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# More projects coming



President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi inspecting a guard of honour mounted by the Botswana Defence Force at Parliament buildings before he delivered the State-of-the-Nation Address in Gaborone yesterday. He said the Development Manager model, one of the significant reforms ushered in during the Transitional National Development Plan, would be used for the efficient and effective implementation of 143 projects with a budget allocation of over P13 billion. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

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## Kimberley Process Secretariat begins operations January

GABORONE - Kimberley Process Secretariat is set to begin operations in Gaborone in January.

Delivering the State-of-the-Nation Address in Gaborone yesterday, President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi said the hosting of the Kimberly Process Secretariat was a clear indication of the confidence that the international community had in the country's governance processes.

The appointment of the executive secretary will be approved by the Kimberley Process Plenary in November," he said.

The President also updated the nation on the new Sales Agreement that government reached with De Beers Group in September. The Sales Agreement will run for the next 10 years while the renewed mining licences for Debswana mines will run for a further 25 years from 2029 until 2054.

He said a groundbreaking outcome of the Agreement was the increase of the Botswana Government's entitlement, through the Okavango Diamond Company, in the Debswana production, from 25 to 50 per cent by year 10.

"This will fast-track the beneficiation for cutting, polishing and manufacturing of jewellery locally, thereby ensuring provenance and branding of our diamonds," he said.

In addition, he said the agreement would result in Botswana receiving P1 billion each year for 10 years, which would be deposited into the Diamond Development Fund and would accumulate to P10 billion.

The Fund will, among others, support the tourism/hospitality and agricultural sectors, as well as research and development.

The increase in government's entitlement out of Debswana's production will create additional opportunities for Botswana, he said.

He said Jwaneng Mine had embarked on an Underground Development Project, which aims to sustain diamond revenues beyond the life of Cut 9 open pit mining.

The project will develop a modern underground mine with early works expected in the first half of 2024.

It has also started rolling out the underground skills development strategic plan, which includes sending Botswana mining graduates to underground training centres in and outside the country.

The President further noted that the Orapa Cut 3 Project, whose main objective was to extend the life of the mine post Cut 2, had been approved to progress from pre-feasibility to full feasibility stage.

He also hailed the local mines for their citizen economic empowerment programmes, which he said had been able to create value chain jobs.

In another development, Dr Masisi shared with the nation that Lucara Botswana's underground mining development at Karowe Mine, the first of its kind in Botswana, was in progress. "The open cast mine operation is expected to transition to underground mining in US\$683m in 2026, at an estimated cost of P3bn, most of which is Foreign Direct Investment," he said.

He said with Tshukudu Metals Botswana having secured the extension of their mining lease

in September, it would in 2024 embark on the expansion of the mining project and create more job opportunities for Botswana.

President Masisi also spoke of the establishment of diamond cutting and polishing companies, which had increased from 23 to 46 in the country, leading to an increase of employment in the sector from 2 207 to 4 239, as at September, a growth of almost 93 per cent.

"One success to note and celebrate is a local jewellery manufacturing company, which exported its first ever diamond jewellery consignment in March to the US, under the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act facility," he said.

He further said government was reviewing the Mines and Minerals Act to ensure, among others, increased participation of citizens in the minerals economy as well as safeguard the industry for sustainability. **BOPA**

## Digitalisation strategic for knowledge-based economy

GABORONE - Digitalisation of the public sector is critical for service delivery in a knowledge-based economy, President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi has said.

In a State-of-the-Nation Address speech he delivered yesterday, President Masisi said 170 online services had been developed and were being rolled out to the public in a phased approach.

He said the process commenced with on-boarding of citizens by self-registration and walk-ins to selected government service centres. Also, he said an additional 130 services were targeted for completion by September 2024 and Botswana would be able to apply online for Omang, passports, social benefit grants, drivers' licenses, livestock sales and motor vehicle clearance, application for firearms and vehicle registration, among others.

He added that 15 citizen youth owned companies had been contracted for the development of e-services at a total value of P60m in 2022 and P100m this year and had created high-tech jobs, adding that, yet another P100m was expected next year.

"I am pleased that the micro-enterprises in the informal sector are now able to participate more efficiently and productively using

the digital platforms," he said.

The President further said government's commitment to digitalisation had, to date, resulted in the implementation of citizen-centric digital services, creating a seamless experience for consumers.

"These are mostly offered by the private sector," he said.

He said the efficacy from ICT would manifest in, among others, e-Health Strategy (2020-2024), which aimed to transform the health sector to be patient-centric through an electronic medical records system, which had been piloted in 10 clinics with a view to rolling it out by March next year, as well as an online portal called Tsogojwame for health promotion, which was developed by the Botswana Institute for Technology, Research and Innovation.

Again, he said the efficacy would manifest in e-education, which entailed provision of ICT devices to every teacher and learner at primary, junior and senior secondary school levels and would be rolled out to tertiary institutions by the end of the current financial year. In addition, he said delivery of mobile ICT laboratories would be rolled out to all primary schools from next financial year.

He added that the development of Education Management

## Govt assures dignified life through social protection

GABORONE - Government is committed to achieving a dignified life for all citizens by providing social protection programmes and economic empowerment opportunities under the National Framework for Social Protection.

Delivering a State-of-the-Nation Address on Monday in Gaborone, President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi said the necessary structures were being established to facilitate compliance, promote inclusive participation, provide funding and develop skills for targeted citizens.

"Accordingly, the implementation and monitoring of the Economic Inclusion Act of 2022 will be intensified across all sectors of the economy to protect our citizens," he said.

Dr Masisi highlighted that so far, there were 29 social welfare and economic programmes that aim to eradicate poverty, reduce inequality and mitigate against the vulnerabilities of the citizens, by availing options for earning a decent living.

He said community development-based programmes such as cooperatives, Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) and Local Economic Development were examples of such programmes.

Meanwhile, he said government had invested over P2.85 billion in the Constituency Community Programme to fund 4 929 projects across all 57 constituencies since its inception five years ago, adding that the projects included public infrastructure projects such as classrooms, recreation and internal roads.

He said the projects had employed a cumulative total of 19 682 Botswana, pointing out that the programme would continue to be implemented for all constituencies including the new ones, which would be restricted to internal

roads.

He said particular attention would be given to ensuring that local resources including equipment were mobilised for greater Botswana participation, adding that the projects would be monitored and evaluated to ensure timely and quality delivery, saying "That's the broad strategy to fight youth unemployment."

Highlighting the reformed Ipelegeng Programme, he said it was being implemented using the new Skills Development Model, which combines training with production, to train artisans (Trade B) while they work on community development projects.

"So far, 126 beneficiaries have been accredited by the Construction Industry Trust Fund in construction trades such as bricklaying, plastering, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, tiling and paving," he said.

He pointed out that the accredited artisans had completed a few projects, adding that there was an ongoing training of 851 beneficiaries and other 2 500 would be enrolled before the end of the financial year.

Meanwhile, Dr Masisi said as 2023/24 had been declared a drought year, government has put in place drought mitigation measures, which included the 30 per cent subsidy for selected vaccines, feeds for livestock and non-traditional sectors such as dairy, piggery, aquaculture and poultry.

On other issues, Dr Masisi highlighted that 292 of the planned 344 units for the current financial year had been delivered as government's commitment to ensuring access to affordable and decent housing for all, adding that the remaining 52 units were expected to be completed and handed over to beneficiaries by the end of the financial year. **BOPA**

Information System, with eight modules, to be delivered in phases for online teaching and learning, was expected to be operational by mid-next year. "The remaining modules, which are expected to facilitate interface between parents, schools and education authorities will be developed during the 2024/25 financial year," he added.

He indicated that the e-mobility programme was currently ongoing and its main focus was on training of technicians to give them proficiency for attending to the mechanical, electrical and technical requirements of the e-vehicle.

"So far, a total of 60 technicians have been trained and this will ensure that Botswana is properly positioned to assemble electric vehicles including electric boats," he said.

Moreover, he said e-commerce technologies provided opportunities in areas such as indigenous foods, herbs and cosmetics, basketry, systems and software development.

"The development and greater uptake of some of the technologies will assist the nation to penetrate the global market," he said.

The President said the recently launched SmartBots Village Connectivity project would fast-track digital access to Botswana and also promote and nurture

democracy and good governance.

He added that since 2021, a total of 1 138 public facilities in 144 villages had been connected to high speed free internet.

The project, he said, covered dikgotla, health facilities, schools and other essential government facilities, adding that there were over 500 000 people connected to the system as of last week.

On other issues, President Masisi said government had established the Botswana Education and Research Network that allowed for access to technical and educational resources for research and innovation within Botswana and around the world.

"As a result, government established links with Ubuntu alliance that interconnects national research networks within the region," he said.

He added that in the past five years, Botswana had made significant progress in innovation as evidenced by the 2023 World Intellectual Property Organisation's ranking, which placed the country at position 85 out of 132 countries, compared to a 106th in 2021.

"The current ranking translated to third place in Africa and to drive innovation, Botswana has prioritised the registration and ownership of patents by Botswana," he said. **BOPA**



# Economy plunges 3.8 per cent in 2023

GABORONE - Botswana's economy is expected to slow down to 3.8 per cent in 2023, compared to 5.8 per cent in 2022, consequent to the weak demand for rough diamonds.

This therefore, calls for more prudent resource mobilisation and harnessing, so that every thebe available takes the nation an extra mile, President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi said during the delivery of State-of-the-Nation Address in Gaborone yesterday.

He said the growth in 2023 was expected to be driven by the non-mining sector, underpinned by various factors such as government interventions aimed at accelerating economic transformation and building economic resilience.

"The annual average growth rate falls short of the six per cent required to attain a high-income status as espoused by the National Vision 2036. It is for this reason that we are intensifying our efforts to transform the economy, and sustainable economic development remains central to government's development agenda," said Dr Masisi.

On the cost of living, he said the average inflation recorded in 2022 was 12.2 per cent, and that was largely driven by external factors such as the increase in international oil prices and supply chain disruptions experienced during the first half of the year.

In response, Bank of Botswana raised the Monetary Policy Rate and has maintained it at 2.65 per cent since August 2022, Dr Masisi said.

The President said inflation had since tapered, reaching 3.2

per cent by September 2023, and was expected to modestly remain within the price stability range of three to six per cent in the short to medium term.

Speaking on Private Sector Export-Led Growth, Dr Masisi said government was resolute on building a resilient export-led, innovative and knowledge-based economy with access to a skilled and internationally competitive workforce, leading-edge technology and infrastructure.

He said the growth of a diversified export-led economy remained key to building a prosperous society through the creation of value chain opportunities across all sectors, for employment and improved competitiveness.

In addition, Dr Masisi said expansion of value chains was expected to contribute to the foreign exchange earnings and government budget, in the process enable government to provide public goods and services, including infrastructure development, health, education, water and sanitation.

The President said the Provisional Balance of Payment figures estimated a surplus of P4.5 billion in 2022, compared to a deficit of P2.9 billion in 2021, adding that government welcomed the significant growth of P7.4 billion, which had led to the increase in foreign reserves needed for payment of goods and services across borders.

Dr Masisi said the surplus was, in part, due to favourable trade performance owing to a substantial increase in export earnings.

The total export commodities were largely from the mineral sector, particularly diamonds, copper-nickel and silver, all of which accounted for 92 per cent of total exports contribution, Dr Masisi said.

That notwithstanding, the President said the import bill remained high and presented an opportunity to grow local industries.

He reiterated that Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows were approximately P3.2 billion during the current financial year, while Domestic Investment and Expansions stood at approximately P444 million.

The President said mining and services sectors contributed the most to domestic investment, as well as to FDI with the total number of jobs created through the FDI, Domestic Investment and Expansions standing at 4 229 during the 2022/23 financial year.

"The development of capital markets remains a priority as evidenced by the recent promulgation of the new Retirement Funds law, among others.

The law requires Pension Funds to invest at least 50 per cent of their portfolios locally," President Masisi said and added that such would not only deepen the domestic capital market, but would grow the financial sector as well.

Notably, Dr Masisi said government launched the 2023/24 Borrowing Strategy and Auction Calendar in June to raise public awareness and enhance transparency on public debt

management.

He said the launch of the strategy was part of an endeavour to develop the local currency bond market, adding that it was a reform that was aimed at building investor-relations, which was important for the development of capital markets.

As part of the continuing efforts to improve the transmission and effectiveness of monetary policy operations, commercial banks were, with effect from April, allowed to individually and independently determine their own Prime Lending Rates.

It is envisaged that this will engender competitive loan pricing in the market, and reduce the cost of borrowing for the benefit of consumers, Dr Masisi said.

He said the move was part

of the on-going monetary reforms designed to enhance the effectiveness of tools and instruments for the management of banking liquidity and efficiency of interbank markets.

To the latter, he said the Banking Act was amended in 2023 to, among others, grant Bank of Botswana powers to implement a risk-based supervision framework and in the process safeguard deposits for Botswana in the event of any potential bank distress.

The amendment also introduced tiered banking, which gave Botswana an opportunity to play a role in the banking sector and apply for banking licences.

Dr Masisi said these reforms would go a long way in building confidence and trust in the banking system. **BOPA**

## Over P13 billion worth of projects in offing

GABORONE - The Development Manager (DM) model will be used for the efficient and effective implementation of 143 projects with a budget allocation of over P13 billion, President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi has said.

The DM model, he said during State-of-the-Nation Address in Gaborone yesterday, was one of the significant reforms ushered in during the Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP).

Among the roads to be constructed through the DM model are Modipane-Mabalane (24km), Molepolole Bypass (28km), Tloaneng-Mankgodi (12km), Mmathethe-Bray-Werda (125km), three Grade Separated Interchanges at Molapo Crossing, Block 8 Traffic circle and Airport Junction.

The TNDP, President Masisi added, was being implemented this financial year and will end in 2024/2025, adding that other game changer reforms included the Artificial Insemination programme with imported bulls and heifers, Temo Letlotlo, village connectivity as well as acquisition of high value assets and government online services.

He thanked Botswana for enabling him, since he took the baton, to traverse uncharted territories to take Botswana to great heights.

"This was not just a journey but a testament to our resilience and unwavering commitment to shaping a legacy that would transcend time," he added.

He said the country was developing at a rate poised to provide a solid foundation for

citizens to thrive to achieve Prosperity for All.

Regarding residential land allocations countrywide, President Masisi said a total of 57 880 residential plots were allocated to citizens by the end of June this year.

"An additional 72 095 residential plots across the country have been surveyed and will be allocated in various areas. This represents an increase of over 800 per cent in the rate of land allocation," he added.

This arrangement, he said, would continue while a more comprehensive and sustainable programme was being put in place through the National Spatial Plan implementation.

He said government had since independence used every available opportunity to reform land tenure systems that included the acquisition of freehold land for village expansions, township developments and provisions of grazing land to communities.

The North East District, President Masisi said, was one of the districts that experienced shortage of land due to the existence of freehold farms, especially in the hands of the Tati Company Limited.

As a result, government made a decision to acquire the remaining land belonging to the company, measuring about 45 000 hectares.

"The decision demonstrates our commitment to avail land to Botswana for socio-economic development and attainment of the aspirations of Vision 2036, Achieving Prosperity for All," President Masisi said. **BOPA**



President Masisi (left) and First Lady Neo leaving Parliament buildings after he delivered the State-of-the-Nation Address in Gaborone yesterday. The President said government was resolute in building a resilient export-led, innovative and knowledge-based economy with access to a skilled and internationally competitive workforce, leading-edge technology and infrastructure. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe



# Govt invests significantly in water, sanitation projects

GABORONE - Government has made significant investments in strategic water supply and sanitation projects throughout the country, says President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi.

Delivering the State-of-the-Nation Address in Parliament yesterday, President Masisi said some of the strategic projects were completed at the end of the 11<sup>th</sup> National Development Plan while others were being implemented through the Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP).

He said four water treatment plants in Mahalapye, Palapye, Gumare and Shakawe were completed between 2020 and 2022.

He said the water supply scheme for North East and Tutume District water supply scheme, which covered 52 villages, was completed in 2022 while the Lobatse/Mogogogogo water supply scheme was completed in 2021.

The scheme, he said, improved water supply in Good Hope, adding that before the end of the 2023/2024 financial year the Good Hope water supply scheme would be completed.

He noted that the construction of a pipeline and pump station connecting 18 villages within Tswapong South cluster was completed in July 2022.

President Masisi also noted that the reinforcement of the bulk water supply project was underway to improve water to Tswapong villages and to provide for a water distribution network in Flowertown, Mahalapye, in the 2024/2025 financial year.

