Prisons Service was important for providing platform to appreciate and reflect on progress made since the launch of the Botswana Prison Service Offender Reintegration Strategy in October 2021.

Reflecting on the strategy, he said, the Prisons Service had taken a deliberate move to involve communities in the reintegration programme to create a seamless coherence between offender in-care and aftercare.

He said the reintegration programme was a living example of mindset change that was instrumental to addressing issues of crime-free Botswana by the year 2036.

"We drive this initiative leveraging on pillars two and four of the National Vision 2036 aspirations accentuating on Human Social Development and Governance, Peace and Security," he said. Mr Mmusi said the initiative was further important in driving United Nations Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development Goals, pillar number 16 which focused on promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, providing access to justice to all and building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions.

Botswana Prisons Commissioner Ms Dinah Marathe said it was the first time Botswana Prisons Service conducted a dialogue and promised that more was to come.

This conference laid the foundation for social cohesion and acceptance of those who come from custody.

She said the mandate of Prisons Service was to ensure safe custodial care of offenders, whilst ensuring their rehabilitation and subsequent release from prison upon expiration of their sentences.

She said Prisons Service had evolved with regards to service delivery, human capital, and infrastructure and strived to be an institution of correctional excellence. Commissioner Marathe said the programme was intended to attain successful special/community re-entry of offenders upon release to accord them the opportunity to lead positive, productive and meaningful life free of crime.

She said there were 447 committees around the country which continued to capacitate through different programmes and actions. **BOPA**



President Masisi (centre), Minister Mmusi (left) and Ms Marathe during the national ex-offenders reintegration conference in Tlokweng yesterday. President Masisi said the principal objective of the one-of-a-kind conference was to dialogue on restoring lost dignity of ex-prisoners, as well as the role everyone could play in ensuring successful reintegration into society. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

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Mogae: HIV and AIDS champion

By Olekantse Sennamose

GABORONE - In 2001, when 40 per cent of all adults in Botswana were infected with HIV, the then President of Botswana, Dr Festus Mogae took to the global stage to warn that his people were 'threatened with extinction.'

He was the first head of state in the world to publicly test for HIV, and one of the first to chair his country's national AIDS council. This marked the beginning of his illustrious leadership in the fight against the pandemic, and the world was watching!

Dr Mogae was duly recognised in October 2008 when he was named the winner of the Mo Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership.

Announcing the Ibrahim Laureate, the then United Nations Secretary General and chair of the Prize Committee, Dr Kofi Annan said 'President Mogae's outstanding leadership has ensured Botswana's continued stability and prosperity in the face of an AIDS pandemic which threatened the future of his country and people.'

The then UNAIDS Executive Director, Dr Peter Piot said 'Mr Mogae has demonstrated what leadership and perseverance can achieve in the face of extreme challenges.' He further said the Mo Ibrahim Prize represented a pinnacle in Mr Mogae's efforts to stop the spread of HIV, not only in Botswana but throughout Africa, and that he was a true visionary and exemplary to other leaders around the world.

Looking back at his journey, it is evident that his success in the fight against HIV and AIDS was no fluke. Dr Mogae's leadership made a difference in Botswana's AIDS response through a



Dr Mogae (right) receiving a Baylor International Paediatric AIDS Leadership Award in 2004.

number of initiatives.

From 1998 when he took the reins from Sir Ketumile Masire until he relinquished the seat in 2008, Dr Mogae made the HIV/AIDS response one of the top priorities of his administration.

BOPA reporter **Olekantse Sennamose** highlights some of the achievements that helped the country to be the darling of the international community in the fight against the pandemic.

The first step Dr Mogae made was to build a comprehensive national response to HIV/AIDS. Recognising the severity of the epidemic, he made it a top priority for his government. His administration then invested heavily in HIV prevention and public education campaigns. These efforts aimed to raise awareness about safe practices and reduce the stigma associated with the disease. Dr Mogae's stand to be vocal about reducing the stigma surrounding

HIV/AIDS helped encourage more people to test and seek treatment.

After ensuring that the nation was well educated on the basics of the pandemic and people were willing to come out in the open, Dr Mogae's administration then next introduced Antiretroviral Treatment (ART), a move that was considered one of the world's most ambitious programmes meant to provide free antiretroviral treatment to citizens living with HIV/AIDS.

This initiative significantly extended the lives of many people living with the virus as it delivered HIV treatment to more than 90 per cent of those who needed it.

Dr Mogae then ensured the extension of access to healthcare. This resulted in a notable improvement in access to healthcare services for people affected by HIV/AIDS, including testing



Dr Mogae (left), Melinda (centre) and Bill Gates during their first visit to Botswana.

and counselling. From then, Dr Mogae's next strategic move was to collaborate with the international organisations and donors such as UNAIDS and PEPFAR through which he managed to secure the hard to come by funding and technical support for Botswana's HIV/AIDS programmes.

By then funding was a difficult to access especially that many African countries were in need of such. After ensuring that all the other basic services such as awareness, testing and preventative measures were in place, Dr Mogae's administration then established data collection and monitoring.

Robust systems for data collection and monitoring of HIV/AIDS cases was vital in that it enabled evidence-based decision-making and programme evaluation.

Perhaps one of Dr Mogae's strengths

was his demonstration of strong political will in the fight against HIV/AIDS. He used his presidency as a platform to advocate for a global response to the pandemic.

As a result of these efforts, Botswana made substantial progress in curbing the spread of HIV/AIDS and improving the lives of those affected. Dr Mogae's leadership in this area earned him recognition and accolades on the international stage, and his approach to tackling the epidemic has served as a model for other nations facing similar challenges.

In addition to treatment, the country made impressive strides in another key initiative, the prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission (PMTCT) and caring for children orphaned by AIDS.

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You are a special one - Ghebreyesus tells Mogae

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - World Health Organisation (WHO) Director General, Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus has hailed former President Dr Festus Mogae for his contribution to health and peace in the continent.

Dr Ghebreyesus who was speaking at a cocktail dinner organised for delegates attending the ongoing WHO Regional Committee for Africa (RC73) Summit on Monday, said that he had known Dr Mogae for many years since the time he (Ghebreyesus) was Minister of Health in his home country, Ethiopia.

He said among significant and positive impacting assignments that Dr Mogae was engaged in, two of them stood out as per his judgement.

One of them, he said was his contribution to revitalisation of the Global Fund.

He said the fund was faced with some challenges and a taskforce to investigate the problems was setup, of which Dr Mogae was a member.

He said the taskforce carried out investigations which led to some recommendations and ultimately Global Fund was revitalised and continued with its work of supporting the world.

"This is so because of former President Dr Mogae's guidance and others," he said.

Furthermore, Dr Ghebreyesus said he worked closely with Dr Mogae on many other issues, praising him for his leadership skills in bringing peace to South-Sudan.

"He was chairing the committee assigned to mitigate for peace in South-Sudan and at that time I was the foreign minister. Of course it took some time but eventually peace was restored in South-Sudan," he said. The WHO

director general stated that Dr Mogae's legacy would not only be recognised locally, but in the global space.

"You are a special one. What Africa needs now are leaders like you, humble leaders. By the way, also in the hands of President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi, Botswana is lucky," he said.

Dr Ghebreyesus also applauded Botswana for having grown from an aid-supported state to a developed country with a good primary health care.

Dr Ghebreyesus said Botswana had proven that everything was possible in Africa.

The year 2023 also marks the 75th anniversary of WHO, a significant year for the organisation as well as global health, he said.

Dr Ghebreyesus said the COVID-19 pandemic reminded all that health was a human right. He said challenges in the health system across the globe had proven that in order to win, team spirit was vital.

As such, he commended Botswana and other WHO member states for working together towards health of all.

Meanwhile, WHO Director for the Africa Region, Dr Matshidiso Moeti said WHO was committed to improving the health of African people hence she called on all to work together for it to succeed.

Despite underlying challenges, Dr Moeti was confident that working together would bring solutions.

For his part, Minister of Health Dr Edwin Dikoloti said health issues affecting African countries were more or less similar and therefore the gathering of RC73 was an opportunity to share experiences.

Dr Dikoloti said through WHO, countries around the world had made strides in developing their

respective health structures.

He said the African region had invested heavily on health care infrastructure and on health care issues among them managing

issues relating to HIV and AIDS, other communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases and recently the fight against COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr Dikoloti said Botswana was grateful and as such applauded WHO for its remarkable success in tackling health issues across the globe. **BOPA**



Dr Mogae (left) and Dr Ghebreyesus at a cocktail dinner organised for delegates attending the ongoing 73rd Session of WHO Regional Committee for Africa in Gaborone on Monday. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

WHO recognises Mogae

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - As part of its 75th anniversary celebrations, the World Health Organisation (WHO) yesterday recognised former president, Dr Festus Mogae and other African leaders who have worked to build the continent's healthcare system.

The award was in recognition of Dr Mogae's efforts in guiding the health system of Botswana and combating the HIV and AIDS pandemic. Through his visionary leadership, Dr Mogae prioritised the fight against HIV and led Botswana to become the first country in Africa to provide free ARV treatment to HIV positive patients. His efforts resulted in the reduction of deaths and the transmission of the virus by rolling out the Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission programme among others.

His work in fighting HIV and AIDS as well as improving Botswana's health system was commended for having a far reaching impact and strengthening the country's healthcare system.

WHO's director for the Africa region, Dr Matshidiso Moeti said Africa's capacity had been built over the years and that it would assist the continent in growing its health system and guiding future aspirations.

Established 75 years ago, WHO was tasked with attaining universal health for all, Dr

Moeti said. She noted that during its formative years between 1948 and 1958, WHO focused on infectious diseases that were affecting many people. She said over the years community-led interventions had proven to be effective.

Dr Moeti also noted that the first cases of HIV were recorded in sub Saharan Africa in 1982, and that the cost of fighting HIV and AIDS was out of reach for many African countries.

She said between 1988 and 2023, WHO supported African countries in strengthening their health systems and to effectively deal with emerging health challenges. She said national immunisation campaigns were strengthened, adding that vaccines played a major role in controlling tropical diseases.

Dr Moeti noted that through interventions that were driven by communities to support health systems, Africa was certified free of Polio in the 20th Century.

She said Africa must now ensure that policies were in place to foster opportunities to improve health systems.

She said WHO had over the years demonstrated the power of partnerships and collaboration and the ability to do more with less.

Additionally, she said WHO had established Centres of Disease Control in Africa, and that the organisation was looking forward to working with the African Union and

African leaders and governments in establishing resilient health systems.

She said WHO was devoted to supporting a multi-sectoral approach in developing health systems in the region, urging African countries to take advantage of research and innovation.

Meanwhile, Vice President, Mr Slumber Tsogwane said Botswana and the rest of the world were celebrating the work that WHO had been doing over 75 years.

He said the milestone provided countries across the globe with an opportunity to reflect on health challenges and to celebrate achievements over the years.

He applauded global leaders for their visionary leadership in facilitating and supporting WHO to tackle health setbacks over the decades. He noted that WHO had made notable successes in eliminating tropical diseases and controlling communicable and non-communicable diseases as well as strengthening health care systems.

Through WHO support, Mr Tsogwane said, Botswana had made commendable progress in advancing health programmes. He also urged WHO to continue supporting local and regional health systems in order to make health for all a reality. **BOPA**

Mogae: HIV and AIDS champion

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This initiative played a significant part in ensuring that the virus did not become an inter-generational curse.

After he stepped down from the Presidency in 2008, Dr Mogae now had ample time in his hands, he used the opportunity to now take the fight beyond Botswana borders to the rest of Africa. In August 2008, hardly four months after he left the Presidency, he launched 'Champions for an HIV-free Generation,' which was a group of renowned African leaders calling on their peers to step up efforts to prevent the spread of HIV.

The collaborating partners of this initiative were the World Bank, UNAIDS, the World Health Organization, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS,

Tuberculosis and Malaria, and PEPFAR.

The Champions, highly visible leaders from all over Africa and different walks of life, helped mobilise leadership in Africa and advocate effective policies and action on HIV prevention.

As outspoken opinion-leaders, they sought to initiate a dialogue in changing behavioral and societal norms.

Dr Mogae is enjoying his retirement, but like they usually say, a leader never truly retires. To this day, he continues to be invited to local and international events to share his wisdom on the pandemic.

Botswana's success story on matters of HIV and AIDS will never be complete without a whole chapter on the man many fondly call "Le Festo". **BOPA**





Botswana Consumer Fair on

By Bakang Wren

GABORONE - The tagline of the ongoing Consumer Fair: Engage, shop and showcase captures the essence of what Botswana aspires to achieve.

Officially opening the Consumer Fair on Monday, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Choppies Botswana, Mr Vinod Madhavan, said the tagline called on consumers to shop locally and to support Botswana's Small Medium and Micro Enterprises.

Mr Madhavan said supporting them meant engaging them and empowering them to thrive and make a significant impact in the economy.

"At Choppies, we firmly believe in the potential of SMMES as engines of economic growth and

innovation," he said, adding that they were committed to supporting local businesses and that they stocked products from local SMMES.

He said it was through engagement, collaboration and partnerships with SMMES that businesses could thrive. Showcasing the resilience, adaptability and ingenuity of all businesses in the country meant fostering consumer confidence in the quality and integrity of products and services offered.

He commended the organisers for increasing exhibition stalls from 550 to 570, saying it was a significant growth and made the fair the best and largest in the calendar of events.

On the theme of the fair: "Fostering consumer confidence

through business resilience post COVID-19 pandemic", he said it resonated with the challenges businesses had faced and the triumphs they had achieved in the wake of the global pandemic.

Mr Madhavan said collective resilience was a powerful force that could drive the country to a brighter and more prosperous future. He added that by working together we could foster consumer confidence and build a thriving economy that benefited every citizen.

The Chief Executive Officer of Fairground Holdings, Ms Gorata

Gabaraane, said they were not just celebrating their resilience, but also the growth they had achieved from the previous years.

"It is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team, the support of our partners, sponsors, consumer fair stakeholder committee and the trust our valued exhibitors have on us," she said.

Ms Gabaraane said it was the traders hub where commerce thrived and provided local brands with market access by linking them with buyers and value chain participants.

"This vibrant platform offers unparalleled opportunities for manufacturers of locally produced goods to connect, learn and grow their businesses.

We are committed to providing an ecosystem where businesses flourish, thrive and achieve their full potential," she said.

She noted that exhibitors were locals, from the region and internationally representing countries such as South Africa, Ghana, Eswatini, Egypt, China, Japan, Kenya, Nigeria and Ethiopia. **BOPA**

Anti-money laundering conference in offing

By Marvin Motlhabane

GABORONE - The Botswana Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF) and Financial Intelligence Agency (FIA) will co-host a conference on Anti-Money Laundering/Combating the Financing of Terrorism/Combating Financing of Proliferation (AML/CFT/CFP) to preserve the integrity of Botswana's financial system and prevent illicit financial flows.

The two-day conference will be held in Gaborone on September 21-22, under the theme, Effective Implementation of the AML/CFT/CFP Measure: A Responsibility for All.

Briefing the media on Tuesday, acting managing director of BIBF, Mr Molaodi Menyatso, said the theme underscored the importance of the participation of all stakeholders in the fight against money laundering, terrorism financing, and proliferation financing.

