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President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi (right) welcoming Estonia President, Mr Alar Karis, at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport in Gaborone yesterday. President Karis is on a four-day state visit at the invitation of President Masisi. The visit aims to bolster bilateral relations and identify potential areas of cooperation. Accompanying President Karis are First Lady Ms Sirje Karis, senior government officials, and a business delegation. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

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# Morwaeng engages online media association

By Gontle Merafhe

GABORONE - Botswana Online Media Association (BOMA) members have been encouraged to capitalize on the technological opportunities within the digital media ecosystem.

Speaking at engagement with BOMA in Gaborone recently, Minister for State President Mr Kabo Morwaeng emphasised the rapid change brought about by digitalization, innovation, and robust solutions that were impacting lives, highlighting the necessity for a shift in the way things were done.

He urged the youth to make use of the various media platforms available and tap into the global creative economy, which is largely untapped in Africa.

Mr Morwaeng stressed the importance of participating in the digital space not only to showcase creative work globally but also to potentially make a career out of it.

Therefore, he said there was a need for initiatives that not only impact Botswana but the entire African continent.

The Minister highlighted the need for a mindset change in response to the demands of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) to thrive in this digital era.

He pointed out that digital platforms offer a blueprint to shape the future of the digital information dissemination landscape and emphasised the immediate need to kickstart technological entrepreneurial pursuits among the youth and the nation as a whole.

Mr Morwaeng underlined the government's commitment to digitalization as a priority, exemplified by the launch of the

Smart Botswana (SmartBots) Strategy last year.

"This strategy aims to leverage the opportunities presented by the 4IR to transition Botswana towards a Knowledge-Based Economy," he said

On another note, Mr Morwaeng acknowledged the crucial role of online media in today's interconnected world, stressing the importance of nurturing a new generation of content creators to reach a global audience easily.

Moreover, Minister Morwaeng meeting with BOMA highlighted their significance in the country's development agenda.

This consultation platform, he said served to facilitate dialogue on government policies, programs, and activities, fostering stakeholder engagement and discussions on pertinent issues.

In response, BOMA Interim Chairperson Mr Letlhogile Mpuang expressed their commitment to promoting responsible online media usage.

With over 30 online media platforms and a substantial online following, they seek recognition from the government to spearhead business growth initiatives and collaborate on public awareness campaigns.

Secretary General Mr Ketumile Ramatiti emphasised the real-time news coverage capabilities of online media, especially crucial during events like the COVID-19 pandemic.

He noted efforts to ensure ethical reporting practices within the association and highlighted the challenges faced in funding through advertisements due to some members' non-incorporation with CIPA. As a way forward, Mr Ramatiti called for enhanced training programmes to adapt to the dynamic online

media landscape continually evolving. Permanent Secretary, Government Communications,

Ms Montlonyane Baaitse commended BOMA for their proactive stance, recognising

their maturity and commitment to advancing the digital media landscape in Botswana. **BOPA**



Ms Ramokoka (left) appearing with chief accountant, Mr Kennedy Segobye before the Public Accounts Committee in Gaborone recently. The committee raised concerns that the safekeeping of government premises and property was compromised by some private security companies' failure or delay to pay employees. Photo: Godfrey Mpupe

## Private security companies worry Public Accounts Committee

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - The safekeeping of government premises and property is compromised by some private security companies' failure or delay to pay employees.

The observation was made by the Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), Mr Wynter Mmolotsi on Thursday when examining the books of accounts for the financial year ending March 31, 2021 for the then Ministry of Defence, Justice and Security that it was a well-known trend that some private security companies faced challenges.

Mr Mmolotsi was concerned that despite their failure to fulfill employment contractual obligations with their employees, they continue to get their licenses renewed and do business with government.

The committee was also concerned by drug proliferation in the country. Mr Mmolotsi said he has never heard of a case where a drug load was arrested.

He said it was unfortunate to observe law enforcers seem to only arrest distributors and users. Mr Mmolotsi said the campaign against the entry and sale of habit-forming drugs must be intensified.

He said the future generation was doomed by the use of drugs.

On other issues relating to the status of refugees in the country, Mr Mmolotsi said some refugees have been in the country since the 1990s, therefore asking why government was not sponsoring their children who were born

in the country to pursue their tertiary education. He said since they were born here, there was no other country that they were to consider as their home adding that such children never chose to be born under such circumstances, therefore were in dire need of assistance.

However, Mr Mmolotsi has acknowledged that the ministry was mandated a mammoth of a task. "You are dealing with difficult and sensitive issues of national interest," he said.

Briefing the PAC and responding to questions from committee members, the Permanent Secretary in the now Ministry of Defence and Security, Ms Pearl Ramokoka said the then Ministry of Defence, Justice and Security was split into two after rationalisation, establishing a new Ministry of Justice.

Ms Ramokoka said during the year under review, the Dukwi Refugee Camp has a total of 725 inhabitants, a decline from the 933 of the previous year.

She said her Ministry will continue to service refugees at the camp. However, Ms Ramokoka observed that during the financial year under review, her Ministry was overwhelmed by asylum seekers mostly from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

She said her Ministry, working in conjunction with that of Labour and Home Affairs, was assessing each case based on its merit to find solutions to those seeking asylum.

Ms Ramokoka also added that

trans-human trafficking was also a challenge, therefore stringent measures have been introduced, which included the development of anti-human trafficking plan to manage the situation.

In relation to dealing with drugs proliferation, Ms Ramokoka said they were focused on increasing urgency towards investigating drug related cases as well as increasing capacity to deal with ever changing trends of the drug relating criminal acts.

Ms Ramokoka said her ministry was only responsible for licensing private security companies and to ensure that they were not in violation of the laws that govern their operation.

She said issues relating to failure to pay their employees was dealt with under a different Ministry through the Industrial Court.

Ms Ramokoka said it was high time to maybe consider looking at their licensing requirements and ensure that those failing to pay employees and therefore compromising provision of a service that they were licensed to provide were accordingly dealt with.

Ms Ramokoka also added that the Military Veterans office was in the process of getting a Director to run its affairs and ensure that it was fully functional.

She said it was also important to come up with some means of empowering and supporting lower ranking officers of the Botswana Defence Force upon retirement as the law mandates them to retire at an early age of 45 years. **BOPA**

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**Estonia President Mr Alar Karis inspecting a guard of honor upon arrival at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport in Gaborone yesterday. During his visit, Mr Karis is expected to engage in discussions with President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi regarding the establishment of Botswana-Estonia Political Consultation and the enhancement of bilateral and multilateral cooperation.**  
Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

# Survey on NCDs starts Friday

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - The Ministry of Health is conducting a household-based survey in response to the increasing burden of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in the country.

The STEP Survey, scheduled from March 8 to June 18, is a collaborative effort with the National AIDS and Health Promotion Agency (NAHPA), World Health Organisation and Statistics Botswana.