He said the Selebi Phikwe/Serule water supply project, which was intended to benefit Serule, Mmadinare, Damochojanaa, Gojwane, Moreomabele, Topisi and Serule was also completed in May.

Furthermore, he said the construction of the Lobatse water master plan project, which was intended to improve water supply to areas along the Lobatse corridor was complete and undergoing commissioning.

With a record breaking 92 million litres reservoir, he said the Gaborone water supply master plan project, comprising of the Mmamashia to Foresthill pipeline and reservoir, Lobatse water supply and Mmamashia to Gaborone North was also at the final stage of completion.

By June 2024, he said, the North-South Water Carrier 2.2, which included the construction of a second pipeline from Palapye to Mmamashia, would be completed, adding that upon its completion water security for the eastern part of the country would be achieved.

"The Mmamashia water treatment plant expansion is ongoing and is expected to be completed by the end of this financial year. At completion, the Mmamashia water treatment plant will be the largest in the Southern

African Development Community region with a capacity of 220 mega litres," said Dr Masisi.

President Masisi also said the Gamonyane-Molepolole water pipeline construction project, which was at commissioning stage, would improve water supply in Molepolole, Lentsweletau, Kopong, Metsimothabe, Thebephatshwa, and surrounding villages.

The construction of the water pipeline as well as the associated infrastructure to Kopong-Lentsweletau cluster, he said, was expected to be completed during the 2023/2024 financial year.

He further noted that the Boteti, Southern and Central cluster villages water supply scheme was ongoing and was expected to be completed by May 2024 while the Maun water supply and sanitation project, which was intended to improve water supply and sanitation services for Maun and surrounding villages, was expected to be completed in April 2024.

The water infrastructure from the project, he said, was being commissioned and in use for early benefit.

Additionally, he said the Moshupa and Kanye sanitation projects were at commissioning stage and that customers were being connected to the two sanitation schemes while the Kasane water treatment plant was undergoing commissioning.

Government, Dr Masisi said, was in the process of addressing water shortages in Kgalagadi North, adding that the re-scoping of the project to draw water from the Phuduhudu wellfields instead of Ncojane was underway and would be awarded during the 2024/2025 financial year. **BOPA**



President Masisi said government had made significant investments in strategic water supply and sanitation projects throughout the country. He said some of the strategic projects were completed at the end of the 11<sup>th</sup> National Development Plan, while others were being implemented through the Transitional National Development Plan.

## Go register, vote - President

GABORONE - Batswana have been implored to register and vote in the upcoming next year general elections.

President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi made the plea yesterday when delivering his last State-of-Nation Address before the general elections.

He reminded Batswana that the Constitution provided for the holding of general elections every five years.

As a norm, President Masisi said, relevant institutions of government were preparing to adhere to the obligation placed on them by Batswana with the utmost level of professionalism and integrity.

In this regard, he said the Independent Electoral Commission would undertake a general Voter Registration exercise from November 13 to December 8.

"I therefore, take this opportunity to encourage all Batswana who are 18 years and above, and have a valid Omang, to present themselves at their polling stations to register for the 2024 general elections before registration closes on December 8".

He said as the President, it was also imperative for him to implore Batswana who had registered to also turn up to vote on election day.

"This is your constitutional and democratic right, the right to decide whom you can entrust the onerous

task of governing this republic," he stated.

President Masisi further urged Batswana, all political parties, their supporters and all would be standing as candidates to conduct themselves peacefully and within the confines of the law during the election period.

He said Batswana should remember that they might differ in terms of ideas they had for the future of this nation as reflected in their various political party manifestos, but what defined the country better was its value system anchored on Botho, not political differences.

President Masisi said the country was known for the peaceful manner and decorum in which it conducted its affairs, as well as the nation's unity in diversity.

He said Botswana was democratic nation, governed by democratic principles and consultation was central to how it conducted its affairs.

In this regard, he said the country would always endeavor to ensure that its development planning, policy-making and legislative processes were participatory and inclusive of every Motswana.

Furthermore, Dr Masisi said a Presidential Commission of Inquiry into the Review of the Constitution of Botswana in accordance with

section 2 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act (Cap. 05:02) was appointed in 2021, which was the first wholesome inquiry into the review of the Constitution.

He said the commission held meetings in all the 57 constituencies where Batswana submitted their views.

After considering the submissions, the commission submitted a report to the government and thereafter, the Constitutional Review Report was immediately made public, he said.

President Masisi said government had considered the recommendations of the commission and a Government White Paper was ready for submission to the November 2023 sitting of Parliament.

Furthermore, he said as a responsive government and through extensive consultations across the country, government received feedback from the public on the need to improve service delivery.

"To this extent, in 2022, all 22 sub-districts were upgraded to fully fledged districts to achieve greater efficiencies and effectiveness in delivering services to the people."

The President said the decentralisation process would gradually cover all public services and transform the local governance system to be people-centric. **BOPA**

## Development Manager model to expedite project delivery

GABORONE - Government has adopted the Development Manager model, to accelerate the investment agenda.

The model is expected to expedite delivery of quality projects and reduce financial and economic risk to government, President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi said yesterday when delivering State-of-the-Nation Address in Gaborone.

He said projects covered under the model included construction of roads, schools, hospitals and clinics across the length and breadth of the country and financing was to be sourced from the Domestic Development Fund.

With its strategic geographical location at the centre of Southern Africa, President Masisi said, Botswana continued to invest significantly in strategic infrastructure, to support growth and competitiveness of the country.

Dr Masisi said substantial

investments in transport infrastructure were being made to connect communities and production areas as well as link Botswana with countries in the region, through air transport, rail link and the road network.

He said to realise the benefits, there was a need to consciously accept responsibility to preserve investment in existing infrastructure through continual maintenance, thus maximising return on such investment.

President Masisi also said, the opening of the three interchanges along the Western Bypass improved traffic flow in and out of the capital city and added that government would continue investing in such types of projects, to improve evacuation routes in and out of major centers, especially in times of emergencies.

He said a number of roads were under construction, among

others, Tshesebe-Mosojane and Masunga road and its access roads to Masukwane, Kgari and Pole, Mulambakwena and other villages.

The President said Francistown-Nata road, Nata-Pandamatenga road, Nata-Gweta and Maun-Sehithwa roads were being reconstructed.

He further said that as government reconstructed and maintained roads, there was also a commitment to develop new link roads. Dr Masisi said road linkages in the Good Hope District measuring 58 kilometres among others, Good Hope-Kgoro-Gathwane, covering Rakhuna-Ngwatsau-Sheepfarm-Malokaganyane were being designed and construction was expected to commence next year November.

He said plans were underway to seek private sector participation in dualing the remainder of the Ramatlabama-Ramokwebana

(A1) road.

Expression of interest is to be floated before the end of the current financial year, President Masisi said.

He said roads to be constructed through the Development Manager Model included Modipane-Mabalane road, Molepolole Bypass, Tloaneng-Mmankodi, Mmathethe-Bray-Werda, three Grade Separated interchanges at Molapo Crossing, Block 8 traffic circle and Airport Junction.

Dr Masisi said that in order to preserve some of the national strategic roads, Jwaneng-Sekoma, Mahalapye-Radisele and Machaneng-Ramokgonami roads would undergo periodic maintenance in the form of asphalt overlaying. The projects, he said, were expected to commence this financial year and were to be completed in the next financial year. **BOPA**



# P66 million spent on youth businesses

GABORONE - Government has spent approximately P66m in 2 681 youth owned businesses in the past two financial years, as preferential procurement in compliance with the Affirmative Action Framework.

President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi said this in his State-of-the-Nation Address yesterday, noting government continued to enhance the potential of young people to utilise opportunities and better their livelihoods.

"From 2018 to date, 17 247 youths underwent employability training to improve their job search skills, adding that some trainings were conducted online in line with the ongoing digital connectivity initiatives, and with the support of development partners," he said.

Such, he said, enabled training to reach a wider number of young people in areas far from urban centres.

Dr Masisi said Botswana has hosted Forbes Africa Under-30 Summit twice, and would host it again in 2024 as Forbes continued to be a great opportunity to communicate globally, the promotion of Botswana as a host country for entrepreneurship education.

He said the summit, with its global audience of 100 million followers, aimed to harness the power of entrepreneurs in the continent and this would define the frontier of the 21st century.

President Masisi said the Summit provided networking opportunities for young Batswana and the rest of Africa entrepreneurs that interacted with their peers as well as business leaders from across the globe - individually and collectively.

He said the Youth Development Fund (YDF) continued to be utilised to fund youth start-ups across multiple industries and sectors.

"Between 2021 and 2023, approximately P157 million was disbursed in support of youth projects, he said, and this created a total of two 264 jobs in the corresponding years." President Masisi said.

He said since its inception, the YDF had disbursed P1.1 billion and in the process created about 22 820 jobs. However, he said the repayment of loans was low and urged recipients to timely repay their loans as this was a revolving fund. Dr Masisi said they were concerned by the scourge of excessive use of

habit-forming substances by the youthful population, adding that the social and health impact of the scourge posed a threat too high to be ignored.

He said it resulted in deviant behaviours, manifested by erosion of social values and acts of criminality.

The President said the Drug Enforcement Agency was partnering with organisations in the youth and empowerment space to effectively address issues of substance abuse.

"The intervention focused on prevention, personal development, skills training and job readiness, which would essentially give the youth a sense of purpose," he said.

He said it was regrettable that while substance abuse largely affected the youth, there were some adults and parents who perpetrated and perpetuated the situation for personal and selfish gain.

President Masisi urged all to take responsibility as parents, and be better role models to their children and implored the youth to desist from drugs and substance abuse as they had a negative impact on their future.

He said the empowerment

of women and gender equality remained central to the national development agenda.

On women empowerment, President Masisi said since assuming office, they have made tremendous inroads towards ensuring participation of women in the public sector leadership positions.

He said by 2023, for example, 50 per cent of permanent secretaries were women; first time ever in the history of the country.

"I want to also encourage women to compete for leadership positions at various political levels," he urged. He said government had also reached out to the international community for support in their endeavour to ensure women were not left behind in their development.

"Thus, in partnership with UN-Women, we have embarked on Accelerating Women-Owned Micro-Enterprises. The overarching goal of the programme is to provide technical skills and close gaps in business management amongst women entrepreneurs," he said. Dr Masisi said between 2021 and 2023, over 500 women

in business were trained in Letlhakeng, Okavango and Goodhope Districts.

He said the training has so far yielded the desired results with testimonies of women having expanded and diversified their businesses and it would continue in the next financial year to be expanded to other parts of the country.

"Botswana betsho, as I have said before, I am concerned about the trend of Gender-Based Violence (GBV), which is mostly directed to women and children by men, who are expected to protect and love them. I urge men in this country to take the lead in ending violence meted out against

women and children. Let us learn to amicably resolve our differences with our loved ones," he pleaded.

He said building police stations or child friendly centres established in several parts of this country could not reduce the GBV incidences.

"To address these issues, we need our culture, our values, and faithfulness before God. Re tlhokana le Poifo Modimo!" He said. **BOPA**



Legislators; from left to right, Messrs Mmusi Kgafela, Karabo Gare, Tumiso Rakgare, Thapelo Letsholo and Sethomo Lelatisitswe during President Masisi's State-of-the-Nation Address in Gaborone yesterday. The President said commercialisation of the creative industry presented a huge opportunity for Batswana creatives to generate employment and wealth, especially for the youth. Photo: Phenyio Moalosi

## Govt committed to supporting adolescents, youth

GABORONE - To support youth transition to adulthood and address the peculiar challenges they faced, government has launched a National Commitment for Adolescents and Young People's Wellbeing.

Delivering the State-of-the-Nation Address yesterday in Gaborone, President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi said the commitment, which was launched in October, would be integrated into the national planning, implementation and monitoring programme as government was committed to continue to nurture and protect children so that they achieved holistic development.

Dr Masisi said government was paying particular attention to the well-being of adolescents and young people in recognition that they faced unique challenges that hindered their development, including limited access to quality education, healthcare and nutrition.

He acknowledged that the youth encountered barriers to their safety and well-being such as violence, discrimination and the lack of a supportive environment. "Furthermore, issues related to employment, skills and empowerment often affect their transition into adulthood and hinder their participation in shaping their future," he said.

Dr Masisi also highlighted that government was providing early childhood education as a human right and public good, adding that 714 out of 766 schools were offering reception class programmes involving close to 30 000 learners.

He noted that the supplementary feeding programme provided food assistance to approximately 390 000 children in public primary schools and to over 31

0 000 vulnerable children, pregnant and lactating mothers and Tuberculosis patients.

He said about P3.6 billion had been spent on the supplementary feeding programme since 2018 to date. **BOPA**

## Commercialisation of creatives presents opportunities for youth

G A B O R O N E -Commercialisation of the creative industry presents a huge opportunity for Batswana creatives to generate employment and wealth, especially for the youth.

Delivery a State-of-the-Nation Address on Monday, President Mokgweetsi Masisi said the National Arts Council has undertaken extensive consultations in order to formulate a strategy to transform the creative industry and protect cultural heritage.

Moreover, he said the Council had started its operations by issuing grants to winning proposals in various categories of arts and crafts.

"This has resulted in the engagement of 19 youth production companies in the industry. During 2022/23 financial year, P15 million was spent on local content acquisition, as a way to continue creating economic activity in the film and television industry," he

said. President Masisi said 27 programme series sets have been acquired thereby, creating employment for 220 people within the creative industry value chain, such as production teams and actors.

He said more local content would be acquired in the financial year 2023/24 to be played on Btv 3, the readiness of which is at 85 per cent.

"In a related development, Botswana will hold its inaugural International Film Festival from November 20-24.

The festival is a platform for networking with filmmakers, distributors, streaming platforms, financiers, writers and all other supporting industries.

This will among others, unlock value chains in the sector, enhance distribution platforms and commercialise creative Intellectual Properties," he said. **BOPA**



Young entrepreneurs participating in the Forbes Under 30 Summit Africa in Gaborone. Botswana has hosted Forbes Africa Under-30 Summit twice, and President Masisi said the country would host it again in 2024.





# BAMB launches vet clinic

By Gontle Merafhe

GABORONE - Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB) has opened its first veterinary clinic in the country in the quest to be a one-stop shop for agricultural goods and services.

Speaking at the launch in Gaborone on Friday, BAMB board chairperson, Mr Quett Rabai, said their goal was to give farmers the opportunity to access basic essential items which often made their shopping basket.

Mr Rabai said BAMB launched BushVet, a mobile veterinary clinic, in 2019 to extend veterinary services to farmers throughout Botswana.

He said the new shop was informed by farmers' requests and was highly used, adding that it was an expansion of their veterinary services provisions driven by the vision to be a one-stop shop for agricultural solutions.

Mr Rabai said their mandate as a marketing board was also to operate a one-stop shop for the provision of agricultural goods and services. He said all their 39 branches across Botswana stocked veterinary medicines and vaccines with qualified staff to provide services and advice.

He said BAMB's customers expected more goods and services to be provided to them through all their outlets, and that it was through feedback that the new model shops emerged and birthed new portfolios such as apparels and camping equipment.

He added that changing their retail shops from the traditional to the modern look was also informed by the quest to meet customer

needs and expectations.

As a government entity, BAMB remained a marketing board, but were market leaders in the agricultural sector.

He said new companies within the agricultural sector benchmarked from them, and that their new outlook would encourage other players to improve their services to customers.

Mr Rabai said the expansion of services offered by BAMB would not only benefit them, but would also create opportunities for developing partnerships through consignment agreements as well as the supply of various agriculture-related products.

The Manager of Veterinary Services, Dr Tshenolo Pebe, said the BAMB veterinary clinic would extend services to companion animals. He said the clinic had two consultation rooms and a mini surgical room.

He also said they had an admission room to monitor animals after surgery and that they would perform elective and diagnostic surgery. He added that they had two doctors and four veterinary technicians as well as being certified by BOBS for quality management. Botswana Vaccine Institute's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Andrew Madeswi, said it was important that BAMB responded to the expectations of customers, adding that pets were also closer to people and that 60 per cent of illnesses were transmitted by companion animals.