"The main objective of the conference is to raise awareness among AML/CFT/CFP stakeholders in the country and the public on their role in the fight against money laundering, terrorism financing, and proliferation financing," he said.

Mr Menyatso said the conference was intended to serve as a resource for policy formulation, particularly in addressing issues such as identification of current and future money laundering, terrorism financing, and proliferation financing techniques, and key areas of threats and vulnerabilities in the economy.

He said the conference

would focus on assessment of the adequacy and consistency of the AML/CFT/CFP legal, institutional, and operational frameworks.

Mr Menyatso said focus would be on policy measures and action-oriented programmes that could be adopted to effectively mitigate the risks of money laundering, terrorism financing, and proliferation financing.

He said there would be emphasis on the cooperation and coordination of public and non-public bodies in containing the risks of money laundering, terrorism financing, and proliferation financing.

Meanwhile, FIA Director of Legal and Compliance, Ms Diana Moabe, disclosed that the Eastern and Southern African Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) was expected to participate in the conference, and would update on the regional state of compliance to AML/CFT/CFP regulations.

Ms Moabe said ESAAMLG would also apprise on Botswana's AML/CFP/CPF compliance status.

She explained that Botswana exited the EU grey list in 2021, and emphasised the need for all parties to play their role for the country to remain compliant and stay outside the grey list.

Some of the entities that are expected to make presentations at the conference include Bank of Botswana, Real Estate Advisory Council, Gambling Authority, Non-Bank Financial Institutions Regulatory Authority, Law Society of Botswana, Registrar of Societies, and Botswana Institute Chartered Accountants. **BOPA**



Ms Gabaraane (left) and Mr Madhavan touring stalls during the official opening on Botswana Consumer Fair in Gaborone on Monday. Mr Madhavan said Choppies was committed to supporting SMMES as they were the key drivers of the economy. Photo: Gothusang Lesego

Crowd funding way to go - Kwape

By Thuso Kgakatsi

KANYE - Seepapitso Senior Secondary School Class of 1997 should maximize on its strength as a cohort and uplift one another to attain the aspiration of changing their lives for the better.

The MP for Kanye South, Dr Lemogang Kwape, said this at the Seepapitso's Class of 1997 during an empowerment workshop.

With the theme, 'Changing minds, Redirecting our destinies,' Dr Kwape applauded the group for taking heed of the President's call for mindset change. He urged them to explore creative ways of empowering themselves.

Dr Kwape said they should use the advantage of their numbers in the cohort and consider crowd funding to raise funds to finance their projects and businesses, thus helping one another.

"If done wisely, this is an

innovative way that you can explore in sourcing funds for your projects and business ideas, thus producing tangible mindset change results," he said. He acknowledged their zeal to help and advised them that through crowd funding they would be able to donate small amounts to meet larger funding aim of a specific charitable project.

Dr Kwape said the mindset change was Botswana's tradition from Botswana's beginnings, post-colonial rule, in its independence era, through to the country's diamond beneficiation period.

Currently, government had through mindset change, adopted to align its economic development planning period with the electoral cycle.

He said this was done to prevent development from being at stand still whenever government completes its term, hence a need for the economic development to go by

the electoral cycle.

Dr Kwape said the modality was an excellent move that formed part of the mindset change, as it would ensure a smooth transition of activities from one government to another.

On youth empowerment, Dr Kwape said his constituency office had an annual sponsorship for studies abroad and overseas.

He however expressed concern on the uptake, adding that recently few spaces were occupied as only a sizeable number of youth enrolled into the programme, and further advised more to take advantage of such opportunity when it presented itself next year.

The Class's Vice Chairperson, Mr Lesiamang Lesiamang, said the class had taken into consideration President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi's call for mindset change through the need to uplift those disadvantaged within their club. **BOPA**

MP urges onstituents to embrace mindset change

By Tebagano Ntshole

MOLEPOLOLE - Molepolole South residents have been urged to rally behind President Mokgweetsi Masisi's Mindset Change initiative, aimed at improving their lives.

Speaking at kgotla meetings in his Molepolole South constituency, Minister of State President, Mr Kabo Morwaeng, said Batswana were fortunate to have someone of the calibre of President Masisi as their president because he was driven by a desire to improve the welfare of all citizens.

Mr Morwaeng said the reason behind the Mindset Change was to get Batswana to change how they

have been doing things by raising their productivity levels and being efficient in their work.

"The president has already showed us that we can achieve Mindset Change, through the newly brokered diamonds deal between the Botswana Government and De Beers," he said.

Mr Morwaeng said the deal would see Botswana earning more revenues throughout the diamond chain, from mining to the final product.

He mentioned another milestone achievement as the importation of bulls from the United States which he said would help develop the local beef industry.

"Don't listen to those who are just in the habit of criticising everything that the government does, because they also use these programmes to improve their livelihoods," he said.

Mr Morwaeng the residents should use Artificial Insemination centres near them saying they would only pay P35 for a straw and each farmer is allowed to bring a maximum of 10 cows.

"Owning a good breed is expensive, but the government is now making it possible for Batswana to improve their breeds for just P35," he said.

Ms Masego Mogwera of Animal Health and Production said farmers should take their cows to the AI centres near them when the

dates for the programme rollout are announced. She said through the AI centres farmers would be

able to access the semen from the recently imported bulls.

Ms Mogwera said different

straws would be available and farmers would choose the breeds they want. **BOPA**



Mr Morwaeng encouraged the residents to use artificial insemination centres near them saying they would only pay P35 for a straw.

Samukuni implores church to revive role

By Goitsemodimo Williams-Madzonga

TUTUME - Churches have been urged to resuscitate the role they play within the society to address sever social ills destroying young people's lives.

Speaking at the national launch of Month of Prayer in Tutume on Sunday, Minister of Justice, Mr Machana Shamukuni, called on the churches to join hands with government to seek God's intervention on the society's moral values.

Mr Shamukuni said gender-based violence, road accidents, substance abuse as well as HIV/AIDS had claimed lives hence the need to address such challenges.

He said it was important for the nation to change the way they had been doing things bearing in mind President Masisi's "Mindset Change" initiative.

He explained that the recent findings of the Botswana AIDS Impact Survey V (BAIS) had revealed that 58 per cent of people aged between 25-49 years were highly affected with HIV/AIDS, with 31 per cent being males. That, he said, was an indication that HIV/AIDS was still high among young people hence the need for behavioural change.

He said as per this year's theme, "Prayerful youth: getaway to a healthy lifestyle" there was need for the young people and everyone to pray and seek God's protection against social ills bedeviling the society.

Meanwhile, Bishop Champion Malongwa urged churches to introspect on their role and find out if they were connected to the people they had to guide.

"The church need to lead by example in fighting societal issues instead of influencing or being part of the problem," he said.

Bishop Malongwa appealed to Batswana to unite in prayer during this period and revive spirit of Botho going forward. **BOPA**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Bango Trading (Pty) is engaged in the construction and general maintenance of bitumen paved roads including new constructions & surfacing works with its Head Office in Phakalane Industrial urgently requires the services of the following personnel for the various road building contracts in Botswana:

1. Contracts Manager – Project based (Botswana and Namibia)
MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum qualifications: - Degree in Civil Engineering
- A minimum of 15 (fifteen) years + experience as a Contracts Manager on roads and civil construction related projects
- Excellent communication skills (written and verbal)
- Valid Driver's license
- Contactable reference of previous employers
- Declaration of income (i.e. payslip) from previous employer
- Salary scale: Negotiable depending on experience
- Knowledgeable in FIDIC (Red Book) based contracts.

SKILLS/ATTRIBUTES:

- Time management (must adapt to organisation's system)
- Planning and scheduling
- Results orientated and be able to work under immense pressure
- Completion of task in time and of good quality
- Attention to detail orientated.

DUTIES IN BRIEF: (Subject to addition after/during appointment)

- Construction programming and carrying out
- Apply principles for monitoring and controlling minor and major activities
- Detailed project planning plus cash flow projections
- Manage Project Managers, Site agents and their teams
- Set objectives together with site teams and ensure they are exceeded
- Ensure optimal resource allocation and management
- Resolve contractual matters with the stake holders
- Facilitate project closure and handover

2. Earthworks Foreman – Project based (Gumare)
The Individual must possess the following:

- **Minimum Diploma in Highway Engineering**
- **10 Years Minimum verifiable experience in road building which must include;**

- Borrow pit Management
- Load & Haul
- Haul Road Maintenance
- Layer works
- Insitu - Cold Recycling
- Labour Management
- Excellent knowledge in Plant maintenance
- Implement and Maintain Cost effective and productive methods
- Focus on continuous improvement
- Strong Communication and Presentation skills
- Very good planning and estimating skills
- Hold a valid Driver's License

The individual must be driven, cost conscious and committed to working safely. Must possess excellent knowledge of all activities relating to Road Building and a strong desire to cross train will be required. The position is site based.

3. Quantity Surveyor – Project based (Gumare)
The Individual must possess the following:

- **Minimum Diploma in Quantity Surveying**
- **10 Years verifiable experience working as a QS, of which duties included;**
- Review architectural plans and prepare quantity needs
- Estimate the quantity and costs of materials
- Prepare contracts and documents
- Set budgets for payments, inventory needs, and materials
- Analyse costs for maintenance and additional building needs
- Track changes in plans or constructions; update budgets
- Negotiate with contractors and subcontractors
- Hire and document contractors and subcontractors
- Act as a liaison between clients and site managers/engineers
- Keep track of construction materials and inventory

The individual must be driven, cost conscious and committed to working safely. Must possess excellent knowledge of all activities relating to Road Building and a strong desire to cross train will be required. The position is site based.

Should you feel that any of these positions is for you, please forward a copy of your detailed CV to: Stefan.Bangotrading@gmail.com

Closing Date: 15th September 2023



73rd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa

Moeti receives Presidential Award

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - WHO Africa director Dr Matshidiso Moeti has become the latest recipient of the Presidential Order of Meritorious Service, in recognition of her exceptional contribution to health services in the country and region.

Presenting the award on Monday during the 73rd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa (RC73) Summit in Gaborone, President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi said the award, which was in line with Botswana Honours Act, recognised Dr Moeti as an epitome of health services at a time the world was grappling with HIV/AIDS and COVID-19 pandemics.

According to her biography, Dr Moeti, a medical doctor with 41 years experience, is the first woman to be elected WHO Regional Director and is now in her second term.

Over the past seven years, she led a Transformation Agenda that is widely acknowledged to have improved WHO's performance on emergencies, enhancing accountability and driving progress towards Universal Health Coverage.

She leads WHO's support to the COVID-19 pandemic response in Africa. Under her leadership, tremendous progress has been made. Wild poliovirus was eradicated from Africa in 2020 following eradication of smallpox from the region 40 years ago.

The biography says that under Dr Moeti, investments in areas such as surveillance, training, innovation, community engagement and partnerships have improved country capacities to prepare for and respond to health emergencies and outbreaks of diseases like COVID-19 and Ebola.

More broadly, recognition of the need for strong and resilient health systems to manage external shocks, like health emergencies, is building, and most African countries are pursuing reforms to achieve Universal Health Coverage – to expand access to services with attention to equity and reaching the most vulnerable people.

Dr Moeti who has worked for WHO for more than 20 years, previously worked with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) as Team Leader of the Africa and Middle East Desk in Geneva between from 1997 through 1999; with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) as Regional Health Advisor for East and Southern Africa; and with Botswana's Ministry of Health as a clinician and public health specialist.

She is renowned for having led WHO's '3 by 5' Initiative in Africa at the height of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, resulting in a significant increase in access to antiretroviral therapy among people living with HIV.

This helped to shift HIV from a

death sentence to a chronic illness in Africa.

The biography says Dr Moeti is a great champion for women in leadership in global health and that she launched a partnership with the UN Volunteers programme, which recruited 100 young women from the global south as the next generation of health leaders.

In recognition of her excellent service to humanity, Dr Moeti has received accolades including membership of the United States National Academy of Medicine, an Honorary Fellowship of the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa (CMSA), an Honorary Fellowship from London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, an Honorary Doctorate of Science from the University of Health and Allied Sciences in Ghana and Honoris Causa Doctorate by Instituto de Higiene e Medicina Tropical, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, Portugal.

Dr Moeti was named COVID-19 Heroine by Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf Presidential Center for Women Development as well as featured among the Women of 2020 in the *Financial Times*.

She also received Special Recognition for African Health Leadership on COVID-19 from Amref Health Africa as well as a Global Health Equity Award from the Africa-American Institute. Dr Moeti obtained her Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree from the University of London and a Master of Science in Community Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. **BOPA**

WHO commits US\$100 million to 5Ps

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - World Health Organisation (WHO) has committed P1.35 billion (US\$100 million) towards five priorities dubbed 5Ps: promoting, providing, protecting, powering and performing for health reform to accelerate its General Programme of Work, Triple Billion targets and related SDG's. Director general of WHO, Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus told delegates during the opening of the 73rd Session of the organisation's regional committee for Africa (AFR/RC73) here Monday that the five priorities focused on promoting health and preventing disease by addressing root causes.

"Promoting, providing and protecting health have been proposed as the three key priorities for all member states in the 13th General Programme of Work, while other two Ps; powering and performing for health are enablers of the first three", he said.

He said promotion included taking action to reduce tobacco use and harmful alcohol use, making diets healthier by reducing salt and sugar intake.

Improved healthcare priority

By Thato Mosinyi

GABORONE - Government is determined to achieve the health aspirations of Vision 2036, which highlight the attainment of improved healthcare services for the betterment of the citizenry, says President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi.

Welcoming WHO director general, Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus during a courtesy call at the Office of the President on Monday, President Masisi said the country had made strides in improving its diagnostic and laboratory systems particularly in capacity building.

"It is pleasing to note that Botswana has been on an upward

trajectory in developing human capital which will yield positive results in delivering quality health services to the community," President Masisi said.

On other issues, President Masisi said global solidarity and the need to share experiences and successes in pursuit of good health and well-being of the populace were important aspects of establishing a healthy community.

In that regard, he said, Botswana would never shy away from co-investing and creating partnerships with like-minded organisations as was the case in designating the Botswana National HIV Reference Laboratory as a WHO Collaborating Centre of

Excellence.

The collaboration, he said, would recognise the laboratory's excellence in the field of HIV diagnosis, and the potential of deeper collaboration with WHO in advancing the health and well-being of people living with HIV.

President Masisi also said it was commendable for Botswana to have achieved the 'silver tier' status which moved the country closer to eliminating Mother-to-Child HIV (MTCT) transmission.

WHO awards the status to countries which have brought MTCT rate to under five per cent. "Such achievements are testament that government is making significant progress in the fight against HIV and AIDS, and I am cognisant [of the fact] that the support from the global fund will make the achievement sustainable," President Masisi said.

To further emphasise government's commitment towards improving the healthcare sector, President Masisi hailed the country's aspirations to house CTL Amedica Africa headquarters, saying it would position the country as a global leader in spine technology as well as improve the socio-economic development and the livelihoods of Batswana.

CTL Amedica is a medical device designer, developer and manufacturer of spinal fusion and fixation products, including innovative surface technologies and exclusive biomaterials.