This survey aims to provide crucial insights into the current prevalence of NCDs and their risk factors among Botswana.

During the launch of the survey in Gaborone on Wednesday, Minister Dr Edwin Dikoloti urged

Batswana to cooperate with the survey teams.

The data collected will focus on established behavioral and biological risk factors that contribute to the major burden of NCDs in Botswana.

Dr Dikoloti highlighted that NCDs pose a significant threat to the nation's health goals, with recent studies indicating that NCDs account for approximately 46 per cent of all deaths in the country.

He emphasised the preventable nature of NCDs and expressed concern over the impact they had, especially on the younger population.

Heart diseases, cancers, diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases, and mental illnesses like depression were among the most prevalent NCDs affecting the population, he said

The minister stressed the urgent need for action, noting how NCD-related deaths often occur during individuals' prime years, resulting in the loss of breadwinners and productive workforce members in the country.

The survey will involve face-to-face interviews to gather key information on behavioral risk factors, screen for depression and anxiety, and take physical measurements such as blood pressure, waist circumference, weight, height, and biochemical measurements like blood glucose and cholesterol.

Dr Dikoloti encouraged Batswana to welcome the survey teams into their homes to ensure the collection of credible data that will inform future interventions.

"NCDs not only impact health-care but also impose a heavy socio-economic toll, draining valuable resources and hindering the nation's development efforts.

They lead to loss of loved ones, disrupt livelihoods, and perpetuate cycles of poverty and despair," Dr Dikoloti said.

Dr Juliet Bataringaya from WHO Botswana commended Botswana for being the second country in the African region to initiate the STEPS fieldwork.

She highlighted the rising mortality rates due to NCDs in Sub-Saharan Africa, with NCDs responsible for 94 000 lives lost in Botswana in 2022.

Dr Bataringaya emphasised the need for a change in mindset towards healthier lifestyles. **BOPA**

## Ministry provides counselling to officers

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has provision of a private psychiatrists who assists officers upon their return from engagements outside the country.

The Director for Regional Cooperation Ambassador Nkoloi Nkoloi told the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) recently that the psychiatrist provides counselling services and is accessible to the entire staff.

He said the ministry encouraged officers returning from service outside the country to attend counselling to help them settle back into the country and adjust to the level of life back home.

For her part, the Acting permanent secretary in the ministry, Ms Lorato Plaatjie explained that the standard tour of service for officers assigned outside the country was four years, adding that this put them in a position to prepare themselves to return home after those years.

Ms Plaatjie said the ministry

continued to manage and coordinate Botswana's foreign policy and advance the country's national interests abroad.

She said the ministry worked closely with other ministries through its diplomatic representatives abroad (High Commissions and Embassies),

to engage the international community in the interest of the country and its people.

PAC chairperson Mr Wynter Mmolotsi had asked if there were any counselling arrangements for officers returning from international service. Mr Mmolotsi was of the view that

officers live large when they are in foreign missions, adding that they were well taken care of including their children, but when they come back they become like any government employee. He said it was important that they be assisted so that they adjust back to the level of life back home. **BOPA**



**Ms Plaatjie (second right) and chief accountant, Ms Boitshoko Moshebashebi appearing before the Public Accounts Committee in Gaborone recently. Ms Plaatjie said the ministry continued to manage and coordinate Botswana's foreign policy and advance the country's national interests abroad.**  
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# Lesaso calls for construction of old age homes

By **Thato Mosinyi**

PARLIAMENT - Government should consider building old age homes across the country as a means to provide a dignified life for the elderly, Shoshong MP, Mr Aubrey Lesaso has said.

Debating the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development budget proposal for the 2024/2025 financial year, Mr Lesaso said while some elderly people could be fortunate enough to have a strong family support system, others did not have the same privilege.

He said in such cases old age homes could provide a safe and secure environment for senior citizens to live comfortably.

Mr Lesaso argued that old age homes would provide specialised care and attention to seniors, which may not be possible at home due to various reasons such as lack of time or expertise.

He said old age facilities could offer round-the-clock care, medical assistance and daily living support to the elderly.

In response, Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Mr Kgotla Autlwtse highlighted that government was committed to providing a dignified life for the elderly and other less privileged members of the community through various social protection programmes.

“Government has various social protection programmes such as Old Age Pension, Destitute Persons, Orphans and Vulnerable Children, Community Home Based Care patients, World War II veterans and People with Disabilities allowances,” he explained.

He noted that over 236 000 beneficiaries were registered under various social protection programmes and that 135 were old age pensioners.

Mr Autlwtse further noted that his ministry proposed to increase

social benefit allowances by P100 from April.

This, he said, would cover safety nets such as old age pension allowances, destitute cash allowance, World War II veterans allowances and the disability allowances while the Village Development Committee sitting allowance would increase by P130.

“Although these increases may not be exhaustive, they are intended to enhance the wellbeing of the beneficiaries,” he said.

With reference to Ipelegeng programme, Mr Autlwtse said the implementation of the programme was making significant strides in addressing the challenges faced by the less privileged across the country.

“The transformed programme, encompassing both labour-intensive and drought relief aspects, has engaged a cumulative total of 602 478 individuals and has expended P480.6 million for the 2023/2024 financial year,” he said.

He added that the skills development component of the programme continued to positively impact the lives of Batswana, noting that 157 artisans had been accredited in construction-related trades, including bricklaying and plastering, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, tiling and paving.

The minister said ongoing nationwide training was expected to produce 3 294 graduates and deliver 127 projects by the end of the second quarter of the financial year 2024/2025.

In response to the severe arable drought, Mr Autlwtse said government had increased the Ipelegeng programme quota by a combined 20 000 slots.

He said running costs covering materials and tools had been augmented to accommodate an additional 196 construction and minor maintenance projects nationwide. **BOPA**



Mr Autlwtse said the ministry had made strides in improving the lives of the most vulnerable citizens such as expanding access to essential services and providing targeted support to those in need.

## Over P12 billion for local govt, rural development

By **Thato Mosinyi**

PARLIAMENT - Parliament has approved the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development proposed budget of over P12 billion comprising of P9.4 billion and P2.8 billion for the recurrent and development budgets respectively for the 2024/2025 financial year.

Presenting the budget proposal to Parliament last Thursday, Minister Kgotla Autlwtse said they were meticulously crafted to align with the Reset and Reclaim Agenda, the Economic Recovery and Transformation Plan (ERTP) as well as cabinet strategic thrusts and the SmartBots strategy.

He said the budget proposal was also in line with his ministry's strategy and transformation plan and national development priorities outlined in the Second Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP) as well as the general direction of the 2024/25 budget speech.

The proposal, he said, acted as a conduit to propel the nation towards achieving Vision 2036 aspirations.

Additionally, Mr Autlwtse said the ministry had made strides in improving the lives of the most vulnerable citizens such as expanding access to essential services and providing targeted support to those in need.