He urged the clinic management to teach people about animal welfare and health, saying people were ignorant of health issues of animals. **BOPA**



Mr Rabai (left) and Gaborone West Customary Court president, Kgosi Arnold Somolekae at the official opening of the BAMB veterinary clinic in Gaborone on Friday. Mr Rabai said the new shop was an expansion of their veterinary services provisions, driven by the vision to be a one-stop shop for agricultural solutions. Photo: Felicity Male

# Cross Corn remains a beacon of progress, innovation

By Aubrey Maswabi

GABORONE - Celebrating Cross Corn's 10-year anniversary is a testament to the company's growth, innovation, and unwavering commitment to Botswana's agriculture sector.

Speaking at the company's 10-year anniversary celebration in Gaborone on Thursday, Minister of Health, Dr Edwin Dikoloti, said Cross Corn was a leading player in Botswana agriculture sector.

He commended Cross Corn for a decade of active involvement in the local agriculture sector, adding that agriculture was vital to the livelihood of many citizens, particularly those operating subsistence farms.

He acknowledged government's initiatives, including the newly launched Temo Letlotlo, which aimed at addressing challenges faced by farmers and productivity.

Dr Dikoloti said Temo Letlotlo presented an advanced and comprehensive architecture, designed to address diverse needs of arable farmers throughout the entire agricultural value chain.

"This system seamlessly incorporates state-of-the-art automation and mechanisation, along with carefully structured financial solutions, all while prioritizing the importance of climate-smart technologies, underlining the government's commitment to supporting farmers and boosting the agriculture sector" he said. He emphasised the significance of embracing modern technologies in agriculture, as well as fostering strategic collaborations to enhance resilience and increased productivity. He hailed Cross Corn for the role it played in the growth of the agriculture sector.

The Chief Executive Officer for Cross Corn, Mr Cobus Campher,

said the journey was not only about supplying seeds, but also about innovation, commitment, and the creative spirit.

He said he appreciated Botswana and the government for their support over the past decade. The company transformed from a seed distributor into Botswana's primary producer of seeds and its role in enhancing agricultural productivity and food security.

"Cross Corn's collaboration with quality seeds from South Africa, under a licence, has been a remarkable testament to our commitment to quality and growth," he said. "The company is dedicated to sustainable, responsible business practices, and belief in limitless potential of Botswana's agriculture sector."

He said the company was committed to growth, sustainability, and leaving a lasting legacy. **BOPA**

# Moagi hails Botswana Geoscience Institute lab accreditation

By Jeremiah Sejabosigo

LOBATSE - The presence of internationally accredited laboratories at the Botswana Geoscience Institute (BGI) enhances the capacity of the institution to produce accurate analysis and evaluation of geological samples.

The Minister of Minerals and Energy, Mr Lefoko Moagi, said during the hand-over ceremony of the ISO IEC 17025 accreditation certificate to the BGI laboratory by the Southern Africa Development Community Accreditation Service (SADCAS) in Lobatse last week.

Mr Moagi said accreditation of the laboratory demonstrated the BGI's intention to achieve excellence in geoscience.

"By ensuring that our laboratories meet international standards, we

are enhancing our capability to accurately analyse and evaluate geological samples, leading to more informed decision-making in our exploration and mining sector," he said.

The accreditation would lead to more exploration companies and individuals taking their samples to BGI laboratories and a reduction in the money spent sending geological samples abroad for analysis, which costs the BGI P1.2 billion annually.

He said achievement of the accreditation aligned perfectly with the aim of the national development agenda, Vision 2036, of transforming Botswana into a high income status through innovation and technological advancement.

"This accomplishment is in line with the Botswana Minerals Policy which recognises the importance of geoscience research and exploration

in unlocking the potential our mineral resources," he said.

The accreditation was a reflection of government's commitment to uphold the National Quality Policy which emphasised the importance of quality assurance throughout the economy.

By obtaining the SADCAS accreditation, BGI had demonstrated its adherence to rigorous quality standards and ensured reliable and accurate results that could be trusted by both domestic and international stakeholders. Mr Moagi said sample export statistics indicated that companies and individuals engaged in exploration, mining, research and consultancy in Botswana had been exporting the service and urged them to start taking samples to BGI laboratories.

He said government was also

supporting efforts by BGI to extend the laboratory analysis services to Selebi Phikwe and Francistown.

He commended the BGI leadership and staff for ensuring that the laboratory was successfully accredited.

SADCAS' Chief Executive Officer, Ms Eve Gadzikwa, explained that accreditation confirmed BGI laboratory's competency to consistently provide accurate results.

Ms Gadzikwa said BGI was the 23rd testing laboratory in Botswana and the 110th in SADC to be accredited by SADCAS, a multi-economy accreditation body established in terms of the SADC Protocol on Trade and offered accreditation services as well as training in accreditation related courses in 14 SADC member states.

"The BGI has been accredited

to the international standard ISO IEC 17025 of 2017 for its scope in chemical analysis and has been granted the unique accreditation number test 50081 indicating that BGI is now an internationally recognised testing laboratory," she said.

She said the certificate which was issued in June this year was valid until June 2028.

BGI board member, Mr Thabo Balopi, said accreditation was assurance that BGI performed quality, reliable and sustainable sampling and testing. "This is an important step in our journey towards commercialisation," he said. "Our 2023-2028 strategy talks to finding ways that BGI can be sustainably funded, using funds from government but also finding ways that we can raise funds."

**BOPA**



# Prisons support vegetable import ban

By **Kabo Keaketswe**

## LETLHAKANE

Commissioner of prisons Ms Dinah Marathe has supported the President's strategic decision to restrict importation of selected vegetables.

Speaking during President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi's visit to Letlhakane Prison Farm on Friday, Commissioner Marathe, said the aim of the Prison Food Security Strategy was for the organisation to attain food self-sufficiency and also use excess production to contribute to the national food basket.

"This has worked in our nations favour as it has stimulated interests in horticulture production, especially production of non-traditional varieties and herbs. We have also jumped into the bandwagon as the service as we have also introduced herb production and other non-traditional vegetables such as lettuce, broccoli and cucumber among others," she said.

The commissioner further said Botswana Prison Service had so far managed to attain self-sufficiency in vegetable production, where during the first half of the current financial year produced 340 tonnes of vegetables and 59 tonnes of sorghum and pulses, which she said saved government about P2 250 945.95.

Letlhakane Prison Farm sits on

224 hectares of land, out of which 33 ha is currently used for dryland farming, half a hactor for citrus crops, 1.75 ha for horticulture under drip irrigated farming and 1ha for poultry production, while 175.75 ha has been dedicated to livestock farming.

The remaining 13 ha has been used for developments such as the administration block, staff quarters, and rehabilitation and recreation facilities.

In preparation for the current ploughing season, Ms Marathe said they had recently increased their rain fed ploughing hactorage by 10ha out of which 3ha had been reserved for watermelon and 2ha for butternut production. She noted that watermelons were doing well in the Letlhakane area, adding that last year alone, they managed to produce 10 tonnes of watermelons through dryland farming, hence the decision to increase production this year.

"We have realised that we need not only rely on rain fed agriculture, hence we have started the process of acquiring high-technology irrigation equipment for this farm," she said.

Ms Marathe also said future development at the Letlhakane Prison Farm would include introduction of game farming with the aim to capacitate inmates with skills needed to keep game in small farms to sustain themselves upon completion of their sentences.

In that regard, Ms Marathe said they had engaged Department of Wildlife and National Parks to

assist, and the department had already assessed the farm and further pledged a donation of five

zebras, five elands, five impalas, five kudus and five gemsboks. **BOPA**



*Ms Marathe (second right) and other senior officials taking President Masisi (centre) on a tour of Letlhakane Prison Farm recently. Ms Marathe appreciated the President's strategic decision to restrict importation of selected vegetables, saying it had worked in the nation's favour, as it stimulated interest in horticulture production. Photo: Yobe Shonga*

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED RIVERSAND MINING BY SERULE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

In fulfillment of Section 7 (2) of the Environmental Assessment Act (Cap 65:07), notice is hereby given for the intent to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment in respect to riversand mining by Serule Development Committee (VDC) in Serule river.

#### The anticipated positive impacts of the project are:

- Employment creation.
- Provision of riversand to Serule and surrounding settlements
- Minimize chances of illegal mining

#### Anticipated negative Impacts of the project are:

- Temporary increase in noise and dust levels during work.
- Pollution of soil through oil leaks from machinery.
- Waste Generation.

This notice serves to invite the public and all interested and affected parties to a meeting to be held at the following venue, date & time.

Venue	Date	Time
Serule Kgotla	30th November 2023	0900hrs

The purpose of the meeting is to inform and solicit the views and concerns of the community of Serule village on the implementation of the proposed project.

Any comments regarding the proposed implementation of the project may be addressed to:

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#### TSHEKATSHEKO YA SEEMO SA TIKOLOGO MABAPI LE GO EPA MMU GA VDC YA SERULE

Ka maikaelelo a go netefatsa molawana wa Tshekatsheko ya Tikologo (Cap 65:07), karolo ya bosupa (7), Karolwana ya bobedi (2), kitsiso e, e ntshiwa ka maikaelelo a go dira Tshekatsheko ya Tikologo mabapi le go epa/gweba ka mmu wa noka ya Serule ga Serule Village Development Committee (VDC).

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# Vaccine manufacturing: What Africa must do

By Noellah Musundi

NAIROBI - Development Communication Expert Africa is home to over a billion people, but by 2022, it had produced less than one per cent of the world's vaccines.

This gap leaves the continent vulnerable to outbreaks of infectious diseases and dependent on vaccine imports.

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed this fragility and the inequity of the global health system, leading to a growing demand for more local vaccine manufacturing in Africa.

Data from the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) shows that the continent imports 99 per cent of its vaccine despite having a consumption rate of 25 per cent globally.

Much effort must be made to reduce this over-dependence on external vaccine sources.

One solution is increasing the local production of vaccines across the continent, which will enhance Africa's ability to respond effectively and equitably to health emergencies while also creating jobs and fostering innovation.

In 2021, the African Union launched the Partnership for African Vaccine Manufacturing (PAVM) initiative to increase the local production of vaccines to cover 60 per cent of the continent's demand by 2040.

However, more needs to be achieved due to several hindrances, such as inadequate infrastructure, technology, financing, and market access.

The most notable barrier is the critical shortage of skilled and qualified human resources for vaccine manufacturing.

Without a robust workforce, Africa's ability to develop, produce, and distribute quality vaccines that meet international standards and local needs is minimal.

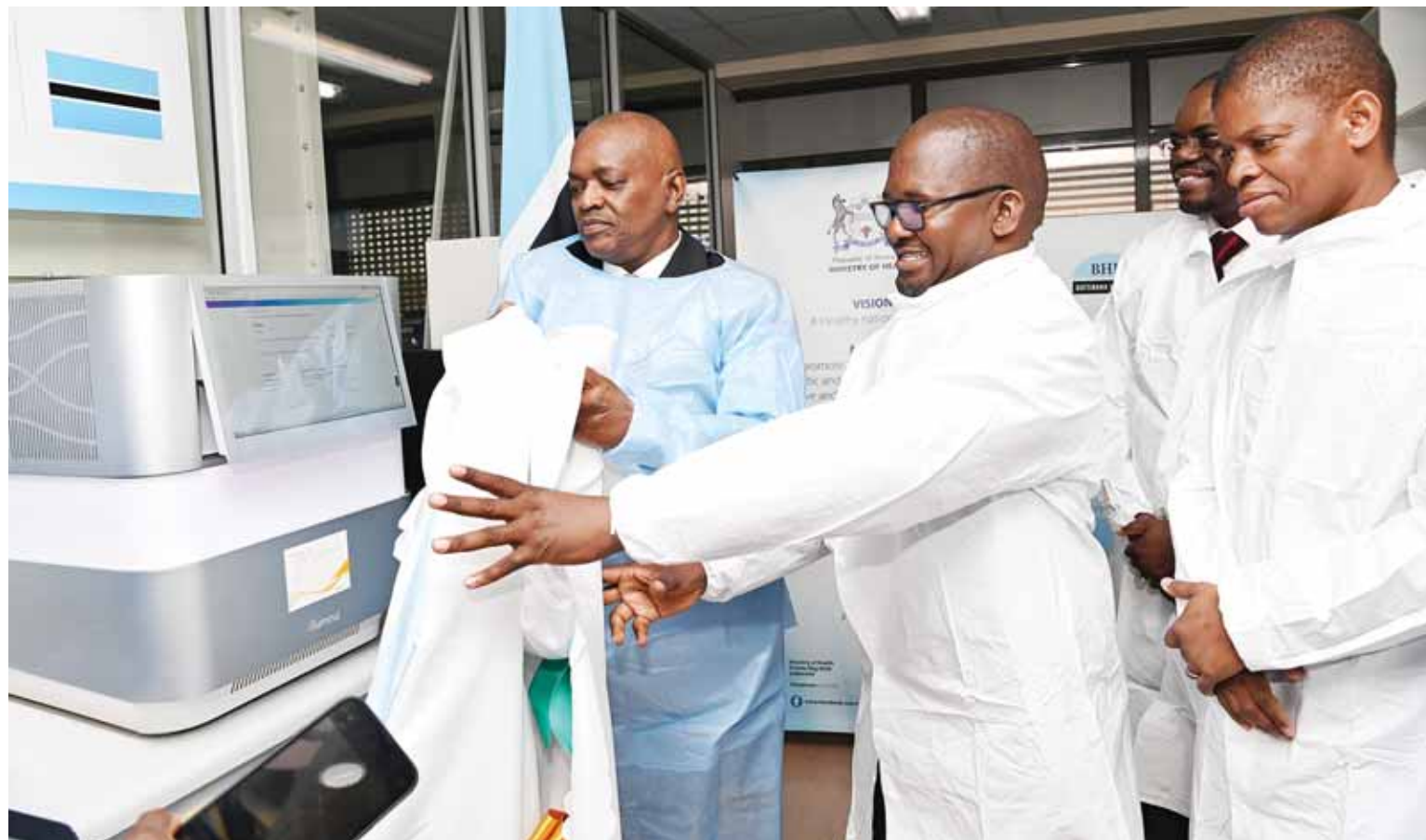
Workforce development is critical to building a sustainable and competitive vaccine industry in Africa.

It involves training and empowering local scientists, engineers, technicians, managers, regulators, and entrepreneurs who can design, produce, distribute, and monitor vaccines that meet the needs and standards of the African market.

It can be argued that there is a lack of a coordinated and strategic approach to identify and prioritise the skills and competencies needed to manufacture vaccines in Africa.

And with the limited availability and accessibility of quality education and training programmes that are relevant, affordable, and accredited, nothing much can be achieved.

There is also the problem of weak linkages and collaboration



*President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi (left), Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Sethomo Lelatisitswe (second left), Assistant Minister for State President, Mr Dumezweni Mthimkhulu (right) and Dr Kaseya during a recent donation of an Advanced Genomics Equipment by Africa Center for Disease Control and Prevention to Botswana Government. Dr Kaseya said the machine would be useful in tracking the evolution of infections that impacted the nation and region from HIV and tuberculosis to the ever-evolving challenges posed by influenza and COVID-19. The equipment opened doors to a myriad of applications, from understanding pathogens that threaten public health to deciphering the complex tapestry of cancer markers within the human genome, as well as the evolution of viruses and understanding resistance.*

among stakeholders, including academia, industry, government, and civil society, to align the supply and demand of skills and competencies.

As such, there is an urgent need for a holistic and systemic approach involving multiple stakeholders and leveraging existing resources and best practices.

A comprehensive framework and roadmap for workforce development that highlights different actors' vision, goals, objectives, indicators, roles, and responsibilities must be developed.

Furthermore, it is essential to set up regional centres of excellence and vaccine manufacturing hubs that can provide training, mentoring, research, innovation, and networking opportunities for professionals in the field of vaccines.

"The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention and the African Union together have called for a New Public Health Order which will safeguard the health and economic security of the continent as it strives to meet the aspirations of the Agenda 2063. A key pillar of this vision seeks to expand the local manufacture of vaccines, diagnostics, and therapeutics," said Dr Jean Kaseya, Director General of Africa CDC, during a partnership launch between the Institut Pasteur de Dakar and

Mastercard Foundation that seeks to Expand Workforce for Vaccine Manufacturing in Africa.

Echoing Dr Kaseya's sentiments, Reeta Roy, the President and CEO of the Mastercard Foundation, further emphasised the need to keep everyone safe by rolling out COVID-19 vaccinations while ensuring Africa's long-term health security by building vaccine manufacturing expertise and workforce on the continent.

Indeed, it is also important to create incentives and mechanisms for attracting, keeping, motivating, and rewarding the workforce for vaccine manufacturing in Africa.