For his part, Dr Ghebreyesus applauded Botswana for milestones achieved, particularly in the fight against HIV and AIDS.

He said the country was a living testament of how to deal with a pandemic.

He also commended government for facilitating the hosting of the 73rd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa. **BOPA**



President Masisi (left) and Dr Ghebreyesus during a courtesy call at the Office of the President on Monday. President Masisi said Botswana had made strides in improving its diagnostic and laboratory systems, particularly in the areas of human capacity building.

Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

Dr Ghebreyesus welcomed the regional multisectoral strategy to promote health and well-being and its framework for implementing the global alcohol action plan.

He congratulated Sierra Leone for passing a comprehensive tobacco control law and Kenya, which moved more than 2 000 tobacco farmers to alternative livelihoods.

The WHO director general also commended eSwatini for finalising its road safety strategy, while Ethiopia, Ghana, Niger, Nigeria and Zambia received accolades for joining the Coalition of Action for Healthy Diets from Sustainable Food Systems. He said across the region, hundreds of millions of people lacked access to essential health services, or were pushed into poverty by catastrophic out-of-pocket spending, hence the need for every member state to prioritise closing the gaps.

He said maternal and child health also remained a major challenge in the continent, adding two-thirds of all maternal deaths occurred in Africa, with the latest estimates indicating that the maternal mortality ratio in the region was

more than seven times higher than the SDG target.

On the positives, he said more than 1.5 million children had received the RTSS malaria vaccine, resulting in a 30 per cent reduction in hospitalisation due to severe malaria, and a 10 per cent drop in mortality among vaccine-eligible children. In the past year, he said, seven countries eliminated at least one neglected tropical disease.

"I am pleased to note that HPV coverage in the region increased from 26 per cent in 2021 to 33 per cent this year," he said.

Dr Ghebreyesus said progress had been made towards improved access to essential medical products and strengthened regulatory systems. He noted that 26 African Union member states had ratified the Africa Medicines Agency Treaty, and urged the remaining countries to follow suit.

He said powering health meant harnessing the power of science, research and development, data and digital technologies, pointing out that digital technology, including artificial intelligence, held great promise for improving health.

"The WHO Global Strategy on

Digital Health advocates people-centred, evidence-based, and inclusive solutions that empower patients and support countries on the path to universal health coverage," he said.

He further said that two weeks back, WHO launched the Global Initiative on Digital Health, for coherent global standards, best practices and resources for digital health transformation, rooted in people-centred and evidence-based solutions. Dr Ghebreyesus said one of the key focuses for the remainder of his second term was to strengthen country offices, noting that P1.35 billion had been channeled towards that. Dr Ghebreyesus urged all member states to take decisive action to provide health, by reorienting their health systems towards primary health as the foundation of universal health coverage.

"I ask you to work with us on the 'Big Catch Up', to close gaps in immunisation coverage and reduce the unacceptably high burden of maternal mortality by expanding access to services for sexual and reproductive health," he said. **BOPA**

Climate change affects health systems

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - World Health Organisation (WHO) member states have been urged to act urgently and decisively to address the impact of climate crisis on health as it was creating a major strain on health services.

Speaking during the 73rd session of WHO Regional Committee in Gaborone yesterday, the organisation's regional director for Africa, Dr Matshidiso Moeti made an urgent call for global climate action to create resilient and sustainable health systems.

Dr Moeti said the world had watched Europe literally burning during the past few months. "Here in our region, prolonged drought in the Sahel and greater Horn of Africa and cyclones in southern Africa have increased morbidity, mortality, and human suffering."

She indicated that last May, on the margins of the World Health Assembly, with governments and other partners, WHO launched a regional initiative to tackle the health impacts of climate change on the continent and therefore made a call for climate action.

She said Africa had been witnessing increasing trends of climate-linked emergencies, saying out of almost 2 000 public health events recorded in the region

between 2001 and 2021, 56 per cent were climate change related.

She said climate crisis threatened to undo the last 50 years of progress in development, global health, and poverty reduction.

Sharing some of WHO observations from disease surveillance initiatives on trends in climate-related events, and persistent challenges facing Africa, Dr Moeti highlighted some policy initiatives that WHO was currently involved in to address the climate-health crisis.

She pointed out that Africa was witnessing various extreme weather events, including droughts, floods, hurricanes, and heatwaves – which harmed human health, adding that the recent climatic events had devastated the lives of millions of people across Africa.

She said in southern Africa, this year's cyclone season caused extensive flooding and damage, therefore raised the risk of water-borne diseases, worsening cholera outbreaks in several countries.

"Across the greater Horn of Africa, a prolonged drought continues to claim lives; it has displaced millions and pushed them to the brink of famine amid widespread malnutrition," she said.

She stated that in West Africa, climate change intermingled with political tensions, violent conflicts,

and complex humanitarian emergencies that must be addressed with integrated responses.

She highlighted that across the continent, climate change was driving increased vector and water-borne disease transmissions, pointing out that from the 1950s to the decade between 2012 and 2021, the number of months suitable for malaria transmission increased by 13.8 per cent in the highland areas of Africa, and the likelihood of dengue fever transmission rose by 12.0 per cent.

She indicated that climate change had also promoted an unprecedented surge in cholera outbreaks in Africa and globally.

"Many African countries that reported cholera outbreaks in 2022 experienced natural disasters like cyclones in Mozambique and Malawi, flooding in Nigeria, and drought in countries that make up the greater horn of Africa," she said.

She pointed out that displacements, natural disasters, and conflicts over natural resources came in as added concerns, as they exposed women and girls to higher risks of sexual violence, exploitation, abuse, and trafficking, leaving psychological stress, anxiety and depression in their wake.

She urged governments to

strengthen their links and use the output of WHO analysis for effective interventions, and encouraged them to embrace a health-centred response to climate change, so as to tackle the diverse array of health repercussions stemming from the climate change crisis and to safeguard public health and secure a sustainable future for generations to come.

Dr Moeti stated that WHO would support member states in conducting vulnerability and adaptation assessments, developing national health adaptation plans, assessing the carbon footprint of health systems, and planning for decarbonisation. **BOPA**

Botswana commits to supporting AMR Strategy

By Chenzimu Manyepedza

GABORONE - Botswana commits to be part of and fully support the proposed Regional Strategy for expediting the implementation and monitoring of the National Action Plan on the Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR) for the year 2023-2030 in the World Health Organisation (WHO) Africa Region.

The AMR strategy was adopted yesterday by the Ministers of Health and other health representatives from different African countries during the 73rd session of WHO Regional Committee for Africa (RC73) session in Gaborone yesterday.

The strategy was set to enable countries to strengthen health systems, find ways to tackle AMR related challenges and pave way for sustainable solutions to global threats.

It was also intended to facilitate collaboration among African countries, share best practices and innovative solutions.

Key priority interventions of the strategy were to raise awareness and disseminate information, build knowledge and evidence on AMR, make efforts to reduce the incidence of new infections and optimise the use of antimicrobials, among others.

In his presentation when adopting the strategy, the director of Public Health in Botswana, Mr Samuel Kolane said the country had embarked on a multi-sectoral approach to combat the emergence of antimicrobial resistance.

He said efforts to support and commit to the AMR strategy, a comprehensive National Action

Plan (NAP) was established to contain common bacterial infections, HIV and AIDS, Malaria and Multi-Drug-Resistance (MDR) Tuberculosis among others.

"Botswana commits to be part of the regional AMR strategy which aims to guide member states efforts to curb AMR challenges and continue to apply key interventions to enhance the NAP implementation in line with the One Health Approach."

Mr Kolane said national governance structures were set up and some technical groups had also been formed to support the strategy.

He said the multi-sectoral approach also provided a framework for countries in the region to work collectively towards a common goal of tackling issues of AMR matters.

Mr Kolane further appreciated the progress made by different member states in contributing towards the development of the National Action Plan (NAP) on AMR.

He said through the AMR attributable morbidity and mortality in the African region and the daunting possibility of countries across the region, efforts made by some African states in addressing the AMR challenges would make a difference.

"The progress made by some member states in finding solutions to the AMR challenges is notable and evidenced by a high number of African countries (45) endorsed by national authorities and contributing towards the development of National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance," he said. **BOPA**



Minister Serame (left) and Zambia Minister of Health, Ms Sylvia Masebo at the Financing for Malaria side event of 73rd session of WHO Regional Committee for Africa in Gaborone yesterday. Ms Serame said the total budget allocated to the Malaria programme increased by 28 per cent between financial years 2018/19 and 2022/23. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Human capital government's priority - Minister Serame

By Taboka Ngwako

GABORONE - Human capital development remains a key policy priority for the government, hence the health sector has been allocated the largest share in terms of development spending.

Minister of Finance, Ms Peggy Serame said during a panel discussion on financing for malaria at a side meeting at the ongoing 73rd session of WHO Regional Committee for Africa (RC73) session in Gaborone yesterday.

"Within health sector spending, the elimination of malaria remains an important national health agenda for Botswana as supported by a strong political will at the highest level and the availability of domestic and external financing," she said.

Ms Serame said in the past five years, the budget for malaria had increased by 28 per cent representing about 0.3 per cent of the total funds allocated to the Ministry of Health during the same period.

"This level of expenditure somewhat reflects our success towards eliminating malaria in Botswana," she said.

She further stated that government efforts were complemented by technical

and financial support from strategic bilateral and multilateral partnerships from organisations such as WHO.

"Such partnerships have strengthened our efforts of ensuring that output is commensurate with the resources allocated," she said.

Meanwhile, eSwatini End Malaria Fund chairperson, Ms Thandile Nxumalo said African countries needed a multi-sectoral approach to eliminate malaria.

"We need more public-private partnerships in order to advocate for more funding towards the eradication of malaria," she said.

She said with eSwatini on the verge of malaria elimination, King Mswati III launched the first-ever national End Malaria Fund in May 2019 to close over P74m funding gap and achieve the country's vision of eliminating local transmission of malaria by the end of 2022.

Ms Nxumalo said as a result, the country had achieved commendable progress in driving action and accountability from government, the private sector and civil society leaders, as well as increased funding and engagement from local communities.

"The idea was for every sector to take ownership over the fight the end malaria.

According to the latest WHO World Malaria Report, eSwatini recorded 268 cases and zero deaths from malaria in 2018 and is now classified as ready for malaria elimination," she stated.

For her part, African Leaders Malaria Alliance, Ms Joy Phumaphi stated that it was up to all African countries to assume the responsibility of eradicating malaria in the region.

"We need to implement data-informed strategies for tailored interventions to ending malaria so that our continent can focus on other areas of development," she said.

In Botswana, malaria is one of the major health risks, with over three-quarters of the country's geographical space classified as at risk of malaria infection.

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Mokgatho o somarela manong

Ka Portia Rapitsenyane

GOOTAU - Lefatshe leno le segofaditswe ka mefutafuta ya dinonyane, sebe sa phiri ke gore ga le anywe sepe mo go tsona ntswa e le dingwe tse di kgatlang bajanala.

Go bolewa fa madi a a dirisiwang ke bajanala go bona dinonyane fela lefatshe ka bophara a akanyediwa mo go P108 trillion.

Se se builwe ke mookamedi wa lephata la Wildlife and National Parks, Dr Kabelo Senyatso bosheng a bua kwa tirong ya go rolela banni ba Gootau, Goosekgweng le Manaledi mokgatho wa Batho le Ditsatholego Conservation Trust bosheng, le go ba itse ka P570 000 yo ba mo abetsweng ke Global

Environment Facility ka fa tlase ga UNDP le le itebagantseng le tiro ya bone e tona ya go tlhokomela manong.

A re go na le bajanala ba ba kgonang go tswa kwa mafatsheng a bone ba tlela go bona mofuta mongwe wa nonyane ka ba ise ba o bone mme se se kgona go godisa itsholelo ya lefatshe.

O ne a supa fa go itumedisa go bona Batho le Ditsatholego Conservation Trust e kgonne go bona mosola wa dinonyane le gore ba ka di tlhokomela.

A re go a itumedisa gape go bona kgang ya manong e phuthile morafe ka go le gantsi fa batho ba phuthega ba bua ka diphologolo tse ditona di tshwana le ditau le ditlou.

Dr Senyatso o ne a kopa ba ba

tsamaisang mokgatho wa Batho le Ditsatholego Conservation Trust go o tsamaisa sentle le gore maikaelelo a bone a matona e nne go thusa morafe.

A re tse ba tlaa bong ba di dira ba tshwanetse go di kabakanya mme ba seka ba itebaganya fela le go tlhokomela manong ba dire tse dingwe tse di tlaa amang matshelo a morafe.

Dr Senyatso o ne a supa fa Manong a le bothokwa mo tikologong.

O ne a re kwa India ba ne ba na le manong mme a ne a bolawa ke mokento o o neng o dirisiwa mo dikgomong tse le tsona di neng tsa bolawa ke mokento oo.

A re fa mnong a sena go nyelela bolwetse jwa molafo bo ne jwa

oketsega.

Rre Moses Selebatso go tswa kwa Raptors Botswana o ne a re lekalana la bone le itebagantse le go dira dipatlisiso ka dinonyane tse di jang nama jaaka ntsu, segootsane le manong le go ruta ba-na-le seabe ka tshomarelo ya tsona.

A re ka 2017 ba simolola dipatlisiso ka manong mo Tswapong, tse di neng di gwehwa ke dipalo tse di yang kwa tlase tsa manong lefatshe ka kakaretso.

O supile fa manong a le mefuta e e masome mabedi le boraro mme mo lefatsheng leno, go na le e le metlhano fela, mme e le meraro e bonala mo Tswapong.

Rre Selebatso a re mo dipatlisisong ba ne ba itemogela fa dipalo tsa manong di ya kwa tlase ntateng ya dikgwetlho tse di di lebaneng di tshwana le go jelwa mae ke tse di farologaneng, go thulwa ke dikoloi, go ja bothole fa di eja nama ya diphologolo tse di suleng le gone go bolawa ke motlakase.

Dipatlisiso di supile fa manong a a mo Tswapong fa a sena go gola, a tshwanetse go tswa gore a

ipatelele dijo, a sa kgone go tswela kwa ntle ka a a bo a na le mathata a diphuka di sa nna sentle le maoto a sa tlhamega sentle mme se se supa fa a tlhalela dikotla.

Rre Selebatso a supa fa manong a tshwanetse go sirelediwa gore dipalo tsa one di oketsege, ka gwehwa Batho le Ditsatholego go tsaya karolo mo go thuseng mo tlhokomelong ya manong.

O supile fa lenong le baya lee le le lengwe fela mo ngwageng mme fa a aswa a le mantsi go tsaya nako gore dipalo tsa one di boele.

Mosimolodi wa Batho le Ditsatholego Rre Sentle Mosweu o ne a supa fa maikaelelo a bone e le go tlhokomela manong ka go supega fa dipalo tsa one di ya tlase, a tlhalela dikotla e bile a lebananwe ke dikgwetlho tse dintsi.

O ne a gwehwa banni ba Gootau, Goo-Sekgweng le Manaledi go leba manong a le bothokwa ka a kgona go ba kaetsa fa go na le se se suleng, a phepafatsa tikologo e bile a kgona go fokotsa malwetse ka go ja phologolo e e suleng e ise e anamise bolwetse bongwe.