He said the Rural Development Council (RDC) remained steadfast in its commitment to supporting community-led projects and complementing the initiatives undertaken by various line ministries.

“During the financial year 2023/2024 and as part of the Second Transitional National Development Plan (TNDP) II, the Rural Development Council was allocated a sum of P6.3 million to bolster community-led endeavours,” he said.

The funds, Mr Autlwtse said, were strategically channeled into diverse projects, including the expansion of Zutshwa Salt Mine in the Hukunsi District, revival of Morula processing plant in the Kweneng District and another new Morula plant in Tsamaya in the North East District as well as the mapping of Morula in the northern region, covering areas from Tswapong through the North East District to Nata/Gweta.

He said the financial resources also facilitated capacity building programmes for community trusts and boards in Zutshwa, Letlhakeng, Boteti, and BORAVAST, (Bokspits, Rapplespan, Valhoek and Struisdam) area, focusing on enhancing governance and financial management.

“This collaborative effort, in partnership with the Local

Enterprise Authority (LEA), aims to empower the trusts to handle projects efficiently and propel them toward commercialisation and sustainability,” he said.

He said the implementation of the projects was underway and at various stages, adding that it was anticipated to create 77 permanent jobs and improve rural livelihoods through the establishment of robust project value chains.

To sustain the positive momentum, Mr Autlwtse said funds totalling P3 million were needed to continue supporting identified community projects across various districts during financial year 2024/2025.

Furthermore, Mr Autlwtse said an allocation of P6.3 million was made to the ministry for the implementation of Local Economic Development (LED) strategies and plans during 2023/2024 financial year.

He said the funding was aimed at supporting community project start-ups and fostering community resilience and sustainable local economies.

The minister thus proposed the sum of P1 million for the upcoming financial year to strengthen the technical capacity of beneficiaries and to foster product-market linkages as well as enhancing monitoring mechanisms for sustained production and business viability. **BOPA**

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## Mzwinila commends employees for commitment

By **Portia Rapitsenyane**

PALAPYE - Employees in the Ministry of Lands and Water Affairs have been commended for their professionalism and commitment when undertaking their duties.

Speaking at the Ministry of Lands and Water Affairs awards ceremony in Palapye on Thursday, the Minister, Dr Kefentse Mzwinila said the employees had accomplished a lot with the ministry's limited resources.

He, therefore, emphasised the need to acknowledge them as they had been instrumental in the significant milestones achieved by the ministry.

Reflecting on the ministry's track record dating back to 2018, he said strides had been made in the water sector as evidenced by the 98 per cent in terms of access to water while access to safe sanitation was at 80 per cent.

He said alongside other projects, the ministry took pride in the Mmamashia water treatment

facility, the biggest in the SADC region.

He said the project, which was nearing completion, had already received accolades both regionally and internationally.

In terms of the land sector, he said, transformation had been witnessed since April 2018 and over the past couple of years, there had been plot allocation of more than 800 per cent of the average of the past 20 years.

“These accomplishments were done with the same resources

we have had. To get the 800 per cent increase in output with the same resources requires some kind of acknowledgement and appreciation,” he said.

He said through the land sector, they facilitated economic diversification in the country.

“We have facilitated His Excellency's initiative in terms of land use and certain functions will now be done at the land boards as we have hired physical planners,” he said.

He said a lot had been done

towards meeting the 100 000 target of land allocation by acquiring land from those with ploughing fields.

He also cited the acquisition of land from the Tati company.

Dr Mzwinila, however, pleaded with the employees to improve service delivery and turnaround times to ensure customer satisfaction.

In moving with the times, the minister said they would implement smart prepaid meters in the near future in response to complaints of high water bills. **BOPA**

# Billy advises young people to take lead

By **Goitsemodimo Williams-Madzonga**

DUKWI - Young people have been advised to take a lead and advocate for things they want to see change.

Officiating at the Month of Youth Against AIDS launch in Dukwi

on Friday, Assistant Minister of Youth, Gender, Sports and Culture, Mr Buti Billy implored the youth to adopt Mindset Change and take a leading position to guide the nation in the direction they wanted to see things being done.

He said government had created a conducive environment for them

to speak out and share their ideas.

He said platforms such as Botswana National Youth Council (BNYC) amongst others were established to empower and capacitate young people and had centres across the country where the youth could visit and seek advice from their peers as these centres were mostly run by young people like them.

Earlier in his welcome remarks, Kgosi Bohedile Twaelang of Dukwi had said young people particularly in his area were engaging in wayward behaviour, which could put their lives in jeopardy such as transactional sexual relations.

In his response, Mr Billy said though unemployed was high, there were still other opportunities

that young people could exploit to earn a living instead of risking their lives and exposing themselves to diseases such as HIV/AIDS.

He said young people could take advantage of the newly established Temo Letlotlo and venture into the agricultural sector as there were plenty of opportunities along the value chain of the sector, ranging from the actual farming to distribution of the end products.

Mr Billy therefore urged young people to engage into fruitful activities with positive impact on their lives that could progressively contribute to the country's economy.

Meanwhile, giving an overview of HIV/AIDS analysis, Tutume District Health Management

Team coordinator, Dr Keleabetswe Tsiako said there were 63 148 young people living with HIV on treatment in the country, according to the fifth Botswana AIDS Impact Survey of 2021.

Among the number, she explained that 14 293 were young people aged 15-24 while 48 855 accounted for the age group 25-34.

Dr Tsiako said this called for Mindset Change as some of the infections were a result of early debut of young girls into sexual activities with older men known as inter-generational sex.

She added that they did campaign to spread awareness messages speaking directly to young people to utilise services at their disposal to protect themselves. **BOPA**

## Rakgare urges youth to take advantage of low hanging fruits

By **Calviniah Kgauthe**

TSABONG - Youth have been implored to take advantage of low-hanging fruits in government programmes and policies to transform their lives and meaningfully participate in growing the economy.

Speaking during a youth engagement session on the sidelines of the Polka Festival in Tsabong on Saturday, Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture Mr Tumiso Rakgare said since youth were the heartbeat of the nation, it was critical to round them up and discuss pertinent issues regarding their welfare.

He said the ministry's budget allocation of over P1 billion for the financial year 2024/2025 would help address youth unemployment challenges, gender inclusivity, culture, and sport development.

So far, he said the ministry made achievements on youth mainstreaming and driving youth development agenda as per the Revised National Youth Policy of 2010.

He told young people that Botswana had been lauded for its robust youth empowerment programmes and policies at the Youth Connect Summit in Ghana.

Minister Rakgare encouraged the youth to emulate those who made Botswana sparkle internationally by excelling in various sectors.

He cited the current Miss Botswana, Lesego Chombo, who is making it at the ongoing Miss World beauty pageant in India.