This includes the provision of competitive salaries, career progression paths, recognition schemes, scholarships, fellowships, and grants, among others.

However, strengthening the collaboration and coordination among stakeholders across the vaccine value chain will ensure a sustainable approach. This will equally ensure alignment of skills and competencies with market needs and standards.

Similarly, relying on an industry based on fill-and-finish operations involving the final steps of drug production, such as filling vials and packaging, will not bring long-term strategic or economic benefits to Africa.

Therefore, it is important to

invest in developing end-to-end manufacturing capabilities, which cover the entire process of making pharmaceutical products, from synthesising the active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) to packaging and distributing the final product.

To achieve this goal, African scientists need more opportunities and resources to create their own intellectual property for developing APIs, which are the key components of any drug.

This way, they can address the huge gap in end-to-end manufacturing and contribute to the health and development of the continent.

Experts also stress that creating a conducive environment for private sector investment in vaccine manufacturing will help Africa attain economic viability for its vaccine producers and sufficient vaccine supply for its people.

Thankfully, several initiatives currently underway aim to support workforce development in Africa.

A good example is the collaboration between Africa CDC and the Mastercard Foundation, which launched a US\$1.5 billion initiative to expand access to COVID-19 vaccines and boost the continent's health security.

As part of this initiative, Africa CDC will support workforce development programs to allow

up to 30 million young people, especially young women, to access fulfilling job opportunities in the health sector by 2030.

These programmes include scholarships, fellowships, internships, and mentorships for young Africans pursuing careers in vaccine manufacturing and other health-related fields.

Such an initiative proves Africa's growing momentum and commitment to foster workforce development for vaccine manufacturing in the continent.

However, it is important to remember that more concerted efforts are needed to ensure that these programmes are sustainable, scalable, and responsive to the specific needs and priorities of each African country or region.

Better yet, workforce development and implementation should be aligned with the regional and continental frameworks such as the African Vaccine Manufacturing Initiative (AVMI) and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), as well as other aspects of vaccine manufacturing, including infrastructure development, technology transfer, market access, and regulatory harmonisation.

In so doing, Africa can build a robust and resilient vaccine industry that can protect its people from current and future health threats. *NMG*



# Education key element in all sectors

By Lechedzani Morapedi

FRANCISTOWN - Education is a key element in all sectors of the economy, agriculture included, Minister of Agriculture, Mr Fidelis

Molao has said .

Officially opening Out of School Education Training (OSET) facility in Shashemooke Friday, Minister Molao said being able to read and write would assist those

who were interested in artificial insemination short courses as such courses required reading and writing ability.

He added that day to day lifestyle activities including checking expiry

dates on medication required academic literacy hence the importance of OSET programmes.

Mr Molao, who is also the Member of Parliament for Shashe West constituency, further highlighted that to manage livestock, farmers should keep records of all activities taking place in their farms and they could only keep such records when they have academic foundation.

He advised OSET participants to develop their skills and build reputable companies so that they could get funding to expand and also have legal standards of operation.

He said the OSET programme was not for the elderly only but for everyone interested in acquiring knowledge.

Mr Molao underscored the importance of mindset change as a key factor that could help people view education in a better light which would in turn help the country to achieve a knowledge based economy.

Earlier on when giving an overview of the project Chief Education Officer, Tonota Sub-region, Ms Wananani Gunda appreciated all stakeholders who took part in making sure the project was a success.

She noted that as part of its corporate social responsibility, Tati Nickel mine contributed P113 000 towards the project while Village Development Committee donated land for the project.

She said even though there was shortage of resources for the project, through partnership with the University of Botswana the project became a success.

Ms Gunda further said the

university assisted with fitting the classrooms while Francistown Knitters donated two sewing machines, an overlocking machine and even provided sewing lessons to students.

This, she said, showed that the project was not a one man's show but combined efforts of different stakeholders.

Furthermore she said as the project expanded it would not only benefit Shashemooke residents but the country at large.

University of Botswana's Professor Wapula Raditloane said OSET project resonated well with the national, regional and global agenda of upskilling for a transformed approach to poverty eradication. She added the concept of learning throughout life was the key that gave access to the 21<sup>st</sup> century lifestyle and further said this emphasised the pillar of human and social development embedded in Botswana's vision 2036 goals.

Ms Raditloane said the programmes produced well rounded characters who were confident, functionally literate, seasoned and active contributors in their workplaces.

Appreciating the project, the Director of Education, Central Regional Operations, Mr Sonny Mooketsi said this was one of the greatest milestones in enhancing life long education.

Mr Mooketsi said the training centre would empower more people with various skills and would be a source of income for residents.

Mr Mooketsi said achieving lifelong learning through stakeholder's engagement and mindset change opened new opportunities. **BOPA**



Minister Molale performing a ground breaking for the construction of two blocks of classrooms worth about P3 million in Molete recently. He pleaded with the contractor to complete the job on time and within budget. Photo: Aobakwe Molefhi

## BOCRA builds two classroom blocks in Molete

By Aobakwe Molefhi

MOLETE - Botswana Communication Regulatory Authority (BOCRA) has donated two blocks of classrooms worth about P3 million to Molete.

Speaking at the ground breaking ceremony on Friday, BOCRA chief executive officer, Mr Martin Mokgware said the aim was to make the envisaged school an ICT hub for primary school children.

He said BOCRA decided to build a school for lower primary school children because they noticed that the nearest school was far especially for learners who were starting school.

"One class will be a state-of-the-art innovation which will be equipped with high technology gadgets", he said.

He went on to say that BOCRA will also equip the classrooms with furniture.

Good Hope/Mabule Member of Parliament Mr Eric Molale pleaded with the contractor to complete the job on time and within budget, pointing out that in many instances, local contractors did not finish their job on time, saying such delays normally resulted in cost escalation.

He urged the contractor to first ensure that she completed the job before buying luxurious stuff like expensive vehicles.

The MP said government was always at loggerheads with contractors who wanted to come back for more funds, saying the habit also delayed developments across the country.

He pleaded with village

authorities to ensure that the project progressed smoothly, saying they should consider themselves lucky for having received such a donation from BOCRA.

Finance minister Ms Peggy Serame said the project would greatly help the pupils as they had been walking long distances to school. She said the school would also change the landscape of the village with its high technology, thus pleaded with the contractor not to shy away from asking for help when encountering challenges.

Good Hope/Mmathethe District Council will on the other hand construct ablution blocks, guard room and perimeter fence.

The contract has been awarded to Embroided Avenue, a local company owned by a woman. **BOPA**

## MP urges youth to register to vote

By Booster Mogapi

MOLEPOLOLE - The youth in Molepolole South have been implored to register to vote in the 2024 general elections in large numbers.

Minister for State President and also Member of Parliament for Molepolole South, Mr Kabo Morwaeng made the call during a meeting with the youth at Lemepe Conference Centre in Molepolole on Thursday.

He said the youth formed a large section of the population hence they should take elections seriously as a means to choose their leaders.

Mr Morwaeng reminded the youth that Botswana, as an epitome of peace and democracy, had consistently held free and fair elections over the years.

He said the government remained committed to ensuring that Batswana continued to enjoy their right in choosing their leaders through free and transparent elections.

Mr Morwaeng said national elections should not be taken lightly, as doing so was tantamount to failing to take responsibility to choose the right leaders to govern the nation.

He told the youth that voter

registration gave them an opportunity to take part in the national general elections and those who did not register would not take part in the elections.

He stressed the importance of all youths taking part and asked those who had attended to tell all their friends, family and relatives to register to vote from November 13 to December 8.

Mr Morwaeng assured his audience that the elections would not be tampered with and government was committed to holding the elections within the time period prescribed by the Constitution. **BOPA**

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## Khekhene o busa kwa Werda

**Ka Cathrine Simane**

WERDA - Tiro ya bogosi e masisi, ke ka moo magosi a tshwanetseng ke go etelela merafe ka botho, boineelo le boikarabelo gore go nne le neelano magareng ga bone le merafe.

Mothusa kgosi ya Bakwena, kgosi Lawrence Mhaladi go tswa Molepolole o buile seo kwa tlhomong semmuso ya ga Kgosi Bruce Khekhene wa Werda bosheng.

Se se tla morago ga gore Kgosi wa pele Kgosi Keleofile Pihadu a tlogele tiro ka bogodi ka ngwaga wa 2020, mme Kgosi Khekhene o ne a tlhophiwa go tsaya setilo seo ka ngwaga wa 2022 e le kgosi ya borataro go ya ka ditso tsa motse oo.

Fa a bua kwa moletlong o o neng o diretswe Kgosi Khekhene, Kgosi

Mhaladi o ne a mo gakolola gore kgosi thotobolo e olela matlakala, ka jalo a tseye mongwe le mongwe ka tekatekanyo.

Mo godimo ga moo, Kgosi Mhaladi o kopile kgosi go bereka le magosana a gagwe ka seo se ka mo thusa go tlogela motlhala o o sa lebalasegeng.

Kgosi Mhaladi o ne a mo gakolola go tshwaragana le maphata a puso, a ikemetseng le mapolotiki go tlhabetlha motse wa gagwe, a re a ikele tlhoko gore a seka iphitlhela a inaakantse le dikgang tsa sepolotiki ka a ka tloga a gogela kobo ntlha e le nngwe.

Mothusa kgosi ya Bakwena o kgothaditse Kgosi Khekhene go ithuta molao wa makgotla a Setswana ka e le one o tlaa mo kaelang tsela fa a sekisa le go athlola.

O tlhalositse fa gle botlhokwa

gore Kgosi a ikgaphe mo go tsothle tse di duleng mo tseleng gore a dibele seriti sa bogosi, a tswelala ka go mo gakolola gore a seka a ikgogomosa, mme a ikobe le mongwe le mongwe.

E re ka jaana borukutlhi bo ile magoletsa, o ne a mo rotloetsa go bereka le ba sepodisi go lwantsha borukutlhi ka mananeo a tswana le la Ntebela ke go Lebele le a mangwe le gone go baya leitlho thata mo tirisong botlhaswa ya maranyane a a simolodisitsweng bosheng a Smartbots.

A re maranyane a, a ka fetola matshelo a bone fa a dirisiwa sentle. Kgosi Matshweneyego Magotlho fa a tlhalosa ditso tsa bogosi o ne a tlhalosa fa motse wa Werda o simologile ka ngwaga wa 1930.

Kgosi ya ntlha ya motse oo e ne e le Kgosi Andries Esterhuizen ka 1952-1960, Kgosi Nelson Kartze 1963-1968, Kgosi Gert Louw 1970-1976, Kgosi Macdonald Mackenzie 1979-1986 mme botlho bao ba ne ba tlhophiwa ke balaodi ba nako eo. O boletse fa e ne ya re ka ngwaga wa 1988 morafe wa Werda wa buisanya mme morago ba tsaya tshwetso ya go ithopela Kgosi Keleofile Pihadu go etelela pele morafe wa bone go fitlhelala a tlogela tiro ka ngwaga wa 2020. Kgosi Magotlho o ne a tswelala ka go tlhalosa fa phatlha ya bogosi e ne ya sala go sena ope go fitlha ka ngwaga wa 2022 fa ba tlhophiwa Kgosi Bruce Khekhene mo ditlhopong tse di neng di emetswe ke batho ba le lesome le bosupa a supa go tswa mo dikgotlaneng tse

supa mo Werda.

Rrangwanaagwe, Rre Thankinyane Dikhukhu go tswa Kokong, o kopile Kgosi Khekhene go baya morafe wa gagwe kwa pele le go tsaya ka tlhwaafalo ditlhabololo tsa motse wa gagwe.

Fa a amogela thomo, Kgosi Khekhene o ne a lebogela morafe wa Werda go bo ba bone go le maleba go mo tlotlomatsa go tsaya setilo sa bogosi, a ba a ba solofetsa gore ga e na go ba tlhabela ditlhomong ka ba supile tshepo mo go ene.

A re o tlaa ba goga le go ba tsaya ka tekatekanyo a sa sokamela gope.

Kgosi Khekhene a re maikaelelo a gagwe ke go bereka mmogo le morafe wa gagwe a setse molao morago ka e le one o mo kaelang le gone go ikanya Modimo ka nako tsothle. **BOPA**

## Maloko a dikomiti a kopilwe go nna sekao

**Ka Gaboselwe Olesitse**

SELEBI PHIKWE - Ba dikomiti tsa ditlhabololo tsa motse (VDC) ba kgothaditswe go itshwara sentle, ka jaana setshaba se lebele mo go bone.

Se se boletse ke mokwaledi wa khansela ya Selebi Phikwe, Rre Oganne Gontse mo phuthegong ya kgotla e e neng e buisiwa ke mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Selebi Phikwe Botlhaba, Rre Kgoberego Nkawana kwa kgotleng ya Ikageleng ka Labotlhano.

A re go a tshwenya gore maloko mangwe ba bo ba setse ba kobilwe mo VDC le mo Ipelegeng ka mabaka a tshenyetso setshaba.

Rre Gontse o tlhalositse se jaaka a ne a tsibogela dingongorego tsa banni ba kgaolo ya Ikageleng jaaka ba ne ba supa dingongorego mabapi le ka fa lenaneo la Ipelegeng le tsamaisiwang ka teng.

O tlhalositse fa lenaneo la Ipelegeng le sa neelwe madi ape a manti a a lekaneng go reka di dirisiwa mme a kgothatsa ba ba neetsweng boikarabelo go tswelala ba dirisa bonyenyane jo ba bo filweng.

A re le fa go ntse jalo ga ba a nna fela mme ba le mo dipuisanong le ba lekalana la ditsela kwa khanseleng go bona gore ba ka thusana jang ka ba dira tiro e e tsamaelanang e bile ba dirisa di dirisiwa tse di tsamaelanang.

O ne a tlhalosa fa Ipelegeng e se tiro mme e le lenaneo le le dirilweng go fokotsa manokonoko a lehuma mo setshabeng.

Rre Gontse o ne a tlhalosa fa maloko a dikomiti tsa metse ba neetswe boikarabelo jwa go bona gore batho ba theogela ka nako, e bile ga ba lofe mo tirong mme ka maswabi e le bone gape ba ba rotloetsang borukutlhi.

O ne a tlhalosa fa maloko

mangwe ba setse ba kobilwe mo VDC le mo Ipelegeng ka mabaka a tshenyetso setshaba, o ne a re fela jaaka VDC e bidiwa palamente ya motse ba tshwanetse go nna sekao mo morafeng o ba o eteletseng gore ba nne le seriti.

Rre Gontse o ne a tlhalosa fa puso ene ya tokafatsa seemo sa kamogelo ya badiri ba Ipelegeng ka go ba tsenyetsa madi mo megaleng ya bone, a re s, se ne sa thusa thata ka go ne go fokoletsa batho go tsamaya sebaka se se leele go ya go batla madi. A re le fa gontse jalo bangwe ba ba neetsweng boikarabelo ba ne ba dira gore madi a tsene kwa ditsaleng tsa bone le ba masika, a tlhalosa fa se se tlhobosa maiteko a khansela a go thusa setshaba. Mo go tse dingwe Rre Gontse o ne a kgala batho ba ba dirisanang le batho ba ba tswang kwa ntle ga Selebi Phikwe go bona ditiro mo khanseleng a tlhalosa fa se se sa letlelesege ka se se lomeletsa bana ba ba bangwe go ka oba letsogo.

O ne a tlhalosa fa Selebi Phikwe e aperwe ke lethoko la ditiro ka jalo boeteledipele bo dira maiteko mme a folodisiwa ke bangwe ba ba sa direng dilo sentle.

Mongwe wa bagolo mo Selebi Phikwe, Rre Morobolo Morobolo o ne a tlhalosa fa keletso ya bone e le go bona boipuso bo boetse mo serodumong sa bogologolo. O ne a kopa khansela go seka seka gore boipuso bo ipelwe mo dikgotleng jaaka go ne go ntse jaaka pele ka se, se ne se thusa go ruta bana ngwao ya Setswana.

Rre Kgoberego Nkwana o ne a kopa morafe wa Ikageleng go tlhomamisa gore dikarata tsa bone tsa Omang di mo tirisong gore e re go bulelwa ikwadiso ditlhopo ba bo ba ka dira jalo ka e le tshwanelo ya bone go ithophela moemedi. **BOPA**



Tona Rakgare (ja gare), Tona Dikoloti (mojeng) le bagolwane bangwe, morago ga mogwanto o o neng o tshwerwe ke ba mokgatlho wa Shegotja Molelo kwa Digawana bosheng. Tona Rakgare o kopile maloko go batla ditsela tse dingwe tsa go tsenya letseno le go godisa mokgatlho. Senepe: Aobakwe Molefhi

## Mokgatlho wa Shegotja Molelo o rotloediwa go atologa

**Ka Aobakwe Molefhi**

DIGAWANA - Maloko a Shegotja Molelo a kopilwe go atolosa ditirelo tsa bone go na le go remelele mo go tsa diphithlo felo.