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Mopalamente wa Lerala/Maunatlala, Rre Sethabelo Modukanele (molemeng), Rre Mosweu (fa gare) le Dr Senyatso ba simolodisa semmuso lefelo la tshomarelo ya manong bosheng. Senepa: Portia Rapitsenyane

Kgosi o akgola kereke ya UCCSA

Tebogo Masuruke

TUTUME - Kgosi Tapson Madikwe wa Tutume o akgoletse maloko a kereke ya UCCSA tiro e ntle e ba e direlang morafe.

Kgosi Madikwe o ntshitse kakgolo eo kwa moletlong wa dijo tsa motshagare o o neng o rulagantswe ke kereke eo kwa Tutume bosheng.

A re maloko a kereke eo, a itshupile fa a na le boikarabelo mo setshabeng ka e sale kereke eo e nna teng ba thusa setshaba, a gatelela ka gore kereke ya Lontone e tlhologile e belege puso ka go tsenya letsogo mo ditlhabololo dingwe mo lefatsheng.

Kgosi Madikwe o ne a kopa maloko ao go tswela ka mowa o le mongwe, go thusa fa ba ka kgonang teng ka puso ka esi e ka seke e kgone.

O ne a ba akgola a re ba mo moonong wa lenaneo la ga Tautona, Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi la go fetola dikakanyo le ka fa ba ntseng ba dira dilo ka teng ka ga ba a ikaega ka go rapela le go rorisa Modimo fela, mme ba eta ba gadima kwa morago ba gopola ba ba tlhokang thuso.

A re go a itumedisa go bona maloko a tshwaragane a le moonong mongwe fela, go dira tiro e tona ya go kokoanya madi a dithuso.

Leloko la UCCSA, Mme Emily Matolela a re maikaelelo a go dira moletlo oo e ne e le go kokoanya madi a a yang go thusa Lephoi Centre kwa Francistown.

Mme Matolela a re kereke ga gona kwa e tsayang madi teng, ka jalo maloko ba itlama ka bonnye jwa ba nang najo go leka go thusana le puso go thusa ba ba tlhokileng lesego mo botshelong.

A re ba itlamile go direla setshaba ka bopelothomogi le botswapelo, ba tshageditse lefoko le le tswang mo Baebeleng, le le reng, Mokeresete o tshwanetse go bonwa ka ditiro.

Mogolwane kwa Lephoi Centre for the Blind, Rre Tirelo Perekisi a re Lephoi ke legae la ba-tlhoka pono, le le tlhamilweng ke kereke ya UCCSA ka 1985, go tlhokomela bana ba dingwaga tse thataro go ya kwa go tse di lesome le bothano.

Rre Perekisi a re ka bana bao ba rutwa dithuto tse di tshwanang le tsa baithuti ba bangwe, Lephoi e ne ya bona go tshwanela gore e ba

okeletse ka thuto ya tiro ya diatla.

A re seo se ne sa dira gore ba batle lefelo le le bulegileng, le ba tlaa rutang baithuti bao tsa temo thu, go loga dibaga le tse dingwe.

O supile fa ba setse ba bone setsha gaufi le Francistown, se se lopileng P485 000.

A re ba ne ba bona go tshwanela go kopa thuso mo makalaneng a kereke eo gore ba kgone go diragatsa moonong wa bone wa go okeletsa baithuti bao thuto gore ba kgone go tsoga kamoso ba ikemetse ka dinao, ka e bile ba lemogile fa bana bao ba na le bokgoni mo tirong ya diatla.

Rre Perekisi o ne a akgola maloko a kereke go bo ba supile boeteledipele jo bo nonofileng, e bile gape ba bone bothokwa jwa go ba thusa gore ba tle ba kgone go bona lefelo leo.

E ne e rile pele a amogela baeng, moruti wa UCCSA kwa Tutume, Moruti Kennake Bhebe o ne a bolela fa bontsi jwa maloko a kereke eo e le bagodi.

O ne a leboga botho ba ba neng ba ba eme nokeng gore tiro ya bone e atlele.

Kereke eo, e ne ya kgona go kokoanya P17 200. **BOPA**

Cresta Bosele e keteka moletlo wa ngwao

Ka Gaboselwe Olesitse

SELEBI PHIKWE - Go ne go osha legong go sala molara kwa Cresta Bosele Hotel kwa Selebi Phikwe jaaka ba ne ba ipelela ngwao ya Setswana.

Moletlo o, o o neng o tshwerwe ka Matlhatso, o mo ngwageng wa bolesome le bongwe o nse o tshwarwa ka maiteko a go tsosolosa le go ipelela ngwao, e akaretsa kapari ya setso, dijo tsa setswana, mmimo le metshameko ya Setswana.

Mookamedi wa Cresta Bosele Hotel Rre Ferdinand Sebinyane a re maikaelelo a moletlo o ke go tsosolosa le go ruta bana ba ba tswang kwa tlase ka ngwao le dijo tsa Setswana.

O ne a gatelela bothokwa jwa go somarela ngwao, a tlhalosa fa gantsi bana ba ba nnang mo ditropong ba sa itse sepe ka ngwao ya Setswana ka gantsi ba seke ba etela kwa magang kwa ngwao e santseng e tshageditswe.

O ne a re go bothokwa gore bana ba nne ba tsena moletlo ya go nna jaana ka ba ka ithuta go le go ntsi mo go yone, a tlhalosa fa go dira jaana e se go tsosolosa ngwao fela mme go neela le bone badiragatsi sebaka sa go ipapatsa mo setshabeng.

Rre Sebinyane a re tiro e, e thusa thata ka go kopanya merafe go ithuta ka dingwao tsa e mengwe.

A re se gape se thusa mo dikgwebong tsa banni ba tikologo ya Selebi Phikwe ka ba reka dijo tsa Setswana mo go bone.

Mo godimo ga se Rre Sebinyane o tlhalosa fa Cresta Bosele e sa itebaganya fela le go dira dipolelo mme ba na le maitlamo a ba a ipeileng pele a go thusa batho ba tikologo e ba leng mo go yone, a tlhalosa fa mono-ngwaga ba abela sekole sa Rekakgona se se se rutang ba-na-le bogole tiro ya diatla mo Selebi Phikwe.

E rile a tswa la gagwe, mongwe wa badiragatsi yo o tswang kgakala le mmimo wa Setswana Rre Ditiro Leero o tlhalositse fa go le bothokwa gore batho ba nne ba kopana bogolo jang mo nakong ya gompiano e batho ba gateletsweng ke maikutlo ka go ka ba thusa go nna ba arogana maele a botshelo.

Rre Leero o ne gape a tlhalosa fa go le bothokwa gore batho ba inaakanye le moletlo ya Setswana ka go a bo go jewa dijo tsa Setswana tse ba bongaka ba rotloetsang gore di jwe ka di a bo di sa tsennngwa metswako epe e e ka ba bakelang makoa.

Rre Leero a galaletsatsa Batswana go bo ba rata ngwao ya bone ba e supa ka kapari e o fitlhelang e segilwe ka botswere jo bo kwa godimo.

Moletlo o o ne o tsenwe ke bagolo le bana go tswa mo mafelong a a farologaneng mme o ne o natefisiwa ke badiragatsi ba tshwana le Rre Bataadira Radipitse yo e leng moletsi wa katara le setlhopho sa mmimo wa Setswana mo toropong e sa Kala tsa Kgale ga mmogo le baopedi ba bangwe ba mmimo wa setso. **BOPA**

Dikoloti o galaletsa bagaka ba COVID-19

Ka Mmonie Motsamai

OODI - Batho botlhe ba ba nnileng le seabe mo go tlameleng balwetse ba COVID-19 ka nako e bo neng bo tlhakaladitse ba galaleditswe mowa oo, le bopelokgale bogolo jang ka bone bo tsentse letshogo.

Ba rotloeditswe go supologa mo maibing a COVID-19, ka dikakanyo tse di fetogile, le go tthagafalela go direla setshaba ka mewa e e edileng.

Tona wa Botsogo, Dr Edwin Dikoloti o ne a buisa ba-na-le seabe ba ba neng ba diretswe moletlo wa tebogo ba kokelwana ya Kgatelepele ya Gaborone e e kwa Block 8, ka Sontaga kwa Oodi.

A re fa bolwetse bo tthagoga la ntlha, kokelwana ya Kgatelepele e ne ya nna nngwe ya tsa ntlha mo toropo kgolo ya Gaborone go tthatlhobela mogare wa COVID-19.

A re maitlamo a bone a go tlamela ba ba tshwerweng ka bolwetse, a ne gape a tsamaelana le maikemisetso a puso a pilara ya ntlha ya Tlomo Ntsha a go sireletsa setshaba sa Botswana mo bolwetseng jwa COVID-19.

Ka jalo, a re go ne go se bonolo ka jaana mela ya go tthatlhobela mogare kwa kokelwaneng e, e ne e nna fela o boitshega, mme bodiredi bo ne bo dira ka natla go tthatlhobela mogare, ba bo ba ntsha maduo a a neng a isa batho kwa serubing.

O ne a tthalosa gore maduo ao gape a ne a dirisiwa mo mesepeleng mo Botswana le mafatshe a sele.

Tona Dikoloti o boletse fa COVID-19 e amile matshelo a batho botlhe mo Botswana le mafatshe otlhe ka kakaretso, mme a ba rotloetsa gore ba leboge fa ba kgonne go e falola.

Dr Dikoloti o tthalositse gape fa kokelwana ya Kgatelepele e le yone e e neng e tlhophilwe go tshetsa ba ba gateletsweng ke COVID-19 mo go neng go baya bodiredi jwa kokelo eo mo diphatseng le go feta.

"Re leboga thata gore re bo re fentse COVID-19 ka go bereka ka natla ga lona. Go tswela go ya pele, ga ke batle go lebala go gakolola gore mogare o wa COVID-19 o santse o le teng, e bile ditirelo tsa one di tlhakantswe le ditirelo tsotlhe tsa tsatsi le letsatsi tsa botsogo. Ditirelo tse, di fithelwa mo dikokelwaneng tsotlhe tsa botsogo," ga bolela Dr Dikoloti.

O boletse gore COVID-19 e rutile batho go le gontsi, mme a bolela fa maikaelelo e le gore batho botlhe ba tsosolose mananeo otlhe a go emelana le diemo tsotlhe tsa tshoganyetso.

Leloko la Komiti ya ditlhabololo tsa kgaolwana ya Marapo a Thutlwa, Rre Mogotsi Motshegwe o boletse gore go ne bo lebane gore go nne le moletlo wa go leboga badiri botlhe ba ba neng ba tsheditse balwetse kwa Kgatelepele, ka jaaana e ne e le yone boremelelo jwa ditirelo tse di Masisi.

A re maikaelelo magolo a moletlo oo, e ne e le go tla go fana maele,



Tona Dikoloti (molemeng) a abela mongwe wa ba ba neng ba dira ka natla ka nako ya COVID-19, Mme Olebogeng Tledi (bobedi molemeng) setlankana kwa Oodi bosheng. Ba ba nang le bone ke mokwaledi wa lephata la Botsogo, Mme Grace Muzila (bobedi mojang) le motlhokomedi wa kokelwana ya Kgatelepele, Dr Sunil Kadiyala. Senepa: Mmoniemang Motsamai

go lekolana ka jaana bontsi jwa bone ba amilwe bobee ke segajaja seo, mme e bile ba tswelsetse ba tshela mo go gakologelweng tse di neng di diragala, ga mmogo le ditlamorago tse di

amileng ditlhaloganyo tsa bone. Mopalamente wa Gaborone Bokone, Rre Mpho Balopi o lebogetse tirisano mmogo e e kwa godimo ya batho ba Block 8. A re ba santse ba na le mowa wa

boipelego, mme e bile ba dirisana sentle le badiredi botlhe go akarediwa le ba ba tlogetseng tiro ka bogodi go bona gore kgaolwana ya bone ga e salelel kwa morago mo go itireleng tse dintle. **BOPA**

Moagi o rotloetsa kamogelo mananeo

Ka Itumeleng Naane

MOGOBANE - E ne ya re ka Mosupologo mo phuthegong ya kgotla kwa Mogobane Mopalamente wa Ramotswa Rre Lefoko Moagi a rotloetsa banni ba kgaolo ya ga Maletle go amogela mananeo ka tsoo-pedi mme ba a direse e le sebaka sa go itshetsa le go thusa puso go tlhama ditiro.

A re mananeo a, a file banana sebaka sa go itshetsa le go itlhamela meberekho ba sa lebe fela mo pusong go ba tlhama ditiro. A re ba tsaye karolo mo mananeong a tshwana le la YDF a mo nakong ya gompiano a santseng a buletsweng gore banana ba tsenya dikopo.

Tona a re le ntswa banana ba filwe mananeo go itshetsa bangwe ba santse ba ngosela mme basa dire tiro kana tse di maleba gore ba kgone le bone ba ikakolele mananeo a.

"Mo bogompionong go na le banana ba e leng gore ba reka mananeo a kgwebo go ikopela madi a banana, ntswa ba sena yone kitso ka kgwebo eo".

A re go tlhoka kitso ka kgwebo ya gago, go go baya ka fa mosing, ka jaana ka nako e kgwebo e tlaa ralalang diemo o retelelwe ke go di fema.

O rotloeditse banana gore fa ba batla thuso ka tsa go tlhama kana go kwala mananeo a go tsamaisa dikgwebo a ikopelo madi a dikgwebo tsa banana go maleba gore ba kope dithuso kwa makalaneng a a tshwanang le LEA.

Tona o supile gape gore mo kgwedeng tse di sa tswang go feta puso e ne ya tsaya tshwetso ya go reka dipoo go tswa kwa ntle ga lefatshe e le maiteko a go nonotsha boleng jwa leruo mono gae morago

ga ditlathobho tsa baitseanape.

A re go tshabola boleng jwa dikgomo tsa mo gae ke lengwe la maiteko a go bona sekale se se botoka kwa matlhabelong a BMC.

O supile fa maiteko a go tokafatsa boleng jwa dikgomo a tsile ka lenaneo la kgwediso ka seatla e le lengwe la a tlang ka kitso ya sennelaruri.

O buile fa lenaneo la kgwediso ka seatla e le nngwe tselwa ya go fema barui mo boturung jwa go reka dipoo.

A re go amogela le go nna karolo ya lenaneo la kgwediso ka seatla go tlaa netefatsa gore mang le mang yo o batlang go tshabola leruo o ka dira jalo kwa ntle ga go turelwa. A re peo ya dipoo tse e tlaa simolola fela ka P25 go lebilwe boleng le mofuta wa poo e o eletsang go reka peo ya yone.

A re go nna le bommantswitswidi wa kgwediso ka seatla mo kgaolong go ka tswela kgaolo mosola ka jaana ba ka bona gore madirelo a dikgomo mo kgaolong a ka baakanngwa le gone go thusa ba metse e e gaufi ba sa tlhoke go ya Ramatlabama go gweediswa ka seatla.

A supile fa go nna mmantswitswidi wa kgwediso ka seatla e le sebaka sa gore motho o ka itsenyetsa letseno a itshetse ka jaana o ka feletsa a duelelwa go gweedisetsa bangwe ka ene ba ba senang kitso eo.