He said the motorsport sensation, Ross Branch recently hoisted Botswana flag high attaining position two at the Dakar Rally international stage.

On athletics, he talked about

World Athletics champion, Letsile Tebogo, who recently broke the world record.

He further said the country took pride in women's football team as well as self-made comedian William Last.

He also advised that excellence could only be achieved if there was a mindset change towards building entrepreneurship capacity and embracing change as a necessary ingredient for economic sustainability and development.

A young farmer from Omaweneno, Mr Kelekile Mokolope expressed optimism about participating in growing the economy though faced with challenges that impeded prosperity such as lack of land ownership.

He said lack of land ownership primarily caused the youth to be slow to act and participate meaningfully in the economy.

Ms Reneilwe Tebele from Maubelo decried ineffectiveness of implementation of programmes and policies targeted at youth development.

For his part, Kgalagadi South MP Mr Samuel Brooks encouraged relevant government departments to embark on outreach programmes in line with youth affirmative action.

He encouraged the youth to think outside the box and do things differently to improve their lives.

He asserted that the tourism sector in the Tsabong District was endowed with employment opportunities for the youth, adding that 11 tourism sites were recently identified at the Kgalagadi Transformer Park, where the youth would benefit.

He encouraged the youth to explore different sectors of the economy and exploit available value chains. **BOPA**



Member of Parliament for Nata/Gweta Mr Polson Majaga (left), comedian, Mr Onkgopotse Mugende (second left) and Mr Billy (second right) at the Month of Youth Against AIDS commemoration in Dukwi on Friday. Mr Billy urged young people to adopt mindset change for everything they do and take the lead developing their lives. Photo: Goitsemodimo Williams-Madzonga

## Exporters association vital for Vision 2036 - Sebetela

By **Anastacia Sibanda**

GABORONE - Botswana Exporters and Manufacturers Association (BEMA) has been described as an important vehicle toward achieving some of the ideals of Vision 2036.

Speaking that the Mindset Change seminar organised for BEMA members, Chief of Staff in the Office of the President, Mr Boyce Sebetela said Vision 2036 was about growing Botswana's manufacturing base alongside the country's exports.

He said it would be of paramount importance to ensure that the minerals sector, which accounts for about 70 per cent of the country's exports, is reduced and replaced by other products.

"Those other things clearly must come from BEMA, because in your name there are words exporters and manufacturing, so clearly if there is an organisation that we have to be engaging and facilitating more and making them part of NDP 12 discussions it's BEMA," he said.

Mr Sebetela urged BEMA to be vocal about what should happen in

NDP12 regarding manufacturing and export promotion.

For his part, BEMA president, Mr Rajiva Chandra encouraged

the association members to accept change as it was the only thing that would help them all to grow. **BOPA**



Minister Rakgare (left) engaging youth in Tsabong on Saturday. He implored young people to embrace mindset change, diversify their businesses and adopt new models of doing business. Photo: Calviniah Kgauthe

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# MMR Medie mining operator

By Sekhona Muchado and Booster Mogapi

MOLEPOLOLE - Meropa Mining Resources, a 100% citizen-owned company has been appointed as Medie Coal Mine

operators by Minergy Mining after parting ways with their former contractor. When giving an update at the ongoing Kweneng District Council meeting on Thursday, Mr Victor Senome, the Safety, Health and Environment

Manager of Minergy Mining said the mine has not been in operation since last year but they have since resumed operations.

Mr Senome said the Medie mine plays a critical role in the local economy of the village and

more extensively to the national economy as the coal is sold to the cement companies in South Africa and other countries via Windhoek, Namibia.

He said employment creation remains integral for any business operation and 117 Batswana have been engaged.

He said the operation of the mine, especially an open cast mine like at Medie, always comes with challenges that they were prepared to deal with and address to protect the environment they operate in.

He said there would be an upgrade of the Medie-Lentsweletau road to Bitumen and the designs have been completed and approved by the Department of Roads while the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has been submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA).

Mr Senome said this was a joint project with government expected and would start this year to fund the project while Minergy will secure their portion funding.

He said they were faced with challenges among them health issues caused by smoke from the burnt coal adding they did not have the requisite machinery to deal with the emissions.

Mr Senome said they faced theft of fuels from their trucks but have since moved to a safer area.

He added that they continued to maintain Medie and Lentsweletau roads especially during rainfall. Apart from challenges, Mr Senome said the improvements made by the mine, which are dust suppressing spraying done after every two days, installing speed humps and maintenance of roads.

Furthermore monitoring the sounds of blasting including the smoke from burning coal, bringing medical specialists to the clinic in Medie, controlling truck traffic from the mine and inspections have been undertaken every month.

The councillors had their concerns pertaining to the mine and the changes that have been made, which affected the people or villages they represented. Cllr Andrew Selwe of Magokotswane said roads in Medie had not been maintained as stated by Mr Senome. He wondered why that was the case.

Adding to Cllr Selwe's sentiments, Nominated Cllr Joseph Kgarebe urged the mine to constantly update them and the residents about issues that might affect them as a community. Cllr Rogers Kgatitswe of Lentsweletau East asked if the foul smell experienced by the residents was not dangerous to their health.

He further asked if the mine management had any plans to extend the village clinic since it was also catering for their employees, adding that an alternative parking area for trucks has to be sought as they make it difficult for other vehicles to access Lentsweletau kgotla. In response, the Director, Mr John Astrud, explained that dust suppression was only done in Medie due to the fact that it was too costly adding the village was the mostly affected.

Talking about the clinic, he said the mine management would consider building a bigger clinic but said it would depend on their budget since the mine was now back in operation.

Mr Astrud assured councillors that the burning of coal that causes smoke would be monitored and managed as operations have just began. Mr Senome explained that parked their trucks near the kgotla for security reasons as the area had security and lights but added they would attend with the issue soon. **BOPA**



Mr Senome says the mine has not been in operation since last year but it has since resumed operations.

## More people continue to benefit from CEDA

By Gaboselwe Olesitse

SELEBI PHIKWE - The Selebi Phikwe branch of the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA), has invested P353m in more than 2 970 projects, the Mayor of Selebi Phikwe, Mr Lucas Modimana, has said.

Giving an update during the ongoing full council meeting in Selebi Phikwe Thursday, Mr Modimana said the projects created a total employment of 5 858 in the SPEDU region. He said CEDA went also funded 202 projects with P42m in Selebi Phikwe during financial year 2022/2023 to date. These included main line projects and informal sector projects.

Under the CEDA mainline projects, Mr Modimana said, 36 customers had been funded with a value of P34m to date with majority of these projects being manufacturing, services and agri-businesses. He also said since the closure of borders, P260 000 had been used to fund agri-business projects, adding that two of the receipts benefited through Impact Acceleration Subsidy, a programme from the Ministry of Agriculture which supported citizens who wish to venture in horticulture with 50 per cent grant and 50 per cent contribution from the applicant.