Ba gakolotswe go gweba le ka dikitso tsa bone, go diragatsa dikeletso tsa ga Tautona Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi tsa go itshetsa ka dikitso.

Tona wa Banana, Bong, Metshameko le Ngwao, Rre Tumiso Rakgare o buile mafoko a, kwa Digawana ka Matlhatso jaaka mokgatlho oo, o ne o dirile mogwanto le go tshwara bokopano.

Maikaelelo a mogwanto e ne e le go kokotletsa madi a a tlaa rekelang mokgatlho kolo.

Mokgatlho o simolotswe ke bomme ba Letlhakeng ka ngwaga wa 2016, maikaelelo e le go thusa

ka tsa diphithlo.

Tona Rakgare yo o neng e le molalediwa wa tlotla jaaka mo boemong jwa ga Mothusa Tautona Rre Slumber Tsogwane, o boletse fa Rre Tsogwane a file mokgatlho P10 000 fa Tona Rakgare le Dr Edwin Dikoloti P5 000 mongwe le mongwe.

A re e re ka jaana ba setse ba simolotse mokgatlho o go thusa maloko mo nakong tse di thata tsa diphithlo, nako e gorogile jaanong go akanyetsa go simolla go reka diabe mo dikhamphaning tse dikgolwane, a re seo ke nngwe tsela ya go ka atolosa ditirelo tsa bone.

"Mogwanto wa gompiano o le file sebaka sa go supa selo se le leng sone, go ipelafatsa le gone go supa gore le motlotlo."

Tona o akgoletse bomme ba

mokgatlho oo gore ba kgonne go simolola, a re seo ke sesupo sa gore ele ruri mme o tshwara thipa ka fa bogaleng mme a re ba tshwanetse go tlhokomela gore o seka wa tloga wa thubega.

Mopalamente wa kgaolo Rre Dikoloti o lebogetse mothusa Tautona go bo a bone go le maleba gore a reetse selelo sa ba Shegotja Molelo.

O ne a gatelela mafoko a ga Tona Rakgare gore maloko a dibele mokgatlho wa bone ka jaana o na le bokgoni jwa go isa ditirelo tsa one kwa ntle ga lefatshe leno.

Dr Dikoloti o gakolotse maloko a mokgatlho gore go botlhokwa go netefatsa gore ba itshidila mmele ka dinako tsothle, a re seo se ka ba thusa go hema go tsenwa ke malwetse a a sa tshelanweng. **BOPA**



# Kereke ya Calvary e abela malwapa dijo le melora

**Ka Lindi Morwaeng**

**METSIMOTLHABE**

Kereke ya Calvary Apostolic Church kwa Metsimotlhabe e abetse malwapa a le masome mane a ba ba tlhokileng lesego le bana ba sekole, dijo le melora le mesangwana ka matlhatso kwa Metsimotlhabe.

Fa a bua, mookamedi wa lekgotla la Promise Land of Christian Churches Association (PLOCCA) Archbishop Onkemetse Sikwa o supile fa kereke ya Calvary e ne ya ba kwalela e kopa dithuso tsa go abela ba ba tlhokileng lesego mo sechabeng.

O tlhalositse fa seo se ne sa ba itumedisa thata ka go supa fa ba lemogwa ke dikereke ka jaana e le lekgotla le lesa.

O kgotlhaditse dikereke tse dingwe go tsaya malebela mo kerekeng ya Calvary gore ba thuse ba ba dikobo dikhutshwane mo tikologong ya bone.

O kgotlhaditse phuthego go sala molaetsa wa ga Tautona Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi wa A re Chencheng, a supa fa go se thona gore kereke le yone e ka fetola megopolo le dikakanyo ka go aga sekole e le ntlha nngwe ya go nna le seabe mo sechabeng ka jaana puso e ka seke e kgone e le esi.

Ka jalo o kopile phuthego go nna le mowa wa boipelego go dira tsotlhe tse dintle mo sechabeng a gatelela gore kereke ke lefatshe ka jaana e rwele batho ka go farologana mme se se ka dira gore melaetsa o tshwana le wa ga Tautona wa go fetola megopolo le dikakanyo e ka diragadiwa bonolo mo kerekeng.

Fa a tswa la gagwe Kgosi Rafael Mmipi, o ne a akgoa

kekereke ya Calvary gore erile ba bona bangwe ka bone ba le dikobo dikhutshwane ba ba tswa thuso. Mme a re o lebogetse mpho eo thata ka sejo sennye se sa fete molomo.

Moruti Juta Rankgomo o ne a tlhalosa fa go aba ga kereke e ne e le go sala se buka ya botshelo e se rutang ka jaana e bua fa go le sego letsogo le le abang ka jaana go dira jalo e le ditshegofatso.

O tlhalositse gape gore thulaganyo e ba e dirileng e ne e le go supa lerato le gone go supa seabe sa kereke gore le yone e tshwanetse ya tsenya lebogo mo go tlhabololeng sechaba.

A re maikaelelo a bone ke go tswela ba thusa le go nna le seabe mo ditlhabololong tsa motse mme ba itshwaragantse le bogogi jwa motse. **BOPA**



Mosele wa pula... **Borre Lawrence Baeletsi (mojeng) le Ernest Muchinga ba aga ntlo ba simolola ka marulelo. Rre Baeletsi o tlhalositse fa ba dira se, ka mabaka a gore ke nako ya dipula, ka jalo ba ka tshabela ka fa tlase ga yone fa dipula di ka tshologa ba ntse ba tswelutse ka go aga.**  
Senepe: Goweditse Kome

## Botswana Congress Party e leboga bathophi

**Ka Esther Mmolai**

**MAUN** - Pula le phefo tse di mashetla di ne tsa kgoreletsa moletlo wa go ipelela phenyo ya mopalamente wa Maun Bophirma yo gape e leng moeteledipele wa phathi ya Botswana Congress Party (BCP) Rre Dumelang Salashando ka mafelo a beke.

Diphefo di ne tsa rutlolola ditante tse di neng di kgabisitse go go baakanyetsa moletlo.

Dikoloi di ne di boa seboaboane go falotsa bagolo mme maloko a phathi o ne a goeletsa ka dikoma mo puleng e e tsereng sebaka sa oura e ntse e tshologa.

Erile pulo e fokotsega, moeteledipele wa phathi ya

BCP, Rre Saleshando a ema ba ba neng ba tsile moletlong ka lefoko a tlhalosa fa tiro e ne e le go tla go ba lebogela kemo nokeng le tirisanyo mmogo morago ga ditlhopo tsa 2019.

A re ba tsamaile mosepele o o bonolo mmogo ka jaana ditalama tsa bone a di dirisitse go bua ka dikgang tse di amang matshelo a bone kwa palamenteng.

O tswelutse a re e re tsela e ne e le bonolo, ba ne ba kopana le dikgwetlho jaaka segajaja sa COVID-19, bolwetse jo bo neng jwa kgoreletsa matshelo a Botswana ka kakaretso ka jaana ba ne ba patelesega go nna mo matlong e le tsela nngwe ya go fema kanamo.

Rre Saleshando a re ba

lebogela gore melemo ya go fokotsa manokonoko a bolwetsi e ne ya bonala ka jaana ba ne ba dira maiteko go bua le puso.

O solofeditse Batswana fa e tlaa re mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo, BCP e ribolole bukana ya maitlamo a bone (manifesto) a a supang kwa ba batlang go isa lefatshe leno teng.

O ne a nankola dintlha dingwe tsa maitlamo a bone a re ba supile gore ba ya go dira jang go fetlha mebereko ga ba tsaya puso a tlatsa ka gore ba dumela gore Batswana botlhe ba ba nang le bokgoni jwa go bereka ba tshwanetse go neelwa sebaka seo.

A re ba supile gape gore ba ya go tokafatsa jang tsa botsogo gore Batswana ba bone dithuso

ba sa sokole jaaka gompieno bangwe ba latlhegetswe ke pono mme puso e re ba ka thusiwa fela ngwaga o o tlang.

Le fa go ntse jalo, Rre Saleshando o ne a gwetlha Batswana go ikwadisetsa ditlhopo tse ditlang a supa fa ikwadiso e tlaa bulelwa mo bogaufing.

A re nako e tsile ya gore Batswana ba fetole puso ka jaana phathi e e busang e koafetse e bile e palelwa ke go diragatsa ditsholofetso tsa yone.

O ne a ntsha sekai sa go tokafatsa tsela ya Nata-Maun a re puso e sa le e solofeditse Batswana ka 2019 gore e bone madi a go dira tsela eo mme nako kgolo ke eno. **BOPA**

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# Initiatives vital for economic development

By Marvin Motlhabane

GABORONE - Public and private organizations in support of the University of Botswana (UB) foundation are urged to do more than just fund raising and help to give back to support a good cause.

The Chancellor of the University of Botswana, Ms Tebelelo Seretse, said there was a need to remember that Botswana was engulfed by unemployment, particularly among the youth.

Ms Seretse said the nation could not afford to sit comfortably when Botswana was ranked eighth most unequal country in the world, with alarming poverty levels.

"These challenges ought to propel the nation to work tirelessly toward changing the current status," she said.

Ms Seretse said there was a burning platform that called on the nation to retrospect, rethink, refocus, and set eyes on the prize. To date, the fund-raising initiatives that the foundation undertook were to raise money to support less privileged, but talented young Batswana to access graduate education.

"To show appreciation to the taxpayer, we can pledge to donate to the foundation's coffers in support of its initiatives," she added. "We can offer young graduates internships to prepare them for the world of work,

locally or elsewhere."

Ms Seretse said organizations could make it happen through their philanthropic aims, helping young people through scholarships, and supporting research into social issues that they cared about.

Likewise, she said that they could also partner with the foundation or the university to do research and teach the skills to other organizations so to have a pool of competencies and attributes that organizations needed to prosper.

She reiterated that young people faced challenges that were different from those they experienced at their age. She said they were talking about unemployment in an era of digitalization which made everything move fast.

"They face a new work order that demands new skills and knowledge, with fewer career certainties," she said.

Ms Seretse said a graduate who spent two years unemployed may not easily catch up with the changing technology.

She said collectively they could do something that could assist the youth and work with the foundation on such projects.

She urged universities to show leadership by championing knowledge and demonstrating its benefits to society. The benefits may trickle down to address



University of Botswana vice chancellor, Professor David Norris (left), Ms Seretse (centre) and Northern Trust's Global Capital Markets Client Solutions Group senior vice president, Mr Gerard Walsh during University of Botswana Foundation fundraising dinner in Gaborone recently. Mr Walsh said artificial intelligence should be embraced as it would help Botswana create employment in the future.

Photo: Tshoganetso Mokowe

youth and Botswana problems generally.

Chairperson of the UB Foundation Board of Trustees, Mr Satar Dada, said as a foundation they believed that supporting graduate programmes would help address national expectation of researching complex challenges and providing solutions relevant to everyday life.

He said such expectation guided their decision to use proceeds of

the annual fund-raising dinner to sponsor graduate students so that there was an increase in skills in research.

He said they were cognizant of the responsibilities government had, and their efforts were geared toward relieving her pressure by giving tuition support to graduate students.

"I am aware, with great appreciation, of the response from the industry and individuals who were keen to do something to help solve societal problems and are showing an increased interest in activities that make a societal contribution," he added.

Mr Dada said it was planted in their hearts and minds that it was time to see, do, and appreciate things differently. He said the time to change for the better was a period for mind-set change, and that was why they were passionate

about Reset Agenda.

He said they agreed with, President Masisi that resetting their minds could be a driver to economic transformation, and with ease move from a middle-income to a high-income country.

"This is the destination we have set ourselves, hence the urge to keep knocking at your doors so that we help the less privileged to improve their education and be more productive citizens," he said.

The event was delivered under the theme, "The New Investment Landscape: Investors need to focus on delivering investment performance through skill, assisted by data and artificial intelligence (AI) systems that improve decision-making while managing costs and enabling people to make the most of their talents." **BOPA**

## Kgosi Puso commends UNFPA, Ministry of Health

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN- Knowledge that traditional leaders have acquire from the high level meeting on Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) will enhance their ability when executing their duties in future.

This was said by Ntlo ya Dikgosi chairperson, Kgosi Puso Gaborone, at the closing ceremony of a four-day meeting in Maun recently.

Kgosi Puso said the information would also assist dikgosi in their deliberations on key national issues.

He applauded the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Ministry of Health for capacitating Ntlo ya Dikgosi members on sexual reproductive health and rights issues following their request after the commencement of their collaboration at a recent meeting in Gaborone.

He said during the meeting, an official of the Ministry of Health had emphasised the role of Dikgosi as strategic partners supporting their communities to reject harmful cultural practices and norms that impeded enjoying sexual reproductive health and rights.

Dikgosi were also taken through the status of sexual reproductive health and rights in the country as well as elaborate and informative presentations on various issues on the FP2030 Global Partnership

and Draft.

"We acknowledged the importance of speaking about sexual reproductive health and rights issues in our communities and called for capacity building on the issues so that we can be well informed and openly talk about hence this very important meeting today," he said.

Kgosi Puso said the meeting was fruitful and interactive because they learnt a lot on topics that ranged from sexual reproductive health and rights, family planning, sexual transmitted infections, gender based violence and advancing SRHR at community level.

"One of the roles of dikgosi is to promote the welfare of their respective communities which includes health and other sectors and information of SRHR issues place them in a better position to advocate SRHR issues and talk openly and confidently with their communities," he added.

On behalf of dikgosi, he pledged their unwavering commitment and support to partner with the health ministry and UNFPA and called for continuous training on SRHR issues to remain relevant and informed on the ever emerging issues.

"I am happy that through the partnership, we have been able to develop an action plan and road map for SRHR advocacy and this will help a great deal in defining key priorities and in developing smart action plan," he said. "We

as national builders will indeed play a critical role to mobilise the communities towards the change we desire."

Again, he said Dikgosi, as influencers, would be able to use their authority to drive the country towards achieving prosperity for all and realising the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

He also called for harmonisation of laws in order to create a clear path for justice for the underprivileged sections of the society such as children, women and people living with disabilities.

He said Botswana had been engulfed by horrific violence against women and children. The barbaric acts went against nation's custom and respect for human life, dignity and human rights.

He said he appreciated government's efforts to declare crimes against women and children a priority, and established special courts on gender-based violence. He appealed to dikgosi to support government in the fight against gender-based violence and crime to make the communities safer and that some priorities in the action plan that did not require funding be implemented without delay.

The four-day meeting aimed to raise awareness of respective dikgosi on the contemporary issues relating to sexual and reproductive health and rights. **BOPA**

## Strong families foundation to successful nation

By Thato Modiakgotla

KANYE - Building strong families lead to successful communities and the nation.

Speaking during closing ceremony of an 18-day family building seminar in Kanye on Thursday, the MP for Kanye South, Dr Lemogang Kwape, urged attendees to wisely use the information to build a better Botswana.

"I had asked for the seminar to be held here after realising the positive impact it had in other communities around the country and I believe this would not stop here," he said.

Dr Kwape thanked Healthy Families Foundation for having equipped the residents with valuable information and the community for attending in large numbers.

Kgosi Ashton Sealetsa of Motebejana ward urged attendees to embrace mind-set change to build a successful nation.

"To build a great nation, we should start by building strong communities," he added. "Let us start doing things differently."

Southern region Chief Education Officer, Ms Barulaganye Moseki, highlighted that with healthy strong families, children's school examination results would improve.

"When families are faced with challenges, children from such families would not do well at school, in most cases," she said.

Sometimes, she said, teachers did not perform up to expectations due to challenges at home. Therefore addressing such would improve productivity. She decried drug use by students as well as teenage pregnancies, adding that she was optimistic that with teachings from the seminar, such challenges would be minimized.

Ms Ashley Thaba explained that they had equipped around sixteen thousand Batswana with information through such seminars, adding that it was a sign that Batswana wanted to positively change their lives and build a great nation.