Banni ba ga Maletle ba tlaa nna le monyetla wa go tsenelela ithuthuntsho e e tlaa simololang Lwetse a tlhola malatsi a mane kwa Ramatlabama ka e le sone sekole sa kgwediso ka seatla se se gaufi. A re go tlaa lopiwa go simolola ka P500 mme dithuto di tlaa tsaya malatsi a le lesome le boferabobedi. **BOPA**

REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA Name of Procuring Entity:	TENDERING PROCEDURES	T1.1 TENDER NOTICE and INVITATION TO TENDER
Tender Reference Number: SP/DCEC/008/2023-2024		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A WORKS CONTRACT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF MAINTENANCE OF STAFF HOUSES AT PLOT 64865D BLOCK 9, GABORONE 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sealed Tender offers are invited for the provision of maintenance services of staff houses at Plot 64865D Block 9, Gaborone. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Procuring Entity is Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procurement Method is: OPEN DOMESTIC BIDDING 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tenderers must, in order to be considered for the award of the contract, be registered with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) in the following categories: Code: 01 Building Construction Works and Maintenance Sub code(s): 01 Building Construction Grades: OC PPRA registration is subject to online registration verification 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This tender is reserved for 100% citizen owned companies. (All works, supplies and services tenders up to the sum of P10 000 000 issued by the Central Government, State-owned entities or other entities within the scope of section 73 as read, with section 76 of the Public Procurement Act, shall be reserved for 100% citizen-owned small, medium and micro enterprises with a maximum turnover not exceeding P10 000 000 as per Statutory Instrument Number (23) Of 2020) In Line with The Presidential Directive Cab 11(A)/2010 On Economic Diversification Drive (EDD), Bidders are also required to submit EDD Certificate in order to benefit from the Preference Margins Based on Turn Over Threshold 		
<p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Procurement Schemes Presidential Directive Cab 19(B) 2013 Will Apply in This Tender. Companies Whose Ownership Is 100% Youth/Women/People Living with Disabilities are eligible to a 15% Outright Price Preference Margin. 		
<p>NB: BIDDERS WILL BENEFIT FROM ONLY ONE EMPOWERMENT POLICY (WHICHEVER GIVES MORE PREFERENCE)</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tenderers to purchase all their products from 100% Citizen locally based manufacturers and service providers, provided that the goods and services are locally available, competitively priced and meet tender specifications in terms of quality standard as certified or recognized by Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS) or other recognized certifying bodies. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The physical address for collection of tender documents is: Directorate On Corruption and Economic Crime, Private Bag 00344, Plot 1212 Molosiwa Road (Old Industrial Site), Gaborone Documents may be collected during working hours between 0830hrs-1230hrs and 1345hrs-1500hrs from 08th September 2023 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A non-refundable deposit of P100 payable by cash required on collection of the tender documents. For youth owned companies; a non-refundable deposit of P50 payable by cash required on collection of the tender documents 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Queries relating to the issue of these documents may be addressed to Mr Kadimukwa, Tel No. 3904378, Fax No. 3913508, e mail: mkadimukwa@gov.bw 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A compulsory pre tender meeting with representatives of the Procuring Entity will take place at Gaborone, Block 9 Staff Houses Plot 64865D on 20th September 2023 starting at 1000hrs. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The closing date and time for receipt of sealed tender offers is 1000hrs hours on 29th September 2023 Late tender offers will not be accepted. The tender Evaluation will follow Least Cost Selection Works Evaluation The Bid Submission Method is: One Envelope Submission Method in which a tenderers financial and technical offer is submitted together in one sealed envelope 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One (1) original tender document marked ORIGINAL and 2 duplicate copies of the originals. The Envelope containing proposals shall be sealed and enclosed in a sealed envelope clearly marked the description: "Tender Reference No. SP/DCEC/008/2022-23 'A works contract for the procurement of maintenance of staff houses at plot 64865D Block 9, Gaborone' shall be delivered to: Office of the Government Buyer, Ministry for State President, Plot No. 8842 Khama Crescent, Government Enclave, Barclays House, Fifth Floor, Office No. 006, Gaborone The closing date and time for receipt of sealed tender offers is 1000hrs hours on 29th September 2023 The name and address of the bidder should be clearly marked on the envelope; 		
<p>The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Standardised Conditions of Tender for Works shall apply to this procurement, for which all the applicable Tender Data is contained in the tender documents. {Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing, the Government of Botswana is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender offer.}</p>		
<p>K.S Boikanyo (Office of the Government Buyer) Ministry for State President</p>		

UB instills hope in young minds for brighter future

By Gaone Fati

MORALANE - The University of Botswana has adopted Moralane Primary School as part of its objective to bring into fold those who are disadvantaged and most often excluded.

Adopting the school will bring hope and faith to the learners' brighter future regardless of their unique challenges.

Speaking at the occasion of building future leaders at Moralane on Friday, Vice Chancellor of the University of Botswana Prof. David Norris, said they wanted to impart knowledge that would bring a sense of pride and mindset change as they are passionate about their nation's future.

He stated that adopting Moralane primary school symbolise their commitment to enriching lives in all corners of Botswana.

Prof. Norris said the university has to be impactful to change people's lives.

He said the University of Botswana under the UB Building Future Leaders programme acknowledged it's role in moulding the young minds and ensuring that they were provided with the best resources, mentorship and opportunities.

In partnership with Lucara Botswana and Liberty they donated 400 school shoes, 400 socks, toiletries and stationery to Moralane Primary School pupils.

Lucara Botswana contributed P120 000 which was used to purchase shoes and socks for the pupils, while Liberty contributed P20 000 which was used to buy technological books and other stationery and UB donated stationery and t-shirts.

Prof. Norris said this initiative was not a once off thing but it would go beyond as they want to see Moralane pupils excelling and becoming future leaders.

He said he believed that this initiative will inspire other institutions and communities to contribute in building a better Botswana.

Giving keynote address, the Assistant Minister of Education and Skills Development, Mr Aubrey Lesaso, said the university's strategic intent, driven by a commitment to create societal impact and promote inclusivity, found its embodiment in the Adopt-a School Programme.

Mr Lesaso said by adopting Moralane Primary School, the university was signaling that education was not merely a pursuit of knowledge, but a bridge towards a more equitable future.

He said it was a poignant reminder that every child, deserved a chance to shine, adding that the initiative, under the UB Building Future Leaders, was not just about philanthropy, but it was about empowerment.

Mr Lesaso said the tutorials, designed to bolster young minds as they prepared for their PSLE, reflected on the nation's potential.

The activities planned, were not just about academics.

He added that they were about nurturing well rounded individuals,

ready to take on the world.

Mr Lesaso said the university programmes was a testament to the power of unity in shaping the destiny of the country's education landscape.

The university's donation of hampers, abounding with teaching materials and essentials, was a symbol of a collective commitment to the young learners' future.

Mr Lesaso said that recently the institution held an engagement in mathematics, science and robotics for the students thus preparing them for the demands of knowledge based economy.

He indicated that the university's benevolence extended beyond the academic realm.

Mr Lesaso said the donation of shoes, socks, toiletries and stationery was a reminder that education was not just about learning, but about nurturing, supporting and fostering a sense of belonging.

He commended the University of Botswana, its leadership and partners for continuing in strength, progress and fortitude.

Kgosi Keoganne Modisapodi of Moralane expressed gratitude towards University of Botswana and partner-sponsors for remembering his village.

Kgosi Modisapodi said the donations would help the primary school pupils to perform better and looked good in their learning environment.

He encouraged learners to take care of the gifts and believed in their capabilities in order to do better and have a brighter future despite their unique challenges.

Moralane was one of the underdeveloped villages and a lot of parents could provide school essentials for their children.

He thanked all sponsors for stepping in and making the learning institution a better place for better future.

Kgosi Modisapodi said this initiative would help students to work hard in their studies since they were not left out, stating that the donated items would help the pupils to learn better and in an equal state of mind.

He noted providing them with tools they needed would empower young minds would create the future for the knowledge generation. **BOPA**

Embrace developments planned for the village

By Pelonomi Gare

MMATHUBUDUKWANE - Mmathubudukwane residents have been implored to embrace the envisaged developments in their village.

This was said by MP for Mochudi East, Mr Mabuse Pule, when addressing a kgotla meeting Friday.

He said following the declaration that their village was a sub district, they should make a paradigm shift in the way they had been conducting business to accommodate new developments.

He said it was important to



Archbishop Pansiri (left), Dr Letsholathebe (centre) and Bishop Simon at the church conference in Tati Siding recently. Dr Letsholathebe called on churches to pray against social ills that were bedeviling the youth of this country. Photo: Thamani Shabani

Churches should pray against social ills - Letsholathebe

By Thamani Shabani

TATI SIDING - The Church is a powerful tool and such should pray against social ills presently bedeviling Botswana.

The Minister of Education and Skills Development, Dr Douglas Letsholathebe, said churches provide safe spaces for youth to socialise and engage in positive activities as well as offering mentorship and counselling services.

Dr Letsholathebe said during an event at the Healing Saint Apostolic Church branch in Tati siding on Saturday that churches play a powerful role in combating social ills among the youth.

He said churches provided a safe spaces for youth to socialise and engage in positive activities as well as offering mentorship and counselling services.

He said the church promoted values such as honesty, integrity, and respect through prayers and religious teachings.

He explained that churches could be a source of guidance, support and hope for young people.

Dr Letsholathebe said a prayer could be used for combating social ills by providing a sense of comfort

and hope for those affected by social ills and to their love ones.

The founder of the Healing Saint Apostolic Church, Archbishop Tshenolo Pansiri, said the church formed in 2018 and officially registered in 2019 continued to grow given the number of branches so far established across the country.

Archbishop Pansiri explained that the church now prides itself of six branches, its headquarters in Serowe, Mahalapye, Mogoditshane, Kopong, Molepolole and Mogorosi.

He said the church was prepared and committed to fight all social ills, teenage pregnancy, drug abuse and passion killings, adding it also recognised the contribution of women in the development of the country as evidenced by appointed women bishops in his church.

Kgosi Simon Nkgageng said the role of the church in shaping society was a complex and multifaceted one.

Kgosi Nkgageng explained that the church helped in promoting moral and ethical values, such as honesty, compassion, and service.

He said the church also provided spiritual guidance and support for individuals and communities.

He also said the church worked

hand in hand with the government for advocating for social justice and equality.

"It also serves as a catalyst for positive change in the community," he added.

He spoke of an increase in social ills across Botswana.

He appealed to different church denomination in Tati siding to come together and form various committees that could fight social illness in the village.

Meanwhile, Bishop Reuben Simon of Tati Siding branch presented Dr Letsholathebe with a sash which he said symbolised a number of things.

He explained that the sash could be used as a symbol of faith or devotion, worn by clergy members or congregants as a sign of their commitment to their beliefs.

"It is also a sign of appreciation and gratitude from the church which is a way to foster good relationships between the church and the government," he said.

"It is a gesture of respect and appreciation for the minister's work in the community."

In response, Dr Letsholathebe donated P3 000 to the church and blankets to the elderly members of the church. **BOPA**

tap into and benefit from the developments that would come along with projects earmarked for their village.

Mr Pule said the Botswana Power Corporation's (BPC) connection of electricity to the river villages, which would be complete in November 2023 and the 25km street lights in the sub district and drainage systems were some of the projects that addressed their needs and should be embraced.

He raised concern about the escalating copper cable theft that was costing BPC millions and urged residents to guard against the

theft.

He said the theft disrupted the quality of services provided by the corporation.

He said community cooperation with project contractors would bridge the gap and open job opportunities for residents.

He said following the declaration of drought throughout the country, different agricultural feeds would be subsidised by 30 per cent.

He added that malnourished children would continue to be fed to ease the drought impact on communities.

Mr Pule told the residents about

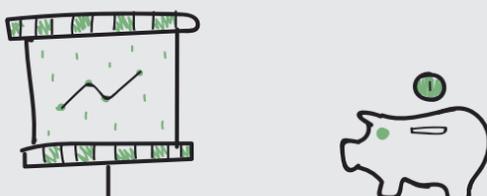
the 16 laws passed during the just-ended Parliament meeting. He talked about the Mental Health Act and the Botswana Trade Commission Act

Kgosi Thari Balebetse of Mmathubudukwane urged residents, especially the youth, to enrol and use programmes brought by government.

He said the free Internet connectivity in dikgotla should not be abused but put to good use.

He applauded government for developments and urged residents to continue to ensure developments were a success. **BOPA**

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION/ MR Mbiganyi Malobela would like to inform his neighbours/ owners of plots around his plot in Manyana ward-Tonota, of the change of land use, from residential to multi-residential. Any objections should be forwarded to Tonota sub council or to 71 218 888.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION. **THE** owner of Plot 2025 Gaphatshwa, Metsimothabe intends to erect a boundary wall around the yard. Any queries related to the project be directed to 76 323 739

I MOLEFE CHELANE owner of industrial plot in Makakatela ward do wish to change land use from industrial to commercial plot and do developments. All concerned neighbors to consult Mokhudi or Kgatleng district council on 5777411

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IN THE PURSUANCE of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (cvap 31.01) , the heirs and Next of kin of the deceased persons specified below are hereby invited to attend meetings at the office of the Master located at Gaborone High court on Thursday the 19 day of **October 2023 at 0830 hours.**

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

For more information concerning the deceased persons estate , please contact the master office at 378083, 3718000.



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hr.botswana@kgkbw.com
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Or alternatively hand deliver to: Plot 20588, Block 3 Industrial, Gaborone.

CLOSING DATE: 21 SEPTEMBER 2023

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST BOND

NOTICE is hereby given that **MAGGIE MATHUMO** intends applying for a certified copy of **Covering Mortgage Bond No. 4155/2010** dated the 16th day of November 2010 in respect of the below mentioned property namely:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Tribal Lot 4720, Mmopane;
SITUATE: in the Bakwena Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 3950 m² (Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Square Metres);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. TL 347/2009 dated the 18th day of May 2009 made in favour of **MAGGIE MATHUMO**;
All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds within three (3) weeks from the last publication of this notice.
DATED AT GABORONE ON THE DAY OF 2023
M K MOESI & CO
Lot 2689, Extension 9
Hospital Way
P O Box 10160
Gaborone

Application for a certified copy of lost deed

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intense to apply for a certified copy of deed of 359/1981 dated 29th of day of July T.T 1981 made in favour of Mothoosole Modisapitse in respect of:

CERTAIN: Lot 140
SITUATE: In Ghanzi Extension 1
MESUARING: 11102 (eleven thousand one hundred and two) square meter
HELD UNDER: 359/1981

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** with three(3) weeks of notice

DATED AT _____ ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2023
APPLICANT: ANICK MODISAPITSE

FORM 6 SUBSTITUTED SERVICE (Order 8 Rule 4)

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT SEROWE

CASE NO: CCMSW-000118-22

In the matter between

Matshidiso Thathana
and
Paul Maphakwane

Plaintiff

Defendant

To **Paul Maphakwane of Palapye Village**

TAKE NOTICE that a summons has been issued against you in this Court by **Matshidiso Thathana of Serowe Village** address for the following:

- (a) Payment in the sum of P10 000.00
- (b) Cost of suit.
- (c) Any further / alternative relief

And that an order has been made that the publication of notice of such summons shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service of the summons on you. You are required to enter an appearance to the summons on or before the **13th day of September 2023 at 0830 hours** and, if you do not do so, judgement may be given against you in your absence.