Mr Modimana said CEDA had also funded 114 projects to the value of P1m under Mabogo Dinku and Letlhabile micro

finance products for the year 2022/2023.

"Most of the applicants are the ones managing the projects under these two programmes," he said.

He said there was also Purchase Order Financing where 123 beneficiaries had received funding with a total of P36m used on this category.

For financial year 2022/2023, 23 trade finance projects with a value of P8m were also funded, he added.

However Mr Modimana decried challenges experienced by the agency such as insufficient business experience and technical skills that resulted in failure of the projects despite training and mentoring.

The other challenge was unavailability of warehouses and high rates of electricity on the available warehouses, mismanagement and division of projects funds by the beneficiaries, abandonment and lack of commitment to projects as well as failure to pay back loans.

"I encourage members of the community to work hard towards these government programmes," he said.

As a way of adopting one of the country's reset priorities, the mayor said CEDA had launched a digital platform named CEDA online services #Kaekapakae which was sourced from the its website.

This service would be used by everyone eligible to apply for

a CEDA loan, adding that the platform also allowed Batswana to enquire online, check for loan balances, apply for loans, and check progress of the loan and the use of a loan calculator at the comfort of their home. Touching on the implementation of the supplementary feeding programme, Mr Modimana said the program was progressing well in the district, emphasizing that all primary schools were adequately supplied with required food commodities.

He said local community continued to benefit by supplying bread and other food commodities to all 11 primary schools at the cumulative amount of over P2.4m to date. He said 200 farmers had also benefited from the scheme since the beginning of this financial year with the amount of over P1.2m.

Mr Modimana said during financial year 2023/2024 government had developed the second Transitional National Development Plan to allow for the introduction of enabling reforms to the national development planning system.

"The plan was also developed to allow for the completion of some NDP 11 projects whose implementation was disrupted during COVID- 19 pandemic," he said. Primary school facilities backlog eradication was funded with P3.9m.

He said despite the initial delay, all four contractors had been already awarded tenders

and started mobilizing on site. He applauded SPEDU for fulfilling their mandate of business facilitation, project initiation and implementation. The construction of the 30km Platjan - Mathathane road linking the Platjan Boarder with Mathathane village was ongoing. He said the road construction was envisaged to create jobs and link South Africa and Botswana for tourism purposes, reduce cost of transport from production to consumers and ease congestion at the Martins Drift border when complete.

He said SPEDU had also facilitated another project (Pipe World, which had created 70 job opportunities during its construction phase and currently employing twenty people. He said when fully operational the project would create employment for 100 people. Highlighting on community projects, Mr Modimana said most of them were not doing well. He said most of their challenges were attributed to shortage funding.

Mr Modimana applauded the Thakomebosele project beneficiaries for diversifying their project by venturing into rearing of broiler chickens and operating a vegetable garden. He said, the project was still thriving well despite financial challenges they faced. He appealed to business community and the general public to continue assisting the project financially and in-kind. **BOPA**

# Sese shopping mall takes off

By Kehumile Moekejo

SESE - The Sese shopping mall, which is undertaken through the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model between FAR Property Company and Sese Village Development Committee (VDC), is expected to create 150 jobs.

Once complete the mall would house Choppies Store, a filling station, a pharmacy and a post office, among other services. Speaking at the contract agreement signing ceremony at Sese kgotla on Thursday, Mabutsane District Council chairperson, Mr Kgopolo Setammere-Ramosesane, said the idea was conceptualised in 2021 to address demands of the ever growing population in Sese.

Mr Setammere-Ramosesane said the project resonated with the government's call to partner with the private sector towards developments.

"This partnership is the new model that the government has adopted to facilitate community developments since the government cannot manage alone," he said.

He said as the fastest growing village, owing to its proximity to the mining town of Jwaneng, Sese needed a robust approach to stimulate economic development. He said the new development would not only create job opportunities for the local people, but would also enhance convenience for services otherwise accessed at Jwaneng.

"The development will offer convenience and provide job opportunities for the local people directly and indirectly, thus contributing to the local economy by providing a source of income for employees. The initiative will stimulate the economic growth of the village by nurturing the business environment," he noted.

Mr Setammere-Ramosesane implored the Sese VDC to prudently use the funds from the project by re-investing in more income-generating projects to advance the developments of the village.

The Chief Executive Officer of Choppies, Mr Ramachandran Ottapathu, said even though the development was expected to be completed in 24 months, he was optimistic that they would do so in 12 months. He allayed fears that the mall would have an adverse effect on informal sector businesses.

"The development will enhance overall service delivery in the village and also benefit a lot of small businesses either directly and indirectly. For example, cattle, small stock and vegetable farmers and other people in the informal sector will benefit from it," he said.

The Chairperson of Sese VDC, Mr Toba Rabasimane, said they were delighted to finally welcome such a development, which will transform the economic landscape of their village.

"We applaud FAR Properties for this partnership that will bring a historic infrastructure which will transform the landscape of our village and also offer convenience for various services," he said. **BOPA**



Mr Ottapathu (centre) and Mabutsane District Council acting council secretary, Ms Lenamile Taolo signing the Sese mall development contract agreement in Sese recently. The mall, undertaken through the PPP model, will comprise a Choppies store, filling station, post office and pharmacy, among other outlets. Looking on is Mr Rabasimane. Photo: Kehumile Moekejo



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# Some Batswana ignorant on tax matters

By Kedirebofe Pelontle

SHAKAWA - Residents of Shakawe have been urged to be tax compliant and to voluntarily submit returns.

The call was made by the Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) Commissioner General, Ms Jeanette Makgolo at a stakeholder meeting in Shakawe last week.

Ms Makgolo said BURS saw the need to sensitise Batswana on tax matters to raise awareness, hence the stakeholder engagements and road shows across the country. She said tax is significant as it contributes to the developments of the country to benefit everyone equally regardless of their tax brackets.

Ms Makgolo said Batswana were expected to pay tax

voluntarily, therefore should take pride in paying tax as citizens. She said Botswana relied on assistance from international countries pre-independence but has since become liberated post-independence due to tax collection.

Ms Makgolo thanked Batswana who were tax compliant. She also said BURS was in the process of restructuring, which would help

address some challenges and shortage of staff in some areas.

For his part, BURS General Manager North, Mr Patrick Mavuma, said BURS advocated for voluntary and timely filing of returns, accuracy of returns and customs declaration.

Mr Mavuma said at times BURS had to use enforcement of tax compliance for people who were non-compliant. He said there were cases of non-complaint people in Okavango.

Mr Mavuma said enforcement is, however, tiring and costly because it required tax auditors, tax investigators and debt collectors. He said people who

were taxed were of income bracket of P4 000 and above or P48 000 annually.

Mr Mavuma said people should avoid late filing of returns since it accrued penalties.

He said BURS had online services although some people still lacked knowledge on using the online services. Mr Mavuma said that their wish is to have zero manual submissions.