Ms Thaba said social ills such as gender-based violence cases would be reduced and school examination results would improve. **BOPA**



# Collaboration vital for Selebi Phikwe

By Kgotsotalang Botsang

**SELEBI PHIKWE** - Collaboration between industry players and Selebi Phikwe Technical College (SPTECO) will result in the economic development of the town.

This was said by Assistant Minister of Trade and Industry, Ms Beauty Manake when addressing SPTECO learners and staff recently.

Ms Manake said for the economy of Selebi Phikwe to thrive, it needed skilled labour to operate machinery in the industry and drive it.

She thus urged industry players to join hands with SPTECO to deliberate on the skills they needed in their respective industries so that at the end of training, some learners would be absorbed for employment.

Ms Manake also urged learners to register own companies and utilise the skills they acquired

during training to create employment.

“Government cannot afford to create employment for everybody. Government empowers its citizens through education by making provision for free education from primary school up to tertiary level and it is high time the nation took the initiative to create employment for other Batswana,” she said.

She further explained that government had gone an extra mile to ratify trade treaties to promote exportation of local goods to foreign markets.

“We want to deal in textile but the question is do we have the right skills and sufficient cotton to support our textile industries? This is why we want to address the challenge of skill-mismatch and produce industry ready graduates. Government has already played a part in changing your lives, now it is upon you to change the environment you are

living in,” she said.

For his part, Selebi Phikwe mayor, Mr Lucas Modimana urged the business community in the area to support SPTECO by engaging its learners.

Mr Modimana also urged learners not to look for employment but register their own companies to produce goods and services that could help transform the economy of the town and create employment for other Batswana.

He further encouraged them to form cooperatives and create jobs rather than trade individually.

Selebi-Phikwe Town Council deputy town clerk, Mr Oganne Gontse explained that the council was doing its best to collaborate

with various institutions in the town.

Mr Gontse said the council managed to pave the road between the Botswana Defence Force camp and Botswana Prisons Service by engaging labour from the latter.

“The same can be done with SPTECO. The council had some broken down vehicles that learners from SPTECO could fix. The council would make an arrangement with the technical college management to deliberate further on the issue,” he said.

SPTECO student representative council president, Mr Ben Moshokwa thanked Ms Manake and the town leadership for visiting the institution.

“This is the first time that learners are addressed by the minister. Technical colleges and brigades are ignored by government because the environment in these institutions is different from that in local universities, including the learners’ allowances,” he said.

He opined that with government and private sector support, SPTECO as an industry could easily deliver on government expectations by creating jobs for the nation.

Moshokwa urged them to visit the institution frequently in order to address learners’ needs and ensure that they also played a part in developing the economy of the country. **BOPA**

## Church agent of mindset change - Kgoboko

By Manowe Motsaathebe

**BOBONONG** - Kgololesego Christian Church (KCC) has been commended for implementing and helping amplify government’s reset agenda through their youth mindset change campaign.

Amongst other things, KCC had been praised for heeding and adopting government’s mindset change campaign and integrating it into its operations with a view to touch the youth’s thoughts and emotions and overall behaviour.

Speaking during KCC’s sponsored walk on Saturday, Francisco Malesela Kgoboko (FMK) foundation chairperson, Mr Francisco Kgoboko, commended the church for its visionary leadership and the ability to answer government’s call for mindset change.

“It is gratifying and commendable that your church is living and spreading mindset change as part of the reset agenda,” said Mr Kgoboko.

He also commended KCC for having identified challenges that the youth faced and moved to address them through engagement at the church’s activities, especially in the brass band.

“Our youth who constitute about 60 per cent of the population face enormous challenges such as unemployment and mental problems. Therefore, seeing a church trying to address these challenges is admirable,” he said.

Following a walk that sought to raise funds to buy more equipment deemed expensive, for the brass band choir, Mr Kgoboko, who donated P5 000 and bought 100 shirts for the walk, said addressing challenges besieging youth was akin to dragging them out of prisons.

Bobirwa District Council deputy chairperson, Mr Thulaganyo Lucas said the church was partially fulfilling some challenges that the council was battling.

Consequently, Mr Lucas praised KCC for preoccupying the youth’s minds with brass band and other christian activities, which kept them off idleness.

“As a council, we are engulfed by challenges such as rape, defilement and illicit drugs amongst the youth and to see a church play a role in combating these problems head-on is notably admirable,” said Mr Lucas, who also implored the church to also pray against such societal ills.

For his part, KCC secretary general, Mr Ketlogetse Motsumi said although they had other avenues of raising funds solely for the church, the idea to do so for the youth brass band was hatched last year after realising that the band had the capacity to pull a young crowd off the streets.

Mr Motsumi said despite the brass equipment’s reported high prices, the church’s whole idea was to help the band grow in leaps and bounds and spread to other circuits across the country.

“We will be buying the instruments until we end up with almost a full complement of the brass band. An instrument is reportedly costing over P20 000. Although we have managed to accrue enough, we are yet to satisfy the requirement of a complete brass band,” he added.

KCC was registered in 1999 under the leadership of Archbishop Mojuta Mashaba and prides itself of complying with provisional requirements and submitting returns under the relevant statute at the Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs. **BOPA**



Mr Greeff (centre) with his constituents after a kgotla meeting in Gaborone recently. Residents decried lack of debushing and functional streetlights, saying such conditions help harbour criminals in their area. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

## Kgale residents blame council

By Gontle Merafhe

**GABORONE** - Residents of Dihetlhamolelo and Kgale View wards in Gaborone Bonnington South have blamed both the Gaborone City Council and their councillor for the crime, non-functioning streetlights, and poor storm water drainage in their area.

They expressed their displeasure during a kgotla meeting addressed by the Member of Parliament (MP) for Gaborone Bonnington South, Mr Christian Greef recently.

One resident, Mr James Kgosiemang of Malekantwa Neighbourhood Watch said passages were a contributory cause of crime. He said they were turned into dumping sites and were inaccessible due to overgrown vegetation.

He said consultation with the area councillor had been futile as he was uncooperative. Mr Kgosiemang stated that passages adjacent to Regent Primary School were a hideout for criminals, who also stash their loot there.

The resident said they had

apprehended a number of thieves that broke into houses during the day and handed them to the police.

Mr Kgosiemang also said the council was slow to cover bare electrical wires that posed danger to lives, and led to power outages in the area.

Furthermore, he said there were culverts that were blocked, leading to an overflow of storm water that flooded people’s homes.

“The council must plan with the people and not plan for the people,” he said.

Another resident, Mr Kgosi Molebo of Garemogo Neighbourhood Watch said along with his neighbours, they experienced flooding inside their homes during rainy seasons.

He said at one point, they took the initiative as residents to unblock storm water trenches, as the council had neglected its responsibility.

Mr Molebo appealed for installation of tower lights to light up a larger area as the current street lighting was not functional.

He said the tower lights would light up beyond the streets into

the river bank, where criminals take cover under the dark of the night.

The MP, Mr Greef said Gaborone Bonnington South had not been catered for in the National Development Plan 11, but was now included in the Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP).

He disclosed that P40 million had been budgeted to improve storm water drainage in the constituency, and the project was at design stage.

Mr Greef said construction of the project was to commence in April next year, during the 2024-2025 financial year.

He said the area constituency fund also had P10 million from which street lights and internal roads were to be maintained and each ward was to receive P1.6 million.

MP Greef also said council engineers needed to acquaint themselves with the state of the city to address issues on time.

He said if the council was proactive, officials would know the bad state of the city’s amenities and address them before they got out of hand. **BOPA**



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**IN THE ESTATE** of the late ITUMELENG EVELYN DUIKER – ESHFT 152-23 who died at North East District on the 15th April 2023

**NOTICE IS HEREBY** given that Debtor and creditor in the above estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with undersigned within 30 days after this publication here of

**DATE AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 31th DAY OF OCTOBER 2023**

Clayton Duiker	One Tshepiso Letsholathebe	Pulane Lydia Duiker
Executor Dative	Executor Dative	Executor Dative
Private Bag 2	P O Box 193	P O Box 1642
Mathangwane	Tatisiding	Francistown

**AND TO:** Master of the High Court  
Private Bag F13  
Francistown

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed No **FT389/2007** dated the **8th May 2007** made in favour of **Themba Habana** in respect of:

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**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS OCTOBER DAY OF 19 YEAR 2023**

**M. Lesego**  
The Executor 1  
P O Box 32  
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**O. Lesego**  
The Executor 2  
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1st November 2023

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**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING**

**ESTATE LATE CHARLES OTUKILE – ESHGB 000619/23**

**IN PURSUANCE** of Section 31 of the **Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01)**, the heirs and Next of Kin of the deceased persons specified below are hereby invited to attend meetings at the **Office of the Master** located at **Gaborone High Court** on **Monday** the **4<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023** at **1100 hours**.

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

**For more information concerning the deceased person's estate, please contact the Masters Office at 3718083,3718343 or Switchboard 3718000**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **PATRICIA N. MOKOMANE** who died at Deborah Retief Memorial Hospital, Mochudi, Kgatleng District, on the 11th day of June 2021

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

**DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 12 DAY OF OCTOBER 2023**

The Executor  
Gaofengwe Mokomane  
c/o Makati Law Consultancy  
P O Box 108  
GABORONE  
TEL:3975726/77516947

**FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT**  
**Master's Reference ESHGB 000386-2**

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **AARON GAORUTWE MOSWEU** who died at **Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone**, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**.

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

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**DATED AT GABORONE this .... day of .... 2023**

The Exexcutor  
Isaac M. Mosweu  
P O Box 222, SEDIBENG  
Tel: 74717649

**FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT**

**ESHGB - 000010/19**

**IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MONTY GAADINGWE AND JULIET GAADINGWE** who died at Lenmed Health Bokamoso Private Hospital, Molepolole Kweneng District, Botswana on the of 22nd February 2018 and at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District on the 01st December 2017 respectively.

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DATED at.....on this .....day of..... 2023

The Executor  
Resego Motlhokathari  
PO Box 144 AAD  
GABORONE  
CELL: 71276299

**NOTICE OF LOST DEED**

**Notice is hereby** given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of **Deed No 2042/92** dated the **24<sup>th</sup> December 1992** made in favour of **London Magudu** in respect of:

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**Dated:** 02/11/23

**ADDRESS:** BOX 43 MATHANGWANE

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**ESHGB – 000028/19**

**IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE KABO LEJAGE** who died at **Manyana Village, Ngwaketse District, Botswana** on the **01 day of August 2018**.

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

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

**DATED at .....on the.... day of ....2023**

The Executrix  
Bonnye Tlamelo Lejage-Modise  
P O Box 149, MANYANA  
CELL: 71318526/75229082

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**Master's Reference: ESHGB 000343/22**

**IN THE ESTATE** of the Late **TSHEPO DORAH MORE** who died at **Soweto, South Africa, Gauteng District**, on the **17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019**.

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**DATED at .... on this ....Day of....2023**

The Executrix  
Joleen Lerato More  
P. O Box 156, GABORONE  
Cell: 72538725 / +27815879812

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY** given that by virtue of **section 31** of the **Administration of Estates Act (Cap:33.01)**, heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the **Master of the High Court at FRANCISTOWN HIGH COURT** on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time
1. SIBUSISIWE SETLHARE	ESHFT-000151-22	13-12-2023	11:00AM
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**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 01<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023**

**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**Master's reference: ESHGB 000391/22**

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **MOTLHAODI TSIMAKO** who died at **Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana** on **6<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

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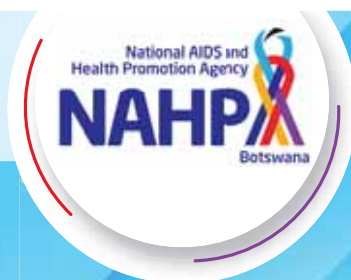
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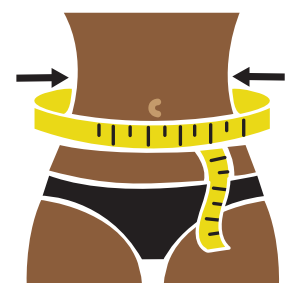
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# Orange Botswana donates 25 tablets

By Bakang Wren

GABORONE - Orange Botswana, through Orange Foundation has donated 25 tablets to Mafitlhakgosi Primary School in Tlokweng.

Receiving the gadgets on Friday, Member of Parliament and Minister of Communications, Knowledge, and Technology, Mr Thulagano Segokgo said the ICT equipment would provide a valuable opportunity for the young minds of Mafitlhakgosi school to actively participate in the digital age.

He said empowering Batswana at an early stage was crucial to ensure their active involvement in a digitally inclusive society.

He commended the collaborative effort between government and corporate entities such as Orange Botswana, highlighting how it drove advancement of digital technology towards the achievement of the national transformation vision.

Also, he said the donation showed commitment of both sectors to foster technological growth and enhanced educational opportunities for learners at the grassroots level.

"I wish to thank Orange Botswana for its continued commitment to the empowerment of Batswana as well as the social value and impact of their foundation through the digital school programme, which has benefitted many primary schools to date, with Mafitlhakgosi school being the 74<sup>th</sup>," said the



Minister Segokgo (centre), Ms Maiga (second left), Kgosi Motsholathebe Gaborone (left) and Tlokweng District Council chairperson, Mr Collen Mochotlhi at Orange digital school kit hand over ceremony at Mafitlhakgosi Primary School in Tlokweng recently. Mr Segokgo said it was crucial to empower young Batswana at an early stage to ensure they grew up to actively be part of the digitally inclusive society. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

minister.

Discussing the development of ICT in Botswana, he said government had prioritised the digital agenda on a national scale and had devised a digital transformation strategy to push the country's growth in digital technology use, education, and access.

"In today's society, utilisation and accessibility of digital

technology are no longer optional for enhancing productivity. Technology serves as an enabler and is crucial for our future," he stated.

Orange Botswana chief executive officer, Ms Nene Maiga, said their efforts of transforming lives of learners through provision of tablets was noticeable as they had already made donations to 74 schools.

She said Orange Botswana's expertise in IT strove to bring about positive changes in the educational experiences of pupils.

She said technology was globally embraced, hence the necessity to equip the young with the necessary skills and knowledge to thrive in their

studies.

Ms Maiga explained that they had provided the school with two servers containing local syllabus content.

She highlighted that the initiative would enable the creation of more interactive and engaging lessons that catered for diverse learning styles. Ms Maiga emphasised that Orange Botswana believed in the power of technology to enhance education and ensure equal opportunities for all learners.

"We have also collaborated with local companies to digitise this curriculum," she added.

Ms Maiga expressed her belief that such a collaboration would contribute to improving the

overall educational success and fundamental skills of school children.

"As we stand on the threshold of a new age, where information is at our fingertips and the ability to navigate digital landscapes is paramount, it is our responsibility to equip young minds with the skills and knowledge necessary for them to thrive," she said.

She said the skills were not only essential for academic success, but were the building blocks of the future workforce, where adaptability and digital fluency were prized assets.

Orange Digital School Programme, she said, was one of the initiatives embedded in their digital inclusion strategy. **BOPA**

## Ben Thema Primary, Chigasaki Elementary School exchange ideas

By Gaolethoo Kgatitswe

GABORONE - In a remarkable display of cultural exchange, Ben Thema Primary School and Chigasaki Elementary School of Japan recently celebrated their 10 years anniversary since their collaboration for an art and cultural exchange programme.

This collaboration has brought together young minds from different corners of the world and this unique initiative aimed to foster creativity, understanding and appreciation for diverse artistic expressions.

The partnership between these educational institutions was born out of a shared vision to broaden the horizons of their pupils and promote global awareness, particularly pupils in Standard Three.

Ben Them Primary School is situated Gaborone while Chigasaki Elementary School located in Yokohama, Japan.

They recognised the immense value of exposing their pupils to different cultures and artistic traditions.

The Ambassador of Japan to Botswana, Mr Ohmori Setsuo said that the art exchange programme spanned a decade

ago, during which the pupils from both schools engaged in a virtual discussion.

"Through these interactions the pupils not only shared their artistic creations, but also learned about the historical and cultural significance behind each piece," he said.

Ben Thema school head, Ms Boitshoko Mokgethi said the collaboration between the two schools had showcased a wide range of artistic mediums of paintings and drawings that encouraged the pupils to express their creativity freely, resulting in a vibrant and diverse collection of artworks that reflected their unique perspectives.

"The impact of this cultural exchange was evident in the growth and development of the participating pupils, they not only honed their artistic skills, but also developed a sense of empathy and appreciation for different cultures," she said.