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CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 2137, Mahalapye

SITUATE: in the Ngwato Tribal Area in Tshikinyega village

MEASURING: 42 237.74 (forty two thousand, two hundred and thirty seven point seventy four square metres)

HELD UNDER: Deed No. 339/94 dated 22nd September 1994

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 25th AUGUST 2023.

**DUBULA ATTORNEYS
ATTORNEYS, NOTARIES & CONVEYANCERS
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- Diploma or equivalent in Refrigeration or higher.
- At least 10years experience working with either refrigeration systems or HVAC systems
- Proficiency in trouble shooting skills.
- Ability to write clear technical reports on diagnosis.
- Ability to read and understand blueprints and technical instructions
- Ability to use various tools without needing supervision
- Excellent customer service skills

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- Final Lever Grader Operators
- Asphalt Paver Operators
- Asphalt Paver Screed Operators
- Code C Truck Drivers
- Code C1 Truck Drivers
- TLB Operators
- Loader Operators

Experience:

- Minimum of 2 years' experience in operating in a similar work environment.
- Clean, valid drivers' & equipment operator licenses.

***N. B.* Please specify location preference**

Applicants who meet the above requirements should send their Application Letter, CV and Employment References to:

**The Human Resources Manager
Bango Trading (Pty) Ltd
P.O. Box 501662, Gaborone
EMAIL: bangorecruitment@gmail.com and copy: Stefan.Bangotrading@gmail.com**

Closing Date: 15th September 2023

MAPHAKWANE J.

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
HELD AT LOBATSE
CASE NO: CVHGB-003234-22**

In the matter between:

JETHRO KAMUTSI N.O	Plaintiff
And	
LUMINOUS CONSULTING (PTY) LTD	Defendant

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE: SHORT FORM OF PROCESS

TO: LUMINOUS CONSULTING (PTY) LTD, a company duly incorporated in accordance with the Laws of Botswana.

TAKE NOTICE that by Writ of Summons issued out of this Court, you have been called upon to give notice within fourteen (14) days after publication hereof, to the Registrar of the High Court, Gaborone and to **BABUSENG & MASWABI ATTORNEYS AT LAW** the Plaintiff's Attorneys of your intention to oppose (if any) in an action wherein **JETHRO KAMUTSI N.O** (in his official capacity as Liquidator of **SATU INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD (IN LIQUIDATION)**)'s claims for the following orders:

- 1) Declaring that the purported sale and transfer of the following properties from Satu Investments (Pty) Ltd (In Liquidation) to the Defendant is void;
 - a) A motor vehicle being an Isuzu, model 250 of registration number and letters **B 594 AXT**;
 - b) A motor vehicle being an Isuzu, model KB250 of registration number and letters **B 596 AXT**;
 - c) A motor vehicle being a Sino, model Howo 290 of registration number and letters **B 841 BJJ**;
 - d) A motor vehicle being a Caterpillar, model 320 D2L of registration number and letters **B 546 BFM**; and
 - e) A trailer, model Tshukudu of registration number and letters **B 525 BFT**.
- 2) An order is hereby issued authorising a Deputy Sheriff of this Honourable Court to sign all documentation and perform all acts necessary to give effect to the transfer of the properties listed at paragraph 1 above to Satu Investments (Pty) Ltd (In Liquidation);
- 3) Costs of suit on attorney and own client scale; and
- 4) Further and /or alternative relief.

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

DATED IN GABORONE ON THE _ DAY OF AUGUST 2023.

**BABUSENG & MASWABI ATTORNEYS AT LAW
Plaintiff's Attorneys
Plot 4864, Madikwe Close, Along Nelson Mandela Drive,
Extension 11, Gaborone
P. O. Box 549 AAH Masa Square
GABORONE**

LEKORWE J.

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
HELD AT LOBATSE
CASE NO: CVHGB-003233-22**

In the matter between:

JETHRO KAMUTSI N.O	Plaintiff
And	
MANEBLOCKS HOLDINGS (PTY) LTD	Defendant

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE: SHORT FORM OF PROCESS

TO: MANEBLOCKS HOLDINGS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED company duly incorporated in terms of the Laws of Botswana whose further and better particulars are unknown to the Plaintiff.

TAKE NOTICE that by Application issued out of this Court, you have been called upon to give notice within twenty-one (21) days after publication hereof, to the Registrar of the High Court, Lobatse and to **BABUSENG & MASWABI ATTORNEYS AT LAW** the Plaintiff's Attorneys of your intention to oppose (if any) in an application wherein **JETHRO KAMUTSI N.O** claims the following orders:

- a) Declaring that the purported sale and transfer of the following motor vehicle from Satu Investments (Pty) Ltd (In Liquidation) to the Defendant is void;
 - i) A motor vehicle being a Mitsubishi, model Rosa of registration number and letters **B 719 BHO**.
- b) An order is hereby issued authorising a Deputy Sheriff of this Honourable Court to sign all documents and perform all acts necessary to effect transfer of the motor vehicle referred to at paragraph 1 above to Satu Investments (Pty) Ltd (In Liquidation);
- c) Cost of suit on attorney and own scale; and
- d) Further and / or alternative relief

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

DATED IN GABORONE ON THE _ DAY OF AUGUST 2023

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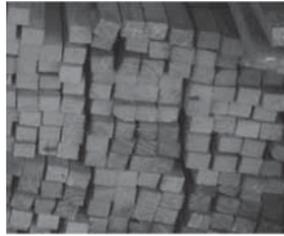
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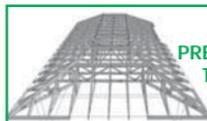
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Details of the Event

Date: Thursday 31st August 2023
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REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF TERTIARY EDUCATION FINANCING

PUBLIC NOTICE

EXTENSION ON A CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2023-2024 LOCAL RE-SPONSORSHIP - PLEASE NOTE ADDITIONAL CATEGORY

The Department of Tertiary Education Financing under the Ministry of Education and Skills Development invites applications from qualified citizens of Botswana for Tertiary Education Government Sponsorship for **2023/2024** intake. All applicants are therefore advised to adhere to terms and conditions for applying for Re-sponsorship as stated in this notice to ensure compliance to set requirements. **Applicants are expected to have an email account/address in order to apply for sponsorship.**

The Department has developed and deployed online or e-services module for use in processing applications for Tertiary Education Government Sponsorship. In this regard, applicants will submit their tertiary education financing application for the 2023/24 Re-sponsorship cycle on-line.

All applicants who fall under the **Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC)** and **Remote Area Communities (RAC)** and **Special Educational Needs (SEN)** categories should confirm their status with the respective administrative offices managing the programmes and subsequently log on to the system to apply for Re-sponsorship.

APPLICATION PERIOD:

The online applications will be open from **Wednesday 2nd August, 2023 to 3rd September 2023, mid night** on DTEF website <https://tef.gov.bw>. updates will also be posted on DTEF Facebook page: 'Department of Tertiary Education Financing'. The system shall not accept any application after the closing date. The applicant is expected to upload supporting documents, therefore keep ready scanned copies of such supporting documents in **pdf, jpeg, png or jpg** format for uploading.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Applicants should:

- ⊙ Be a citizen of Botswana
- ⊙ Be able to complete the programme of study before turning thirty five (35) years of age
- ⊙ Not have benefitted from Re-sponsorship before.
- ⊙ Satisfy all other major eligibility requirements as outlined in the table below for 2023/2024 target groups

DUE TO THE LIMITED BUDGET, THE DEPARTMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT NOT TO SPONSOR ANY QUALIFYING APPLICANTS ONCE THE ALLOCATED BUDGET HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED.

REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:

The following documents should be uploaded into the system:

- i. Certified copy of recent comprehensive official academic record or transcript
- ii. Certified copy of valid National Identity Card (Oman)
- iii. Copy of Admission/Re-admission letter from the institution of your choice stating the following:
 - ⊙ Program of study showing the duration & the level of study
 - ⊙ Commencement and expected completion date of the program
 - ⊙ Changes in the curriculum (i.e. subjects' replacements), if any.
- iv. The Supporting letter from your Faculty confirming the modules that one will be undertaking or retaking during the Re-sponsorship year and the expected completion date of study
- v. An official confirmation of change of surnames, if surnames in the academic certificate, Oman and the previous sponsorship letter are not the same.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

STEP 1: Online Tertiary Education Sponsorship Log-in.

Visit the official website of the Online Tertiary Education Sponsorship and Click on Sign Up, top right, this allows you to create a user account to use to interact with DTEF. Capture your details as per the form displayed. Enter a valid email address. At the end, click Create New Account, a notification email will be sent to you through the email address you provided to confirm that you created the account.

STEP 2: Verify your email

Login on to your email and retrieve email from DTEF and follow the given steps. This prompts you to create a password, after which, login with this password.

STEP 3: Apply After logging in, click Apply for Sponsorship

STEP 4: Choosing the Application Type

Ensure that the form displays Re-Sponsorship as shown below:



STEP 5: Filling the application form & Attaching supporting documents

Enter all relevant details carefully. Ensure that you choose the relevant Category of Sponsorship from the options provided. Upload the relevant supporting documents in **pdf, jpeg, png or jpg** format at the **Attachment** section.

Click Next> button to move to the next page, and <Previous button to access the previous page.

Click Save Draft button to save your application in draft mode. You can continue with your application or logout and retrieve it at a later stage, provided the submission deadline has not passed. Ensure that you submit your application once you are satisfied with what you have filled

Note that the Reset button clears (deletes) all that you have captured before and allows you to start the application afresh. This applies only to applications that have not been submitted, including the ones in Saved as 'Drafts'.

STEP 6: Signing of Application Form/Declaration.

After filling and uploading all supporting documents, sign the Application Form, on the Student Declaration section by clicking on the given box, which will result in a Tick . By signing the form, you will be accepting all the terms and conditions of the application requirements.

STEP 7: Review of the Application

Please take a look at your application before the final submission by clicking Review.

STEP 8: Submission of the Application.

Click the Submit for your application to be considered.

STEP 9: Confirmation of Submission.

After successful submission of the Application Form, you will get a confirmation message, acknowledgement receipt of your application through your email address.

STEP 10: Viewing & Printing the Form.

You can view and/or print out the submitted Application Form and the Acknowledgement receipt after submitting an application for your own records.

STEP 11: Check status of Application

You can view your submitted application's status **at any time** after successful submission by logging on the website by choosing **Submissions**.

STEP 12: Accepting & Signing of Sponsorship Agreement

Once your application has been processed, you will receive email notification from DTEF informing you on the outcome of your application. If offered sponsorship, you will receive a Sponsorship Offer; upon accepting this offer, all the terms and conditions of the Sponsorship will be presented to you. Upon agreeing to these terms and conditions of the DTEF Sponsorship Agreement. **The system will send the sponsorship letter to your email address which you can now print and proceed to undertake registration at your preferred institution.**

PRIORITY TARGET GROUPS APPROVED FOR RE-SPONSORSHIP:

Consideration for 2023/2024 Re-Sponsorship is **STRICTLY limited to the following two (2) Target groups of students.**

TARGET GROUPS	DESCRIPTION OF GROUP	MAJOR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS
GROUP 1	<p>Students whose sponsorship was terminated on account of poor performance while:</p> <p>a. Registered for their 2nd Year of study – during the 2020/2021 academic year (July 2020 to June 2021)</p> <p>b. Students who were terminated from their studies at 1st Year, 2nd Year & 3rd Year during the 2019/2020 academic year and prior (before). This Category is added to clear all Students who may have failed their studies at 1st Year / 2nd year, and 3rd year earlier than the 2019/2020 academic year.</p>	<p>Must have been terminated from their Studies either at the end of semester 1 – being December 2020, or terminated at the end of semester 2, being June 2021.</p> <p>Students who were terminated from their studies at 1st Year / 2nd Year & 3rd Year in the 2019/2020 academic, and prior (before).</p> <p>Students should not have benefitted for Re-sponsorship opportunity before.</p> <p>Students who may have changed Programme of Study after failing at their 2nd Year – must have paid for themselves to complete 1st Year in their NEW programme of Study, and are now proceeding to register for 2nd Year.</p> <p>Students should be able to complete their Studies at the age of 35-years.</p>
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Men Speak Out conference successful

By Idah Basimane

GABORONE - Social worker, radio personality and television presenter, Ms Lesego Bile says men should introspect and understand their emotional wellness in order for them to make informed decisions.

She said this at a one day conference themed Man Speak Out in Gaborone on Saturday.

She said if men particularly those who are abusive could learn how to handle their emotions, there would be few cases of femicides, suicides and GBV.

“I believe that if we can connect with all men, they will come on board and assist this organisation to spread the message,” she said.

Some women, she said, demanded money from men thus putting men under pressure.

Ms Bile said Man Speak Out Organization called on men to introspect and change mindset.

She said the organisation was established to fight GBV.

Further she said, the organisation planned to hold another conference, November this year during the men’s month.

“Man Speak Out conference will be an event that focuses on issues that generally affected men. On our panel we will have pre and post marital counsellors, motivational speakers, GBV activist and mental health awareness activist,” she said.

She said he was committed to raising awareness on male related discussions, focusing on issues that that the community could relate with.

Further as a social worker, she generally she has been part of programmes and shows that were related to relationships, depression/ anxiety and building people in general with personal development.

Former President of Botswana Counseling’s Association, Mr Tshepo Shosho, said the conference objective was to highlight issues that affected men but were not reported.

He said it was important that men should tell their own stories, hence the need of this conference.

“Through this conference, we have learnt and understood and appreciated that

most men go through a lot.

He urged the public not to generalised men as abusers, instead he said, “we should appreciate where they coming from.”

Meanwhile Ms Shelly Apes, Motivational Speaker, GBV activist, author and mental health activist also said that the conference would enable and empower men to speak out in every situations that they found

themselves in.

“Botswana needs men who can speak out when they need help,” she said. She explained that abuse, whether physical or emotional that could result in victims not to question who they were, causing other person to stop believing in what they have been desiring to be and anything that brought negativity causing pain to ones nature as a human being. **BOPA**



Ms Apes (left), Reverend John Phillip (second left), Ms Bile (second right) and Mr Shosho at a one-day conference themed Man Speak Out in Gaborone recently. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

Company vows to improve education facilities

By Portia Rapitsenyane

GOOTAU - Vultures are crucial to the ecosystem but face a myriad of challenges including poisoning and disturbance at

breeding sites.

Director of wildlife and national parks, Dr Kabelo Senyatso said recently at Gootau at the official handing over of the Batho le Ditsatholego Conservation Trust.

He urged community members to own the project intended to conserve Cape vultures as well as conservation and sustainable rural livelihoods improvement.

The project will run for the next two years and was funded to the tune of P570 000 by Global Environment Facility (GEF) small grants and facilitated by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Dr Senyatso said government interventions were not sufficient to address all the threats facing vultures and that civil societies such as Batho le Ditsatholego Conservation Trust were crucial.