In his welcome remarks, Kgosi Mutemo Mbambo of Shakawe said people of Okavango have a challenge since the nearest BURS office is in Maun and therefore requested BURS to set up an office in Shakawe. **BOPA**

## Tutume District awards clean villages

By Goitsemodimo Williams-Madzonga

TUTUME - Dukwi, Nswazwi and Makuta villages have been recognised as the cleanest in Tutume District for the categories of big, medium and small villages respectively.

Officiating at the awarding ceremony in Tutume on Wednesday, Kopane Mine representative, Mr Herbert Kebafetotse, said the clean-up campaign for all the villages and awards in the districts was launched last September in Dukwi with emphasis put on communities to take responsibility for their environment beginning with individual households. Mr Kebafetotse said it was the communities' responsibility to ensure that they kept their surroundings clean at all times

and this calls for "Mindset Change" towards the way they had been interacting with their environment, adding that they should take the leading position of cautioning others that still throw away litter everywhere. He said although the council had a mandate to collect refuse around villages, people have to ensure that they properly secure their waste and place it at designated places to make it easier for collection, noting that there were still some people who made it habit of placing their waste along the roads and on empty plots. "Let us change the way we have been doing things for our own good for it will save our environment and health," he said He commended villages that had set up shelters where waste is placed before being collected by the council or private companies, noting that

such initiatives were important for it helped in maintaining cleanliness.

Mr Kebafetotse urged the leadership to intensify public education on recycling for many do not know that waste could create employment and business opportunities. Mr Ishmael Mokgethi, the chairperson of the Environmental Health Committee, said it was imperative for community members to understand that waste was one of the main factors that bred diseases.

He said some ungazetted dumping sites lead to breeding of mosquitos, resulting in the outbreak of malaria. Meanwhile the winning villages were awarded trophies and cash prizes with Dukwi walking away with P1200, Nswazwi P1 100 and Makuta and P1000. **BOPA**



BURS general manager Communications, Ms Mable Bolele (left), Ms Makgolo (centre) and Kgosi Mbambo (right) during the BURS stakeholder meeting in Shakawe. Photo: Kedirebofe Pelontle

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# Muzila urges women to support each other

By **Thamani Shabani**

FRANCISTOWN - The former mayor of Francistown Ms Sylvia Muzila has called on women to celebrate and support other women who assume leadership positions.

Sharing her perspective on the topic: Women in Leadership positions and Family, during commemoration of International Women's Day in Francistown on Saturday, Ms Muzila commended Ms Dinah Marathe for her groundbreaking achievements as the first woman to head both the Botswana Prison Service and the Botswana Police Service.

Ms Marathe was also the first

female deputy commissioner of the Botswana Police Service - Operations, before she transferred to Botswana Prison Services as Commissioner.

Ms Muzila observed that the appointment of a new female commissioner of police showed that women could lead.

She emphasised the importance of supporting and encouraging women in their efforts to succeed and encouraged women to run for political office.

She said she was surprised that no women from Francistown were running for office in the upcoming general elections and urged them to step up and run for positions of

power.

She also praised Minister of Finance, Ms Peggy Serame for her dedication to women's empowerment.

She explained that Ms Serame championed several initiatives and policies aimed at supporting women in Botswana, including financial literacy programmes, business development grants and childcare subsidies.

Ms Muzila urged other women in positions of power to follow Ms Serame's example and work to improve the lives of women in their communities.

The former mayor also spoke against the practice of 'small

house' relationships, which she said was a major factor in the high rate of divorce and was harmful to women and families.

In this regard, Ms Muzila urged women to avoid participating in this practice and to work towards creating more stable and loving relationships.

She said International Women's Day should be used as an effective tool in bringing about change.

"While it is a day to celebrate women's achievements and raise awareness about issues affecting women, it should also reflect on underlying problems," she added.

The panelists also held discussion on the topic: To build a woman is to build a family, and Donga Customary Court President, Kgosi Lerato Mogopodi observed that the institution of marriage was under threat due to a number of factors.

She said one of the reasons was the increasing urbanisation of Botswana, which had led to a disconnect between the traditional customs of rural communities and the realities of city life.

She said another primary reason was the increasing number of single-parent households, which he attributed to a variety of social and economic factors.

She also noted the impact of the increasing number of couples cohabitating, which had resulted in fewer couples going through the customary marriage process.

Another panelist, Francistown District Commissioner Ms Chabongwa Matseka said

marriage was not simply about physical intimacy, but rather about a commitment and covenant between two people.

Ms Matseka stressed that marriage should be seen as a partnership of equals, where both partners bring something valuable to the relationship.

She encouraged women to consider all aspects of marriage, when deciding to marry.

Ms Matseka explained that women in marriage should be respectful and supportive of their husbands, while also maintaining their rights and dignity.

"While they should strive to create a harmonious relationship, women should not allow themselves to be treated as inferior or abused. Their role in the marriage should be one of equality and mutual respect, in which both partners take responsibility for the success of the relationship," she added.

The District Commissioner said women should advocate for a marriage in which the wife was not seen as inferior to her husband, but rather as an equal partner who should be treated with respect and care.

The objective of the day was to commemorate the achievements, efforts and struggles of women in the development of the country as well as to discuss the extent to which gender balance had been achieved between men and women. The workshop, themed: Investing in Women: Accelerate Progress, brought together women from the 27 wards in Francistown. **BOPA**



Some of the women who attended the International Women's Day in Francistown on Saturday. Ms Muzila encouraged women to run for political office. Photo: Thamani Shabani

## DPP to file application for Selolwane blood samples

By **Olekantse Sennamose**

GABORONE - The Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) has been ordered to make a formal written application on its request to have child-rape accused, Samuel Selolwane avail himself for blood tests.

Broadhurst magistrate, Ms Gorata Moremi-Ramakoloi ruled this after the prosecution made an oral submission, indicating that they had failed to have the accused person avail himself to have blood samples taken for conducting a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) test.

The prosecuting officer, Ms Onalenna Madimabe said refusal by the accused person had also delayed investigations.

"Such reluctance will also mean that we will oppose any shot at bail by the accused person because he might interfere with

investigations," she said.

Ms Madimabe also said there should be no way that the magistrate's court could grant Selolwane bail as he was denied such by the High Court only on February 22. After the oral submissions, defence attorney, Dr Obonye Jonas said they needed a written application to enable them to file heads of arguments.

He also indicated that his client was wary of submitting himself for DNA testing as there could be a possibility of self-incrimination.

Dr Jonas also said that there was no need for the magistrate court to deny his client bail on the pretext that he might temper with investigations, wondering how he could change his DNA.