She further explained how the cultural exchange served as a catalyst for fostering open-mindedness and breaking cultural barriers as the pupils discovered the power of art in bridging gaps and fostering connections. **BOPA**

## Dingwetsi association worry about passion killings

By Gaboselwe Olesitse

TAMASANE - Dingwetsi Association of Botswana is doing a great job to restore the dignity of the marriage institution, says Assistant Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Mr Sethabelo Modukanele.

Officiating at the annual general meeting of Dingwetsi Association of Botswana in Tamasane on Saturday, Mr Modukanele said family was the cornerstone of society and that his ministry was fully in support of the institution and unity.

He said family was where values, love and understanding were forged.

He added that strong families built strong communities and in turn a strong nation.

He emphasised that the theme: An Angry Nation is an Unforgiving One, resonated with the current state of the nation.

Mr Modukanele, who is also MP for Lerala/Maunatlala said such was illustrated by the rise

in passion killings and murder cases in the country.

He argued that it was a sign of anger that simmered beneath the surface.

He urged Dingwetsi to take a stand against the rising anger and violence in the country by building strong families.

"Only when our families are strong and united can we truly overcome the challenges the country is facing," said Mr Modukanele, emphasising the need to return to the values that had sustained the country for generations.

He said there was need to prioritise unity, love and understanding within homes, and that it could only happen by nurturing the values to build a forgiving nation.

Mr Modukanele urged them not to just celebrate, but to also be inspired by their values.

He also urged them to recruit the youth to the association as it could bring fresh ideas that could grow the organisation.

For her part, the founder

of Dingwetsi Association of Botswana, Ms Grace Silver said their association was committed to building strong families and discouraging divorce.

She said it was a reflection of their collective responsibility to support and uplift one another.

The association, she said, was growing at a fast rate with members from all over the country and neighbouring countries like South Africa and Lesotho.

Ms Silver said the aim of the meeting was to come together and celebrate Dingwetsi month, which was a testament of their commitment to their values.

She said the association was concerned about the number of gender based violence (GBV) cases and that the majority of them showed that women and girls were victims of the vice while men were the perpetrators.

Ms Silver urged everybody to condemn love-related murders and encouraged those affected to seek guidance before taking wrong decisions. **BOPA**







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06 November – 10 November 2023

Morning Session starting at 8.00 a.m.		Afternoon Session starting at 2.00 p.m.	
Component	Duration	Component	Duration
Monday 06 Nov 0571/03 Physics Theory	1 h 15 m	0599/01 Agriculture Multiple Choice	45 m
Tuesday 07 Nov 0615/02 Business Studies Paper 2	2 h	0570/01 Chemistry Multiple Choice	1 h
Wednesday 08 Nov 0572/04 Biology Practical Test	1 h 15 m		
0572/05 Biology Alternative to Practical	1 h		
0573/02 Human & Social Biology Theory	2 h		
Thursday 09 Nov 1255/02 Animal Production Practical	1 h 15 m		
1256/02 Field Crop Production Practical	1 h 15 m		
1257/02 Horticulture Practical	1 h 15 m		
Friday 10 Nov 0586/02 Development Studies Paper 2	1 h 30 m	0570/03 Chemistry Theory	1 h 15 m

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13 November – 17 November 2023

Morning Session starting at 8.00 a.m.		Afternoon Session starting at 2.00 p.m.	
Component	Duration	Component	Duration
Monday 13 Nov 0597/01 Computer Studies Practical Paper	1 h 30 m		
Tuesday 14 Nov 0614/02 Accounting Paper 2	2 h	0572/01 Biology Multiple Choice	50 m
		0573/01 Human & Social Biology Multiple Choice	1 h
Wednesday 15 Nov 0571/04 Physics Practical Test	2 h		
0571/05 Physics Alternative to Practical	1 h		
Thursday 16 Nov 0618/01 French Listening Multiple Choice	50 m	0614/01 Accounting Paper 1	2 h
Friday 17 Nov 0570/04 Chemistry Practical Test	1 h		
0570/05 Chemistry Alternative to Practical	1 h		

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20 November – 24 November 2023

Morning Session starting at 8.00 a.m.		Afternoon Session starting at 2.00 p.m.	
Component	Duration	Component	Duration
Monday 20 Nov 0583/01 History Paper 1	2 h	0572/03 Biology Theory	1 h 15 m
Tuesday 21 Nov 0597/02 Computer Studies Written	2 h 30 m	0586/01 Development Studies Paper 1	1 h 30 m
Wednesday 22 Nov 0587/01 Literature in English Paper 1	2 h 30 m	0571/01 Physics Multiple choice	1 h
Thursday 23 Nov 1254/01 Hospitality & Tourism Studies	2 h	0615/01 Business Studies Paper 1	2 h
1255/01 Animal Production	2 h		
1256/01 Field Crop Production	2 h		
1257/01 Horticulture	2 h		
Friday 24 Nov 0588/02 Religious Education Paper 2	2 h 30 m	0599/02 Agriculture Theory	2 h 15 m

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27 November – 01 December 2023

Morning Session starting at 8.00 a.m.		Afternoon Session starting at 2.00 p.m.	
Component	Duration	Component	Duration
Monday 27 Nov 0569/03 Science Double Award Theory	2 h	0585/03 Social Studies Paper 3	2:00 PM 1 h
		0618/24 French Reading	3:30 PM 1 h
Tuesday 28 Nov 0562/03 Setswana Literature	2 h 30 m	0584/01 Geography Paper 1	1 h 30 m
Wednesday 29 Nov 0585/02 Social Studies Paper 2	2 h 30 m	0584/03 Geography Paper 3	2:00 PM 1 h
		0618/44 French Writing	3:30 PM 1 h
Thursday 30 Nov 0563/02 Mathematics Paper 2	2 h	0568/04 Science Single Award Alternative to practical	1 h
		0569/04 Science Double Award Alternative to Practical	1 h 30
Friday 01 Dec 0598/02 Commerce Written	2 h 30 m	0561/01 English Language Continuous Writing	1 h 45 m

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04 December – 08 December 2023

Morning Session starting at 8.00 a.m.			Afternoon Session starting at 2.00 p.m.		
Day	Component	Duration	Component	Duration	
Monday 04 Dec	0569/01 Science Double Award Multiple Choice	8:00 AM 1 h 30 m	0562/01 Setswana Continuous Writing	1 h 40 m	
	0598/01 Commerce Multiple Choice	11:00 AM 1 h			
Tuesday 05 Dec	0584/02 Geography Paper 2	2 h 10 m	0598/03 Commerce Case Study	1 h 45 m	
Wednesday 06 Dec	0562/02 Setswana Paper 2 Comprehension, Summary and Translation	1 h 50 m	0563/01 Mathematics Paper 1	1 h 30 m	
Thursday 07 Dec	0561/02 English Language Comprehension	2 h	585/01 Social Studies Paper 1	1 h 30 m	
Friday 08 Dec					

2023 BGCSE Coursework Moderation Schedule

Activity	Description	Syllabus	Collection of Projects/Marks Date	Deliverables
Deadline for submission of Coursework projects and marks.	1. The date the marks for centrally moderated components should be captured in Malepa and deliverables collected by <b>Botswana Examinations Council</b>  2. The date the marks for Centre-moderation components should be captured into Malepa application and deliverables to be submitted to the <b>Chief Invigilators at your Centres</b> .	1. 0612/02 0597/03 0599/03 0616/02 0617/03 0586/03	04 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendance registers</li> <li>Projects</li> <li>Individual Candidate-Mark sheets</li> <li>Record cards (where Applicable)</li> <li>Summary Mark sheets.</li> <li>Marks to be captured into Malepa Application except for Agriculture which is captured at BEC.</li> </ul>
		2. 0613/02 3. 0595/02 4. 0596/05 5. 1254/03 1255/03 1256/03 1257/03	Submission of Marks Dates 04 - 06 October 2023 11 - 13 October 2023 04 - 06 October 2023 08 - 10 November 2023	
Submission of Non-Coursework French Speaking Test	The date marks for the internally assessed component should reach <b>Botswana Examinations Council</b>	6. 0618/03	21 October 2023 <b>NB:</b> Test to run between 15 September and 18 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaking Test Samples</li> <li>A copy of completed Speaking Examination Working Mark Sheet</li> </ul>

Syllabus	Moderator Standardisation Dates		Moderation Date		Post Moderation Evaluation
	Team Leaders	Moderation Team	Start Date	End Date	
0613/02 Home Management	09 - 10 October	11 - 13 October	16 October	25 October	26 - 27 October
0596/05 Art & Design	09 - 10 October	09 - 10 October	11 October	23 October	24 - 25 October
0612/02 Fashion & Fabrics	16 - 17 October	18 - 20 October	21 October	29 October	30 October
0616/02 Physical Education	16 - 17 October	18 - 20 October	21 October	29 October	30 October
0597/03 Computer Studies	16 - 17 October	18 - 20 October	21 October	29 October	30 October
0586/03 Development Studies	16 - 17 October	18 - 20 October	21 October	31 October	01 November
0599/03 Agriculture	16 - 17 October	18 - 20 October	21 October	31 October	01 November
0617/03 Music	16 - 17 October	16 - 17 October	18 October	22 October	23 October
0595/02 Design & Technology	16 - 17 October	18 - 19 October	20 October	27 October	30 - 31 October
1254/03 Hospitality & Tourism Studies	13 - 14 November	13 - 14 November	15 November	19 November	20 - 21 November
1255/03 Animal Production	13 - 15 November	13 - 15 November	16 November	20 November	21 November
1256/03 Field Crop Production	13 - 15 November	13 - 15 November	16 November	20 November	21 November
1257/03 Horticulture	13 - 15 November	13 - 15 November	16 November	20 November	21 November

Key to the Timetable

Syllabus	Code	Date	Session	Duration
English Language	0561/01	01 Dec	pm	1 h 45 m
	0561/02	07 Dec	am	2 h
Setswana	0562/01	04 Dec	pm	1 h 40 m
	0562/02	06 Dec	am	1 h 50 m
	0562/03	28 Nov	am	2 h 30 m
Mathematics	0563/01	06 Dec	pm	1 h 30 m
	0563/02	30 Nov	am	2 h
Science: Single Award	0568/04	30 Nov	pm	1 h
Science: Double Award	0569/01	04 Dec	am	1 h 30 m
	0569/03	27 Nov	am	2 h
	0569/04	30 Nov	pm	1 h 30 m
Chemistry	0570/01	07 Nov	pm	1 h
	0570/03	10 Nov	pm	1 h 15 m
	0570/04	17 Nov	am	1 h
	0570/05	17 Nov	am	1 h
Physics	0571/01	22 Nov	pm	1 h
	0571/03	06 Nov	am	1 h 15 m
	0571/04	15 Nov	am	2 h
	0571/05	15 Nov	am	1 h
Biology	0572/01	14 Nov	pm	50 m
	0572/03	20 Nov	pm	1 h 15 m
	0572/04	08 Nov	am	1 h 15 m
	0572/05	08 Nov	am	1 h
Human & Social Biology	0573/01	14 Nov	pm	1 h
	0573/02	08 Nov	am	2 h
History	0583/01	20 Nov	am	2 h
	0583/02	03 Nov	pm	1 h 45 m
Geography	0584/01	28 Nov	pm	1 h 30 m
	0584/02	05 Dec	am	2 h 10 m
	0584/03	29 Nov	pm	1 h
Social Studies	0585/01	07 Dec	pm	1 h 30 m
	0585/02	29 Nov	am	2 h 30 m
	0585/03	27 Nov	pm	1 h
Development Studies	0586/01	21 Nov	pm	1 h 30 m
	0586/02	10 Nov	am	1 h 30 m
Literature in English	0587/01	22 Nov	am	2 h 30 m

Syllabus	Code	Date	Session	Duration
Religious Education	0588/02	24 Nov	am	2 h 30 m
Design & Technology	0595/01	02 Nov	am	2 h 30 m
Computer Studies	0597/01	13 Nov	am	1 h 30 m
	0597/02	21 Nov	am	2 h 30 m
Commerce	0598/01	04 Dec	am	1 h
	0598/02	01 Dec	am	2 h 30m
	0598/03	05 Dec	pm	1 h 45 m
Agriculture	0599/01	06 Nov	pm	45 m
	0599/02	24 Nov	pm	2 h 15 m
Food & Nutrition	0611/01	02 Nov	am	2 h
Fashion & Fabrics	0612/01	02 Nov	am	2 h
Home Management	0613/01	02 Nov	am	2 h
Accounting	0614/01	16 Nov	pm	2 h
	0614/02	14 Nov	am	2 h
Business Studies	0615/01	23 Nov	pm	2 h
	0615/02	07 Nov	am	2 h
Physical Education	0616/01	03 Nov	am	2 h
Music	0617/01	01 Nov	am	1 h
French	0618/01	16 Nov	am	50 m
	0618/24	27 Nov	pm	1 h
	0618/44	29 Nov	pm	1 h
Hospitality & Tourism Studies	1254/01	23 Nov	am	2 h
Animal Production	1255/01	23 Nov	am	2 h
	1255/02	09 Nov	am	1 h 15 m
Field Crop Production	1256/01	23 Nov	am	2 h
	1256/02	09 Nov	am	1 h 15 m
Horticulture	1257/01	23 Nov	am	2 h
	1257/02	09 Nov	am	1 h 15 m

2023 BGCSE Practical Examinations Schedule

Syllabus	Standardisation Date		Examination Date		Post Examination Evaluation
	Team Leaders	Examining Team	Start Date	End Date	
0617/02 Music	09 September	09 September	11 September	27 September	28 - 29 September
1254/02 Hospitality & Tourism Studies	09 September	09 September	11 September	20 September	22 - 24 September
0611/02 Food & Nutrition	11 - 12 September	13 September	14 September	28 September	12 - 13 October

1. Planning Session - 1254/02 Hospitality and Tourism Studies - **Tuesday 15 August 2023**
2. Planning Session - 0611/02 Food and Nutrition - **Tuesday, Wednesday 16 August 2023**
3. Practical Examination – **0596/1,2,3 Art and Design - Thursday 21 to Friday 22 September 2023**
4. Project Selection for Agriculture 3, Physical Education 2, Development Studies 3, Computer Studies 3 by Principal Moderators: **Monday, 09 October 2023.**



# M23 attacks worry SADC

LUANDA - Southern African Development Community (SADC) leaders have expressed concern about the security situation in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Speaking during SADC's Extraordinary Session of the Summit of Heads of State and Government meeting in Luanda on Saturday, they said the M23 attacks was a 'clear violation of the ceasefire.'

According to a statement from the Angolan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the summit meeting conveyed its worry about the deteriorating security and humanitarian situation in the region.

They also expressed concern about reports of the M23 resuming attacks and occupying new territories.

The summit meeting reiterated the need for SADC to lead efforts in mobilising resources to

promote peace and security in the region.

These efforts include resuming discussions to establish and operationalize the SADC Peace Fund, with the participation of International Cooperation Partners.

Twelve SADC member countries attended the summit meeting in Luanda, with the presence of the presidents of Angola, DRC, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, the escalation of violent conflicts since October 1 raises concerns about a fresh deterioration in the humanitarian situation, with approximately 51 000 people 'forced to flee their homes' in the DRC.

In August, Angola assumed the rotating presidency of SADC for the 2023-2024 term. *Xinhua*



HARARE - More than 15 Zimbabwean companies and organisations specialising in artifact, design, leather, telecommunications and minerals marketing are attending the sixth China International Import Expo held in Shanghai. The expo started on Saturday and will end on Friday. Photo: Xinhua

## Zimbabwe businesses eye new opportunities

JURU - Zimbabwean artifact and leather exhibitors participating in the sixth China International Import Expo (CIIE) are eyeing new opportunities in the Chinese market.

More than 15 Zimbabwean companies and organisations specialising in artifact, design, leather, telecommunications and minerals marketing are attending the expo, which started on Saturday and will end on Friday in Shanghai.

The CIIE and other exhibitions in China have been beneficial for the business, allowing for suppliers' efficient use of materials through expanding partnerships, said Tsitsi Chirova, managing director of Samuneti Leathers, a company that manufactures leather products.

"From our previous participation, we managed to increase our sales and also to get some advice from our customers to enhance our production," Chirova said, taking as an example the company's

participation in the 2018 edition of the expo, which boosted sales dramatically.

"So for us to attend the Chinese expo, I believe it really gives us that opportunity to really advertise our company and coming back home, we believe we will have more customers," she said.