He encouraged the conservation trust to own the project and implement it diligently. In addition to saving vultures, he said the projects were also meant to boost local economies and create sustainable jobs for vulnerable groups such as women, youth and people living with disabilities.

He said sustainability was key in projects supported through the environment facility as sustainable development was the cornerstone of the Transitional National Development Plan and Vision 2036.

Dr Seyatso said the global environment facility was one of the initiatives that government, through the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, was implementing with support from the UNDP.

He said the launch of the grant marked a significant milestone for his ministry and UNDP as the first vulture conservation project in Botswana.

Further, he said Batho le Ditsatholego responded to the call for proposals aimed at addressing climate change mitigation and adaptation, biodiversity conservation and sustainable land management for

improved livelihoods that was advertised in local media and UNDP.

He said the global facility was aligned and contributed to the attainment of aspirations and visions at both the global, regional and national levels.

Since inception in 1992 the global environment facility programme has supported government in environmental conservation as well as driving the sustainable development agenda through supporting community led projects with the potential for up-scaling and replication by government and other partners.

Dr Senyatso said it was apparent that the rate of natural resource exploitation and the use of the physical environment would soon reach the threshold for our existence on planet earth.

He said scientific evidence showed that the natural resource stocks were being depleted at increasing rates and that the natural capital has diminished in quality and quantity.

He added that the increasing loss of biological diversity, land degradation, desertification, water stress, food insecurity, health pandemics and natural disasters had become regular concerns.

He said climate change threatened the sustainability of livelihoods and that poverty continued to overwhelm developments efforts.

He said it was critical than ever for humanity to pay more attention to getting the balance right between what was economically feasible, socially desirable and environmentally sustainable.

He said it was for that reason that they wanted to see initiatives funded contributing to protection and conservation of biodiversity and natural resources.

The founder of Batho Le Ditsatholego Conservation Trust, Mr Sentle Mosweu appealed to Gootau, Maledi and Goosekgweng residents to support the trust. **BOPA**



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Gobatilwe operating a leather processing machine she bought from China. Her leather works company produces goods such as school shoes, sandals, belts, hats and leather frames. Photo: Xinhua

Leather business thrives in Botswana

PALAPYE - In the vast landscapes of Botswana, where the cattle population is estimated at over 2.1 million and raw hides and skins are abundant, one small business owner has discovered a niche in the market in producing finished leather products.

Based in Palapye, Dineo Gobatilwe, a 34-year-old mother of two, operates a leather works company named Dinny Leather Works that produces goods such as school shoes, sandals, belts, hats and leather frames.

In 2014, the company was created with government financial support of about US\$7 504 (P98 000).

Gobatilwe has since bought equipment from China and deployed the machinery for manufacturing.

In an interview with *Xinhua*, Gobatilwe said she chose to pursue leather works after noticing a gap in the leather industry.

"I wanted to be unique because only Pilane Leatherworks and the Basarwa were involved in making traditional leather products, so I decided to combine Pilane and Basarwa skills to make modern products," she said.

To make better products, Gobatilwe uses vegetable-tanned leather, which is known for its natural feel, sweet scent, patina over time, and toughness.

And she picks the right leather without cracks.

"That's why my products look quality and last longer." Gobatilwe studied fashion design in Limkokwing University, which has a presence across Africa, Europe, and Asia.

Her company, which has three workers, is able to sustain itself through a partnership with Palapye District Council, where she provides more than 500 pairs of shoes to orphans and underprivileged students in the Palapye region and surrounding areas.

While the local market is promising, Gobatilwe already has her sights set on the international market. "I've had the opportunity to go to Dubai to exhibit my products.

I also work with the Botswana Investment and Trade Centre and participated in their workshop," she said.

Her firm also received support from the Visual Arts Office with the Ministry of Youth, Gender, Sports and Culture.

However, Gobatilwe said, running a leather company in Botswana was not without difficulties.

Even though the country produces about 300 000 hides each year, it does not have the means to process its hides into

fine leather.

Botswana sells 50 per cent of its raw hides and 100 per cent of its raw skins, with half of the hides treated to wet-blue (moist chrome-tanned leather), according to Botswana Meat Commission.

Despite the difficulties, Gobatilwe has capitalised on the tremendous opportunity given by the local cattle and leather industries and helped to contribute to Botswana's economy by seizing the potential in both local and export markets. *Xinhua*

Former US president trial set for March

WASHINGTON DC - A US federal judge on Monday set March 4, 2024 for former President Donald Trump's trial on charges of attempting to overturn the 2020 election.

That is one day before 'Super Tuesday' a potentially decisive date in the Republican presidential nominating contest, when more than a dozen states, from California to Texas, will pick the party's candidate for the 2024 election.

In a hearing on Monday, US District Judge Tanya Chutkan rejected trial dates proposed by both the Justice Department and Trump's legal team.

Earlier, special counsel Jack Smith had asked for Trump's trial to begin on Jan. 2, 2024, while the former president's lawyers had asked for a trial date in April 2026.

"I want to note here that setting a trial date does not depend and should not depend on the defendant's personal or professional obligations,"

Chutkan said.

Trump is the first former US president to face criminal charges.

He has been indicted in four cases, two by the Justice Department and two by state prosecutors in New York and Georgia, separately.

The federal election subversion prosecution is one of four criminal cases against him.

A New York judge has set the trial date of March 25 for the criminal case against the former president surrounding the hush money payments to an adult film star.

In Florida, the trial on charges that Trump mishandled classified documents after leaving office has been set for May 2024.

The federal judge's latest decision could have a crucial impact on Trump's bid for recapturing the White House as well as the Republican presidential nominating calendar. *Xinhua*

Chinese doctor helps old farmer walk again

MATSITAMA - Living in Matsitama in eastern Botswana, 78-year-old Ketsetletse Mosi staggered on the road after he undertook surgeon 20 days ago.

He said it was a Chinese doctor who helped him walk again.

Mosi was rounding up goats on a chilly evening early this month when he fell on the ground and broke his hip. "Little did I know that the injury was serious because I struggled to wake up the following morning," he said.

He was later sent to Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital in Francistown, where a group of Chinese doctors work.

After arriving at the hospital, Mosi said he was received by Lyu Peimin, a Chinese doctor, whose hands are 'safe and warm'.

Lyu is a member of the 16th Chinese medical team to Botswana.

Over the past four decades, a total of 16 batches of more than 500 Chinese medical members have come to the country, delivering medical services to local people.

They have performed more than 130 000 surgeries and treated more than 2.8 million patients since 1980s, winning praise from the government and the people.

Lyu referred Mosi to a computerised tomography

scan and tried to comfort him by saying that the pain he was feeling would disappear.

"He then studied the scan and took me to an operating theatre to perform an implant of the broken hip bone," said Mosi.

Since then, Lyu started teaching Mosi to walk, and the old man made excellent progress with the Chinese doctor's help.

Mosi said many people could not believe that he was able to walk again.

"This Chinese doctor is very important. I wish he will remain working here in Botswana forever," Mosi said.

Kobamelo Motshidisi, clinical manager at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, said the contribution of the Chinese doctors had been affirmed by the local people.

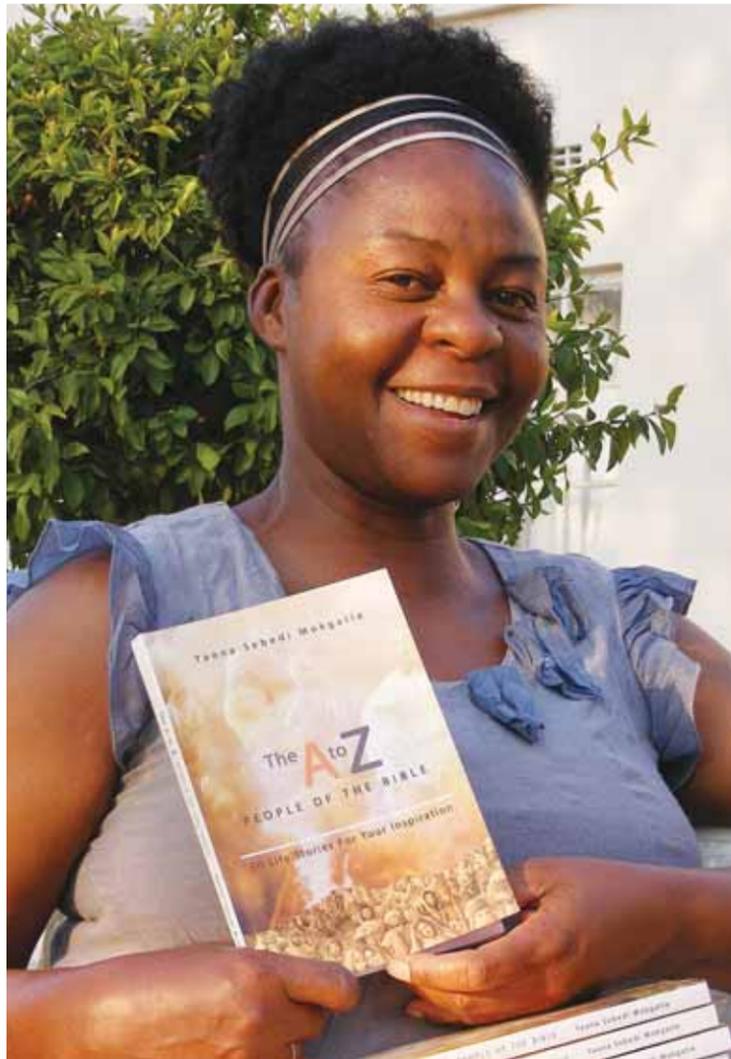
"In the past, patients at this hospital with similar injuries would spend months and months in the health facility," he said, adding that 'some of the patients with similar injuries would never walk again.'

Some people chose to seek treatment in South Africa, however, at a heavy cost, as Botswana does not have sufficient medical staff, he said.

After the Chinese doctors came to the country, 'we could perform complex surgeries at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital,' said Motshidisi. *Xinhua*



TAIYUAN - Customs authorities in north China's Shanxi Province have recently intercepted 114 ivory products. The ivory items, weighing nearly 2.1kg, and four red coral products, weighing 70g, were seized in inbound parcels, according to the local airport customs in Taiyuan, the provincial capital. China suspended imports of ivory and ivory products in 2015 and ended related commercial processing and sales at the end of 2017 as part of its commitment to protecting wild animals. Photo: Xinhua



Mokgatle's *The A to Z: People of the Bible* covers topics such as forgiveness, perseverance, compassion and gratitude, all of which can help change the mindset and approach to life.

Photo: Thamani Shabani

The A to Z: People of the Bible inspirational

By Thamani Shabani

TONOTA - A former Home Economics teacher at Makhubu Junior Secondary School in Selibe Phikwe, Yaona Mokgatle has penned a 226-page book that will revolutionise the mind of the reader and keep one engrossed right until the end.

Titled *The A to Z: People of the Bible*, the inspirational book draws from Christianity and the Bible.

It covers topics like forgiveness, perseverance, compassion, and gratitude, all of which can help change the mindset and approach to life.

This must-read masterpiece reflects on several Biblical characters from Abraham to Zechariah and offers insights into their lives.

Ms Mokgatle explained that the A to Z book is an inspirational and religious book based on the characters found in the Bible.

"These people are of different ages, backgrounds and economic

status. My characters experienced life as we do and their life stories carry an abundance of lessons for us to learn from," she said.

For example, in one instance the book delves into the virtue of endurance as reflected in the life of Job who despite the difficult moment in his life believes God will still reach out to him. Jesus Christ is yet another character who the writer uses to bring home the importance of loving others unconditionally.

A microscopic view into the life of Abraham, the father of faith, is yet another scenario in the book that underscores how steadfast belief in God can turn around the life of a believer.

It is a profound story highlighting the importance of faith, trust, and obedience to God. Here we see Abraham laying aside the weighty issues of life and following God's word to the letter. He leaves his home and family and traverses to unfamiliar territory as per the instruction from God.

He perseveres and is ultimately rewarded for his great faith and obedience.

This story can teach us that even when we do not understand God's plan, we can still trust in him and follow his guidance.

Another chapter that can be recommended is D which stands for decision making. This chapter talks about the importance of making good decisions and the different factors that can influence choices.

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This chapter is relevant for anyone who wants to make better choices in life

The book is now available for sale for P120 per piece.

Ms Mokgatle is a devout Christian, a mother and wife. She has also authored write-ups such as *How To: A Guide to perfecting your craft skills*. **BOPA**

Dikonyana tsa Morena drive change among youth

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - The high rate of unemployment amongst young people has propelled Thabari Yarae of Khwai and Elifase Lethusang of Rakops to discover and nurture their hidden talent as well as to exploit it to earn a living.

While many youths are struggling to secure jobs and end up indulging in drug and substance abuse and other social ills, the duo, who are devoted Christians and passionate about singing, turned their hobbies into an opportunity to beat poverty and unemployment.

Together with two members of their church, they formed a gospel group, Dikonyana tsa Morena, to drive a positive social change amongst fellow youths and to make ends meet.

"Everyone is born with a set of special talent that can be a source of income and employment for themselves and others. Young people have great talent but it is not tapped while some think success in arts is through the government," said Yarae in an interview.

He is of the view that identifying things that one loves and that is good at is a great way to unearth potential passion indicating that many have

neglected their naturally God-given talents, which they could nurture, develop and eventually turn into careers and increase employment opportunities.

Yarae said if young people could embrace the mindset change concept and focus on their talents, they could have fulfilling careers.

He revealed that after completing vocational training, together with other group members, they focused on their talents because they knew that there are multiple benefits when one focuses on what they love. "We managed to produce our first gospel album dubbed *Corona* in 2019, which aimed at promoting messages on safety and precaution measures as well as to give hope that the pandemic will pass if people focus their eyes unto the Lord," he added.

Surprisingly, he said, the album did exceptionally well in the market even though movement was limited. He attributed the album success to technology which resulted in the album selling like hot cakes.

For his part, Lethusang concurred that there were a handful of available jobs in the market all which were chased by a huge number of competent job seekers, adding that unemployment could lead to

depression, anxiety hence they saw it fit to discover their talents, nurtured it and eventually turned it into a career.

Although, he said it could be incredibly difficult to achieve one's dream, it required determination, perseverance and change of attitude.

Young people, he said, must embrace the mindset change initiative, which he described as

a wake up call for all to dream big and exploit their gifts for their benefit and of the country.

"All we have to do is to change our attitudes and do things differently. We should not be concerned if what we love is not practical or common as talent can be simply a clue," he added. Lethusang said their group was a testimony that utilising talents could beat unemployment and

poverty amongst youths.

He said they had completed their second album *Jeso ke Mmoloki*, comprising six hits which all carry joyful melodies that promote a spirit of hope, faith as well as to create an atmosphere of worship.

The songs, he said, call on people to change their minds and seek the face of God while there was still time.

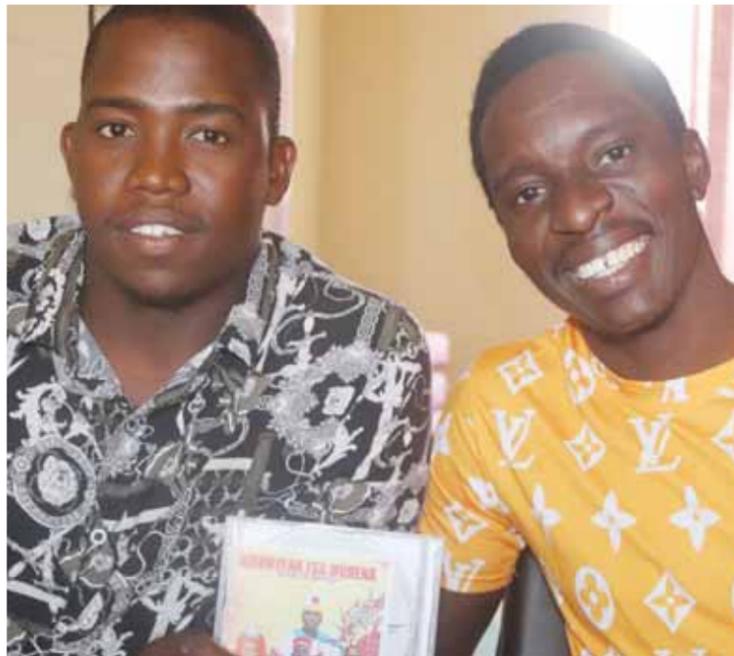
He also noted that currently preparations were underway to launch the album before end of the year.

The event would bring together Maun-based gospel artistes to captivate listeners and create an atmosphere of celebration. Lethusang appreciated that artists were working as a unit which helped them to grow fast.

Lastly, he challenged fellow youths to refrain from social ills and explore their talents in arts, music, and sports among others. He said they should not waste time indulging in things that would destroy their lives.

The COVID-19 pandemic, he said, had also taught everyone to identify new ways to beat the unemployment and improve livelihoods.

Art, he said, is not all about entertainment but it is a tool that all could use for socio-economic development and therapy. **BOPA**



Yarae (left) and Lethusang have used their talents to beat unemployment. The duo have found a niche in gospel music and are calling fellow youths to also utilise their God-given talents to make ends meet. Photo: Esther Mmolai

Tebogo to miss Zurich Diamond League

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Botswana's sprint sensation, Letsile Tebogo, will miss the Zurich Diamond League meeting tomorrow due to a grade 1 hamstring strain.

According to his coach, Kebonyemodisa Mosimanyane, the athlete sustained the injury while they were preparing for the 200 metres competition in Budapest, Hungary.

"Just from the heat, he went into the semis with that pain and he lined up in the finals where he

finished in position three with that pain," he explained.

The coach said the scan results indicated that Tebogo sustained a grade 1 hamstring strain.

"Therefore, we won't be able to take part in any other Diamond League meeting expect the 100 metres final. For now, we are still waiting to see if we have qualified," he said.

Furthermore, he said they would now focus on recovery, which he said was more important in terms of preparations for the Paris 2024 Olympics.

Mosimanyane further said the injury was not career threatening, adding that they wanted it to be attended so that it was not aggravated.

He said if not attended properly and timely, it could end up being chronic, hence they took a deliberate decision to pull him out of the 4x400 metres relay at the World Championships and some Diamond League competitions.

The coach said Tebogo would only be ready to compete once the doctors had dealt with his injury.

The world was looking forward

to the World Championships 200 metres final repeat and also to see if Noah Lyles would continue to dominate the track, or if Tebogo would end his dominance.

The Zurich start list is made up of Americans World Championships champion, Lyles, silver medallist Erriyon Knighton and Kenneth Bednarek, Canadians Andre De Grasse and Aaron Brown.

There is also Zhanel Hughes from Great Britain and Swiss William Reais.

Meanwhile, according to research on the Internet, mild hamstring strains (grade 1) will usually cause sudden pain and tenderness at the back of the thigh.

It may be painful to move the leg, but the strength of the muscle should not be affected.

Partial hamstring tears (grade 2) are usually more painful and tender.

The expected recovery period is usually estimated between three and eight weeks with diligent home therapy. **BOPA**

Standard Chartered bank UB Marathon platinum sponsor

By Job Makati

GABORONE - The P800 000 sponsorship from Standard Chartered Bank Botswana towards the annual University of Botswana (UB) Marathon signifies the bank's unwavering commitment to health and education.

Speaking at the launch of the new partnership with Standard Bank as the platinum sponsor in Gaborone on Monday, UB Vice Chancellor Prof. David Norris said with an unwavering commitment to advancing health and wellness in the country, the marathon spearheaded by the UB Foundation, was devoted to raising funds for graduate scholarships.

"Your consistent and continued support towards the UB Foundation's endowment fund exemplifies the importance of collaboration," he said.

He said beyond its scholarly ambition, the marathon was a dedicated effort to fighting the spread of silent killers, known as Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).

Prof. Norris said Botswana's success in healthcare, including noteworthy strides in HIV treatment, meant that more Botswana were living longer lives. "However with longevity of life

comes increased risk.

The rapid urbanisation of our nation, inclusive of changes in diet and rising inactive routines have secretly introduced unhealthy lifestyle choices which augment the NCD threat," he said.

He, therefore, noted that the marathon was more than just a race as it urged all to prioritise health, make better lifestyle choices and actively combat the rise of NCDs.

Standard Chartered Bank CEO Mpho Masupe, said the longstanding relationship with UB, encompassing student accounts and financial literacy initiatives, led to the prestigious sponsorship.

He outlined the bank's core value of 'Lifting Participation,' which he said propelled the bank's mission to make banking accessible and facilitate meaningful societal impact such as supporting education.

He said education was important to Standard Chartered Bank as it was vital to building a society equipped with the skills needed to ensure an economically diverse and globally competitive country.

"As such, the marathon's proceeds, contributing to UB's scholarship endowment fund, create a ripple effect that extends beyond classrooms, impacting alumni networks, careers, and the

nation's innovative potential," he said.

The CEO further said the marathon offered a platform to boost the development of the local sports fraternity and allowed the country to showcase its ability to host international-level sporting events.

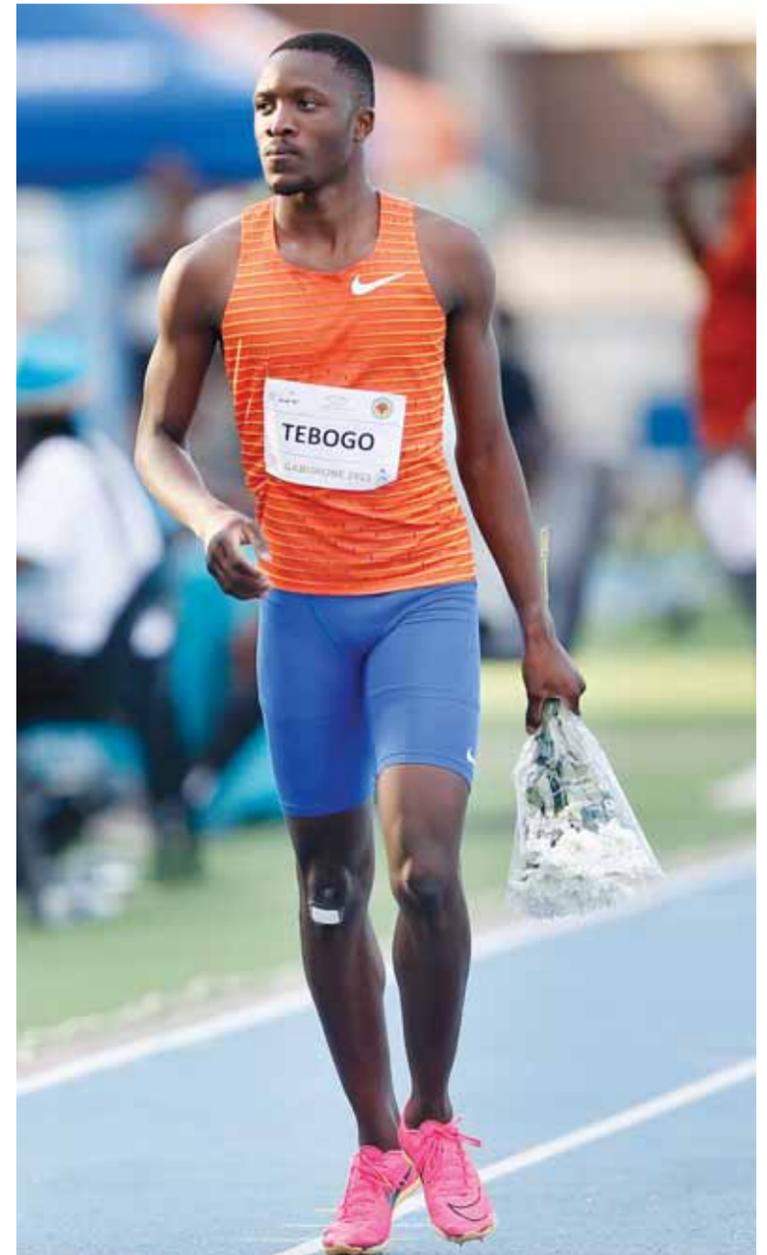
UB Foundation chairperson, Satar Dada stressed the importance of partnership.

"Today, marks a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to uplift education, promote health and wellness and foster a stronger sense of community in our beloved country," he said.

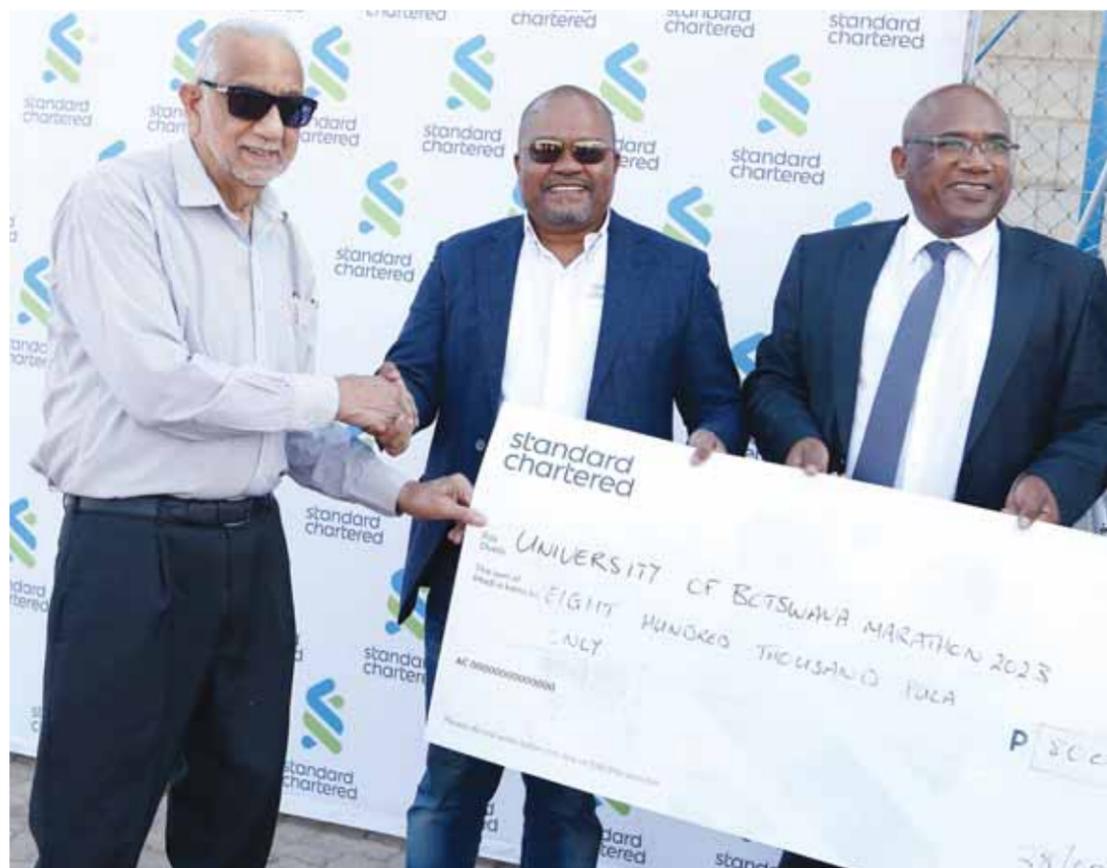
He said the sponsorship from Standard Chartered Bank was a testament to the bank's commitment to fostering a healthier future for Botswana.

"This marathon offers a platform to boost the development of the local sports fraternity and allows us to showcase Botswana's ability to host international-level sporting events," he said

He further noted that Standard Chartered Bank's P800 000 sponsorship was not only a financial contribution but an embodiment of its commitment to local sports and education. The second annual Marathon will be held on September 24. **BOPA**



Tebogo



Dada (left), Masupe (centre) and Prof. Norris during the unveiling of the UB Marathon platinum sponsor in Gaborone on Monday. Masupe said the sponsorship was a testament of the bank's commitment in playing an active role in the growth of local sport. Photo: Gothusang Lesego

Race tickets for 2024 F1 Australian GP sold out

SYDNEY - The ticket allocation for Sunday Grandstand and Park Pass to the Formula One Australian Grand Prix 2024 was exhausted within two hours after the official release on Tuesday.

According to a statement by the Australian Grand Prix Corporation, the ticket allocation for Sunday Grandstand and Park Pass as well as Saturday Grandstand were exhausted in less than two hours.

The organisers confirmed that over 100 000 people pre-registered for early access to tickets to next year's Australian Grand Prix, which made the race the biggest pre-registration for a sporting event nationally in Ticketmaster Australia's history.

The 2023 edition saw an estimated attendance of 444 631 over the four days, eclipsing the previous record of 419 114 set in 2022.

The total estimated attendances

on both Friday and Saturday were the highest day two and day three numbers since the first Melbourne race in 1996.

"The past two F1 Australian Grands Prix have broken Melbourne attendance records and next year's race is set to be bigger than ever," said Steve Dimopoulos, Victorian minister for tourism, sport, and major events.

Australian Grand Prix Corporation CEO Travis Auld noted that limited tickets for Thursday, Friday and Saturday were still available.

"The record-breaking number of pre-registrations and the rate of today's sales demonstrate that fans are just as excited as us for next year's F1 event in Melbourne," said Auld.

The F1 Australian Grand Prix 2024 will come back to Albert Park in Melbourne from March 21 to 24, 2024. **Xinhua**

BFA unveils new kit



By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - The Botswana Football Association (BFA) has unveiled a new kit for national teams.

The home kit is blue with horizontal white lines and black sleeves while the alternative kit is black with blue sleeves while the away kit is white with blue sleeves.

Speaking at the unveiling ceremony in Gaborone yesterday, BFA vice president, Maokaneng Bontshetse said the past two years had been bad for most businesses, including sport.

He said they felt compelled to show gratitude and support to their official kit sponsor, Umbro.

“There is no better way to support a sponsor than to generate revenue.

We are hopeful that all will buy a replica kit to show support,” he said.

He said the new kit came at the right time when the nation was rallying behind the AFCON 2027 bid.

Bontshetse further urged Botswana to buy the new kit and to wear it every Friday in support of the AFCON 2027 bid. **BOPA**

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