Richard Mudinzva, a Harare-based sculptor, which will be debuting at the expo, is seeking to carve out a niche for himself in the Chinese market.

Mudinzva's art collection, which is meticulously carved mostly with simple hand-held tools, reflects Zimbabwe's diverse wildlife resources.

The artist will be presenting a collection of precious stone sculptures, made of leopard rock, dolomite, jade and green verdite, among others, as well as hardwood carvings, which are in demand in the Chinese market.

"I will be exhibiting some stone sculptured animals, for example, some lions, some elephants,

some buffalo, some rhinos and leopards," Mudinzva said.

"There is a lot of clientele in the Chinese market who are interested in our works and a lot of people in most cases who have been going there were selling out within the first day or the second day," said Mudinzva.

Allan Majuru, CEO of the trade promotion agency, ZimTrade, said Zimbabwe was exploring fresh business opportunities in China for Zimbabwe's artifacts and leather products, a miniature of the country's cultural heritage, and the CIIE helps make that possible.

"That's why we saw it fit to go back this year and make sure that we explore more opportunities between Zimbabwe and China," he said.

Data from the Chinese Embassy in Zimbabwe showed that two-way trade grew by 39.4 per cent year-on-year to US\$2.43 billion in the first nine months of this year, surpassing the total trade volume for 2022. *Xinhua*

## Tourism council calls for easing visa application procedures

KIGALI - World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) has urged governments to further ease visa application procedures.

Governments should work to ease visa restrictions and accelerate the process of visa applications in a bid to further support international tourism, says the council's chief executive officer (CEO) of Julia Simpson, who is also the council's president on the sidelines of the 23<sup>rd</sup> WTTC Global Summit, which took place in Kigali recently.

Latest data from WTTC and its partner Oxford Economics show that global travel is surging back, with all regions recovering faster than previously expected and especially Asia-Pacific leading the way.

"I'm really pleased to say that in 2023, we're going to be back to 2019 levels, some regions are already exceeding 2019 numbers.

Travel and tourism is growing more than double the rate of global GDP.

It's a growth sector," Simpson said.

Under the theme Building Bridges to a Sustainable Future

and co-hosted by the Rwanda Development Board, this year's WTTC event brought together thousands of industry leaders and experts and key government representatives in a bid to support the sector's growth and move to a safer, more resilient, inclusive and sustainable future.

Simpson also said the key to the future of tourism lies in 'regenerative tourism', which aims at promoting a more sustainable way of traveling and making sure the cultural heritage, local traditions and environment are conserved from one generation to the next.

The WTTC, founded in 1990, is a global authority on the economic and social contribution of travel and tourism.

As a non-profit organisation based in London, its members include more than 200 CEOs, chairpersons and presidents of the world's leading private-sector travel and tourism businesses.

The WTTC also announced Friday that its 2024 global summit will be held in Perth, the capital and largest city of Western Australia. *Xinhua*

## Global sugar prices decline - FAO

ROME - Global sugar prices settled down in October, following sharp increases in previous months, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has said Friday.

Sugar has been the most volatile food commodity in recent weeks, amid concerns over supplies sparked by extreme weather in sugar-producing countries, high energy prices, and the impacts of the El Nino weather phenomenon.

However, the FAO said sugar prices declined 2.2 per cent in October, after surging 9.8 per cent the previous month to reach

their highest level since 2010.

Despite the modest decline in October, global sugar prices were still 46.6 per cent above a year ago, after having climbed in eight of the last 12 months.

Meanwhile, the FAO's overall Food Price Index declined slightly, in part due to lower sugar prices.

The index fell by 0.5 per cent compared to the previous month. It has now declined in all but two months over the last year, and stands 10.9 per cent below its levels from October of last year.

Grains and cereals, the largest

component in the index, saw prices decline by 1.0 per cent in October, paced by a 2.0 per cent decrease in rice prices amid weak global demand.

Prices for vegetable oils were down by 0.7 per cent in October, and meat prices were 0.6 per cent lower than a month earlier.

Dairy prices were the one food commodity group to see prices rise in October, climbing 2.2 per cent, pushed mostly by higher prices for milk powder due to an increase in demand. These gains reversed nine consecutive months of declines. *Xinhua*



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## Miss Botswana concludes auditions

By Bakang Wren

GABORONE - The Miss Botswana team has, on Saturday and after weeks of travelling throughout Botswana, successfully concluded auditions for the pageant to be held next year.

The search for Miss Botswana 2024 candidates began at Kwalape Safari Lodge in Kasane in October and the auditions team was led by former Miss Botswana queens including Oweditse Phirinyane of 2019 and Nicole Gaelebele of 2017, who is also the pageantry producer.

Auditions were conducted in over 20 locations including, among others, Ramotswa, Serowe, Palapye, Jwaneng, Kanye, Mahalapye, Francistown, Selebi Phikwe, Moshupa and Lobatse.

In an interview, Gaelebele said the Gaborone auditions on Saturday received a remarkable turnout, with numerous aspiring beauty queens showing interest.

She said during the auditions, candidates were asked to introduce themselves, allowing the panel to assess their public speaking skills and confidence levels.

Panelists also assessed not only the candidates' vocal abilities but also their stage presence, focusing on qualities such as posture, walk and body language.

She added that they were also seeking confidence, poise and grace in the candidates, hence the importance of projecting a positive and friendly attitude when interacting with them.

Also, she said all candidates



Panel of judges interviewing an aspiring beauty queen during Miss Botswana auditions in Gaborone on Saturday. Gaelebele expressed delight that auditions in Gaborone received a remarkable turnout. Photo: Tshoganetso Mokowe

were required to showcase their talent because that played a significant role in determining their suitability for the Miss Botswana 2024 title.

Some candidates sang, danced, recited poems or showcased their acting skills in order to secure their place in the competition.

Gaelebele said another crucial aspect of the auditions revolved around the candidates' project, which carried substantial weight in the Miss World pageant.

"We are in search of a queen who could effectively represent Botswana at the international competition," she said.

She added that all candidates therefore had to participate in a community project, not only to contribute selflessly but also demonstrate their character and compassion.

On one hand, she said they had strengthened their collaboration with Miss World South Africa and

had the opportunity to attend their grand finale.

Meanwhile, she said even though dates for Miss Botswana 2024 are yet to be announced, reigning queen, Lesego Chombo will represent the country at the Miss World pageant to be held in India in February next year. **BOPA**

## Thindimba, Tuvare make it to Mr and Miss RADP finale

By Kedirebofe Pelontle

GUMARE - Mmoloki Thindimba of Ghani and Constance Tuvare of Xaixai beat their fellow contestants to the Mr and Miss RADP titles for Okavango District Council on Saturday.

The duo will represent the district at the pageant finale.

They did well in the following categories; culture, evening gown parades and stage presence among others.

Thindimba, aged 24, who was trying his luck for the second time, said he was happy with the results adding that his never-die-attitude paid off.

Twenty-one-year-old, Tuvare, who was making her first appearance at the pageant, was happy that she won.

Evelyn Ketjimanbo of Qangwa and Atamelang Koshunya of

Tobera were crowned first and second princesses respectively while Kenalemang Soria of Xaixai and Uatumbovandu Gabogolewe are first and second princes.

Meanwhile, Access Bank-Shakawe centre manager, Bob Makgetho, who was guest speaker, said the pageant recognised talent of young men and women from their remote areas.

"Through the pageant, the council is levelling the ground for the young people to show that they can compete with their counterparts from across the country," he said.

The pageant, which initially started with females only has since incorporated males.

He said Okavango District Council spent P34 000 in the pageant, of which, P17 000 was reserved for prize moneys.

He said the event was also made

possible through the generosity of other sponsors such as Botswana Savings Bank.

Okavango District Council acting council secretary, Iris Sitayelo said winners would go and compete in the nationals directly following the upgrading of the district from a sub-district to a fully-fledged one.

The council's chief social and community development officer, Michael Israel said the pageant, whose one of the objectives was to unearth talent from remote areas, targeted females aged between 18-25 and males aged between 18-27.

He said the aim was for the youth to have a role in the economy, to have confidence and compete with counterparts.

The contestants were from Gudigwa, Tobera, Ghani, Chukumuchu, Xaixai and Qangwa. **BOPA**



Aspiring beauty queens, Lefika Tladi (left) and Lorato Kgangyapelo during Miss Botswana auditions in Gaborone on Saturday. Photo: Tshoganetso Mokowe



# BOTESSA adds more sporting codes

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - In their effort to broaden sport development in the country, Botswana Tertiary Student Sport Association (BOTESSA) has added more sporting codes to their list.

In an interview with the president of the association on the side-lines of the inaugural BOTESSA games, Keorapetse Setlhare said rugby, swimming, 3x3 basketball, boxing and karate were some of the new codes they had included in their competitions.

He said they choose codes that were lagging behind and that the new ones had the potential to benefit the country as some of their athletes could be chosen for national team assignments.

Setlhare said it was also a way of encouraging their institutions to accommodate the codes and that they found it imperative to host the games this year. He said they had also managed to run coaching clinics for some of the codes and added that the games were a follow-up to the coaching clinics to see how they performed.

He said their desire was to send a 3x3 basketball team to continental and international university competitions, and that their dream was to see some of their players in the national team and Olympics.

Setlhare said they had a pool of athletes who were talented in different codes, but that they were disadvantaged by not competing.

"I am hopeful that the second edition will be bigger and better," he said.

Meanwhile, in the Rugby 7's University Sport South Africa were crowned the men's champions after



University Sport South Africa's Mauritz Maritz (right) maneuvering past Tswelopele Brigade players during Botswana Tertiary Student Sport Association games in Gaborone on Saturday. They beat Tswelopele 67-0. University Sport South Africa were crowned men's champion after beating University of Botswana 22-0. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

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In the women's category, Phoenix beat University Sport South Africa 22-7 to be crowned the champions. **BOPA**

## Wanderers, Holy Ghost share spoils

By Booster Mogapi

MOLEPOLOLE - Morupule Wanderers and Holy Ghost shared the spoils in a Botswana Premier League encounter played at the VTM Arena at Gamonyane.

The game ended 1-1. While both teams played head to head, the strikers on both sides failed to complete clear-cut chances that could have seen either of the teams taking the lead.

It was Holy Ghost who opened the scoring sheet on the seventh minute through Abang Molobe, who shoved the ball in as Wanderers defenders failed to clear their lines.

Morupule Wanderers came back well organized in the second half and their prayers were answered in the 47th minute when Dominic Chungwa scored the equalizer.

Holy Ghost head coach, Reuben Chikoti, said this was not an easy game as Wanderers was a great team but at least they took a point home.

He lamented several goal scoring opportunities missed, which could have seen them win the game but then also gave away an easy goal to their opponent to equalize.

Chikoti said they played well but they will ultimately begin to give better results as the league has just begun and asked the supporters not to lose heart as they will bounce back. Commenting on the goal scorer, Molobe, the coach said the striker had a great potential and unlike most of last season, he is now given more play time to prove himself "and so far he is doing very well and more is expected from him going forward."

Chikoti said their next game is against Masitaoka, which is a tough opponent to play against but they will surely prepare for the game as they also have a young team, which can match their opponents.

Wanderers head coach, Rahman Gumbo, said he was not happy with the display by his players as they gave away an easy goal that could have been cleared.

He said nevertheless, they are great players who can deliver but this time around, they did not take full responsibility as expected.

Gumbo said they have to go back to the drawing board and prepare to face Jwaneng Galaxy and believes that his boys will come to the party. **BOPA**

## Galaxy miss crucial points

By Aobakwe Molefhi

JWANENG - Defending champions, Jwaneng Galaxy, denied themselves a perfect opportunity to top the BPL league log on Saturday when they played to a two-all draw with Police XI.

The game was played in the mining town of Jwaneng on Saturday afternoon.

Daniel Msendami, who has been on a scintillating form, opened the scoring sheet just three minutes into the game, thanks to the sloppy defense of 'The Jungle Kings' who failed to clear their lines.

The evergreen Thabang Sesinyi registered the second goal after some well-crafted move inside the

box, giving the home side a good advantage to control the somewhat lukewarm game, as the opponents seemed lost.

Galaxy, affectionately called Lesagaripa la Dinaledi continued to dominate the game until the first half went to recess.

The Jungle Kings came back from the break a rejuvenated side and Thabo Setutwe pulled one back for the visitors before Thabiso Boti equalized just two minutes after the first goal. Having been a game of two halves, the two sides shared spoils at the end and one could safely say Galaxy was saved by the final whistle as Police dictated terms toward the end of the match.

After the weekend games,

Galaxy are now on position three, tied at the top with Gaborone United and Township Rollers with 13 points each and only separated by goals conceded.

Meanwhile, in Lobatse on Sunday afternoon, BDF XI also shared the spoils with Masitaoka FC. The game, which was poorly attended, might have had a bearing on the outcome as players from both teams could barely combine well.

However, Matebele could have grabbed all the three points on offer had they been clinical in the last third, a problem, which saw them squandering quite a number of chances against Majatlhaga. **BOPA**

## Matebele take stock from loss

By Olekantse Sennamose

GABORONE - Despite falling heavy on the sword of Gaborone United (GU), Matebele FC will take the loss as a lesson learnt rather than an occasion for self criticism.

Speaking in an interview after a 5-0 drubbing by Moyagolele on Sunday, Matebele FC coach, Woody Jacobs said after a blistering start in the elite league, it was perhaps good that his team got a shake up to avoid complacency.

"The loss is a bitter pill to swallow but I also think it's good, especially that it happened to the players; it happened so that they take stock of themselves and know where to improve," he said.

Jacobs said his team's main undoing was lapses in concentration, but said every game presents learning material, which they would use to get back on their feet.

He also credited GU for being ruthless whenever his team presented them with chances.

"We made some mistakes at the back, and being 3-0 down within 30 minutes was always going to be a tall order to get the team back," he said. He also said despite his team having a poor first half, he was encouraged by the much-improved second half, although he admitted that their naivety helped GU to add another two goals.

Jacobs also said although it was overwhelming to lose with a big score, his charges should not be judged harshly from their last two losses looking as they lost against high calibre opponents in Orapa United and GU.

The winning coach, Pontsho 'Piro' Moloi also said despite the loss, Matebele FC were not as bad as the results reflected.

"In all fairness, I think the score line was too harsh on them.

They are a good team with an intelligent coach and I think they were just undone by the margin," he said.

Turning to his team, Moloi said he was more happy with the performance than the score.

GU will face cross-town rivals, Township Rollers, in their next assignment. Moloi said the win against Matebele could not have given them a better morale.

"The morale should be high against our next opponent.

It's a derby and players do not need me or anybody else to motivate them because bragging rights are at stake.

We will be very much ready for the derby," he assured.

Meanwhile, Matebele FC will take on Sua Flamingoes in their next assignment, where Jacobs is hopeful they would have worked on their grey areas, especially the defence. **BOPA**



## Standing ovation for Tebogo

*...rare honour for athlete*

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - "Stand up Schoolboy so that all Batswana in this House and at home may honour you with a standing ovation," said President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi in Parliament yesterday.

His words were followed by a standing ovation and thunderous applause from MPs and guests who were in Parliament for the State-of-the-Nation Address.

Among other achievements, Letsile 'Schoolboy' Tebogo became the first African to win a men's 100 metres during the 2023 World Championships held in Budapest, Hungary in August this year.

He also won a bronze medal in the 200 metres and also became the first athlete in Botswana to snatch a medal in both 100 and 200 metres at the World Championships.

He is the 200m 2022 African champion, becoming the youngest winner of the title in the competition's history.

Just before the World Championships, Tebogo broke the 200m record set by Namibia's Frankie Fredericks 27 years ago of 19.68 seconds and in turn set an African record at the London Diamond League meeting with a time of 19.50 seconds.

"We are where the world's best athletes are - medal podiums," added President Masisi.

Botswana, the President said, had become a formidable participant in sport on the

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global stage.

He said there was need for Batswana to continue to support the country's brand ambassadors.

President Masisi said athletes in the likes of Tebogo, Amantle Montsho, Isaac Makwala, Nijel Amos, Tumisang Orebonye and Ross Branch, had in their own right, raised Botswana's flag in the sporting world and made sport in the country interesting and attractive, especially among youth.

On other issues, President Masisi said the completion of ongoing 10 community stadia will significantly contribute to grassroots sport development and formation of sport academies at community level.  
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*Tebogo arriving at the National Assembly buildings for the State-of-the-Nation Address in Gaborone yesterday. He received a standing ovation in Parliament for his sterling performance this season.*

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