"The prosecution told us that the only thing left in their investigations was the DNA test, but there is no way my client can

temper with that as DNA cannot be changed," he argued

Dr Jonas also said the fact that his client had been denied bail by the High Court last week did not prevent him from applying for it again at the lower court since the High Court did not rule out possibility of granting of bail in the future. "The High Court indicated then that it was denying him bail only that time, and its decision was based on papers submitted last month, which means that circumstances that led to his bail denial have possibly changed," he said.

Selolwane, who is accused of having unlawful carnal knowledge of an underage girl at Oodi in January this year, will appear again on March 15 when the prosecution is expected to file a written application to force him to avail himself for blood samples. **BOPA**

## Okavango Junior School aims to improve results

By **Kedirebofe Pelontle**

GUMARE - Okavango Junior School parents have been implored to collaborate with teachers to improve Junior Certificate Examinations (JCE) results.

This came to light at meeting of teachers and parents of form three pupils in Gumare on Friday.

The school head Mr Ekubile Mmusinyane said strategies were put in place to help improve JCE results.

Mr Mmusinyane said the current school performance was below the national target of 50 per cent.

The school head however, said learners' behavior in general was pleasing following a boot camp held the previous year.

Okavango Junior School Deputy School head, Mr Noah Saubi said the school scored 27.2 per cent in the 2023 JCE results, which placed it on position eight in the North West region.

He said the school registered a 0.5 per cent improvement from the 2022 score of 26.74 per cent.

He observed that Maitlamo Junior School of Maun was on position one in the district with 48.5 per cent in the 2023 results

while Ngami, Sekgoma, Etsha and Gowa junior schools were the lowest performing schools.

Mr Saubi said Okavango Junior School's 2023 JCE results were the most improved results in the past 10 years.

He however, said performance for the current form three pupils was low compared to the last JC leavers hence the need to collaborate more with parents.

Mr Saubi said the school had strategies in place such as a mentoring programme, which allowed a small group of pupils to be tutored by a teacher.

He said pupils whose performance was below D and showed improvement would be added to the mentorship groups.

Mr Saubi said the school was divided into four houses, which competed against each other to encourage competition amongst learners.

He said that teachers' progression also depended on their performance which inspired teachers to produce quality results.

Mr Saubi appealed to parents to encourage pupils to make use of morning studies. He also encouraged parents to do regular class visits and check their children's books. **BOPA**



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## Bodiragatsi ke kgwebo - Rakgare

**Ka Cathrine Simane**

TSABONG - Tona wa Banana, Bong Metshameko le Ngwao, Rre Tumiso Rakgare o gwethlile badiragatsi go tloafalela go dira ka natla le go fetola ka fa ba dirang dilo ka teng, ka bodiragatsi e le kgwebo e e ka tlhabololang le go fetola matshelo a bone.

Tona Rakgare o buile se ka Matlhatso kwa moletlong wa mmino wa Polka kwa Tsabong, o batho ba neng ba o tshogetse go tswa dikgaolong ka go farologana mono gae le kwa mafatsheng a a mabapi.

O boletse fa moletlo oo o tshwarwa ngwaga le ngwaga fa e sa le o simolodisiwa ka 2011, ka ditlhopho di le nne go tswa kwa kgaolong eo mme mo nakong ya gompiano o setse o namile le dikgaolo tse dingwe go ralala Botswana.

Tona o ba kopile go godisa mohama wa bodiratsi ka o ka tokafatsa itsholelo ya lefatshe le go araba selelo sa letlhoko la ditiro, a tlhalosa fa ditshokatsheko di supa fa bobedi mo lekgolong, go ya kwa bosupeng e le seabe sa bodiragatsi mo kgodisong ya itsholelo lefatshe ka bophara.

Rre Rakgare o supile fa setlhogo sa monongwaga se se reng: Rhythms of Transformation – Harmonising Minds, Changing Perspective, se tsamaelana le lenaneo la ga Tautona la tlhomo ntsha la go godisa itsholelo ka seo se ka thusa go tlhama meberekho e e ka tokafatsang matshelo a Batswana go ya pele.

O supile fa dikgaisano tsa lefatshe tsa bodiragatsi ngwaga o no di tlaa simolola kwa dikgaolwaneng, di fetele kwa kgaolong go fitlha kwa makgaolagannyeng, jaaka di ne di tshwarwa go le pele mme ditlhalaganyo eo ya fetolwa ka lebaka la COVID-19.

Tona o supile fa bodiragatsi bo le botlhokwa ka bo bopaganya setshaba, bokgoni le bonokopila

jwa go diragatsa le go epolola ditalante tse di farologaneng, go di baya mo seemong sa bodiragatsi jwa popota, go tsosolosa ngwao, go amogelana le go lemoga motswako wa ngwao e e nonneng e bile e farologane mono gae.

O kgothatitse ditlhopho go dibela serodumo sa mmino ka go tlhoka go o senya mme gape ba sa le morago dikgato tsa babusi ba ba tla pele ka go itsetsepela le go tlhomamisa gore kagiso le thitibalo tse lefatshe leno di etsiweng ka tsone di tswela di rena.

A re lekalana la Research National Arts Council le thusitse Lekgotla la Pinagare ya sekaka ba tshwaraganye le lephata la Banana, Bong Metshameki le Ngwao ka P300 000 go tshwara moletlo wa

Polka Festival mono ngwaga.

Tona Rakgare a re lephata, le tlaa sekaseka ka fa ba ka thusang ka teng go baakanya lefelo le go tshwarelwang moletlo oo kwa Tsabong, morago ga gore Kgosi Richard Toto a kope tona go thusa go le baakanya.

Morotloetsi mogolo wa moletlo wa Polka, Rre Mock Ntau go tswa kwa lekgotleng la Pinagare ya Sekaka o tlhalositse fa maikaelelo e le go oka, go somarela le go godisa dingwao tse di farologaneng kwa kgaolong eo mme gape ba ikaelela go simolodisa moletlo o mongwe o o tlaa akaretsang bodiragatsi jo bo farologaneng.

Rre Ntau yo gape e leng mokhanselara wa pele o supa fa tshwaragano le lephata la ga Tona

Rakgare e le kgetelo pele ka ba tlaa kgona go tswa ka ditharabololo tse di maleba, go tlhabolola bodiragatsi kwa kgaolong eo mme a supa fa maikaelelo mo ngwageng o o tlang e le go ya go tshwarela moletlo oo kwa o tlhologang teng kwa Bokspits. O rotloeditse ditlhopho tsa bodiragatsi tse di neng di diragatsa go kgatlha balebeledi ka e le yone tshono ya go ipapatsa le go ithekisa mo setshabeng.

Modulasetilo wa setlhopho sa mmimo wa Polka go tswa kwa Vaalhoek, Rre Amogelang Vissagie o supile fa setlhopho sa gagwe se se tlhamilweng ka 2010, se sa ntseng se itsetsepitse. Rre Vissagie o lebogetse seabe sa puso, a re go ba fa sebaka sa go dira letseno le go ipapatsa ka gantsi ba dira leteono

ka manyalo le ditiro tse dingwe mo kgaolong. A re bodiragatsi bo ba thusitse thata e le banana ka bo ba ntshitse mo mebileng le go ikgaptha mo ditirong tsa botlhoka tsebe.

Mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Kgalagadi Borwa, Rre Sam Brooks o kopile Tona Rakgare go tlhabolola lefelo la sennela ruri la Polka Festiva a re maikaelelo ngwaga o o tlang ke go tshwarela moletlo oo kwa ntle ga Tsabong, go o latedisa basimolodi ba one.

Rre Brooks o supile fa a tlaa rotloetsa moletlo oo ka P50 000 ngwaga oo tlang. O kgothatitse banni go tswela ba ikwadisetse ditlhopho. Mongwe wa bagwebi ba ba botlana, Mme One Seoko o kaile fa moletlo oo o ba solegela molemo. **BOPA**

## Bomme ba rapela kgatthanong le dikgwetlho

**Ka Masego Tabengwa**

ZWENSHAMBE - Matlhatso wa ntlha wa kgwedi wa Mopitlo ke letsatsi le ka lone kereke ya Seventh-Day Adventist e le seegetseng kwa tlhoko go nna letsatsi la Bomme ba kereke eo la thapelo.

Letsatsi leo, le le tshagediwang ngwaga le ngwaga le lejwa e le le le kgethegileng mo kerekeng eo, ka le fa bo Mme sebaka sa go etelela thapediso ya dikgwetlho le masula a mafatshe ka go farologana a di raletseng.

Ka jalo, bomme ba kereke ya Sabata ba Bokone Botlhaba le bone fela jaaka diphuthogo tse dingwe lefatshe ka bophara, ba ne ba diragatsa moono wa kereke ba rulagantse letsatsi leo, kwa kgotleng ya Zwenshambe ka Matlhatso.

Tirelo eo, e ne ya rapelela dilo di le mmalwa tse di akaretsang Kagiso, boeteledipele jwa lefatshe

leno le jwa motse wa Zwenshambe ga mmogo le ditlhopho tsa setshaba tsa monongwaga tsa lefatshe leno.

Go ne gape ga rapelwa kgatthanong le kgogontsho ya bong, ga rapelelwa pula le bana go remeletse segolo jang kgatthanong le tiriso ya nnotagi.

Go sale foo, bomme ba kereke ya Sabata ba ne ba tlogela motlhalo ka go abela baithuti ba basetsana ba dikole tsa Zwenshambe, se se botlana le se segolwane mephuthelwana ya mesangwana ya bomme e e lopileng P 1000.

Bomme ba ne gape ba abela bagodi ba Zwenshambe diaparo tse di neng di tswa mo malokong a kereke.

Mo godimo ga dimpho tseo, kereke ya Sabata ya Bokone Botlhaba e ne ya abela mosetsanyana mongwe wa motse wa Sekakangwe wa mo-na-le bogole kolotsana.

Fa a bua ka kabo ya dimpho tseo, molomaganya ditiro tsa bomme ba

kereke eo, mo Bokone Botlhaba, Mme Momphithi Mmusi o supile fa lorato le tlhotlhetso ya mowa o o boitshepho, e le tsone di ba tlhotlhetlatsang go dira jalo.

A re o na le tumelo ya gore thuso epe e ba e direlang bangwe, ba bo ba e direla Motlhodi wa bone yo o kwa legodimong.

Mme Mmusi o tlhalositse fa ba tsere kgato ya go aba mesangwana e le go fa bana ba basetsana seriti le go ba thusa go tsena sekole ka tshosologo.

O boletse fa e se lantlha ba dira tiro ya go nna jalo mme e bile ka thata ya Modimo ba tla tswela ka mowa oo. Mo therong ya gagwe, Mme Obakeng Moseki yo e leng Mmamoruti mo kerekeng eo, o ne a gatelela botlhokwa jwa thapelo, a supa fa e le yone e fenyang mathata otlhe a lefatshe le batho ka bongwe ka bongwe ba kopang nao.

Mme Moseki o ne a gwethlha batho go ikanya thapelo mo diemong tsoitlhe tse ba di ralalang,

a re e tsisa phetogo, tsholofelo le tshwaragano mo matshelong a bone, a tlatsa ka gore thapelo ke puisanyo e e botlhokwa thata magareng ga batho le Modimo.

Mongwe wa maloko a kereke ya Sabata, Rre Denje Masalila o ne a tsibosa phuthogo kgatthanong le tiriso botlhaswa ya maranyane.

Rre Masalila a re fa maranyane a dirisiwa sentle, a ka sologela batho molemo mme fa a sa dirisiwe ka fa tshwanelong a ka baka tlhakatlhakano le dikgoberego mo lefatsheng le mo malwapeng.

Ka jalo a re batho ba tshwanetse ba ikatisa thata go dirisa maranyane mo dilong tse di molemo, go sa nngeng jalo ba tlaa bo ba neela diabolo sebaka sa go tlhakatlhakanya matshelo a bone.

Barutabana ba ba lebaganeng le tsa bogakolodi le tshidilo maikutlo kwa dikoleng ka bobedi ba ne ba lebogela mpho eo, ya mesangwana, ba supa fa e le ruri bo mme e le thari ya setshaba. **BOPA**



Rre Molefe (molemeng) a abela banni ba Thamaga ditanka tsa matlakala bosheng. A re maiteko a go abela khansele ya Mogoditshane/Thamaga ditanka tsa matlakala a rotloediwa ke seabe sa Debswana go babalela tikologo, a supa fa ditanka tseo, e le tse di neng di na le ole e e dirisiwang mo metshineng ya moepo.

Senepe: Lindi Morwaeng

## Kgosi Mongwato o tlhokafetse

Ka Tshiamiso Mosetlha

SEROWE - Kgosi ya ntlha ya Malatswae kwa kgaolong ya Serowe Bophirima, Kgosi Mahalapye Mongwato (96) o tlhokafetse.

Go ya ka Kgosi Opelo Disang, yo o okametseng Malatswae, Dimajwe le Mmashoro, a re Kgosi Mongwato, yo o tlhokafetseng Tlhakole a le masome mabedi le bosupa kwa Sekgoma Memorial kwa Serowe, o lwetse ka lobaka le le khutshwane.

Kgosi Disang o kaile fa Kgosi Mongwato a tlhokafala e le kgosana ya tetlanyo.

O ntile kgosi ya ntlha kwa Malatswai e le kgosi e e sekisang, ya re morago a nna kgosana e

e letlanyang kwa kgotleng ya gagwe ya Mohokotso go ne kwa Malatswae.

Kgosi Mongwato o ne a nna kgosi e e sekisang go simolola ka 1988 go fitlha 1993, ya re ka 2003 go fitlha 2024 a nna kgosi e e letlanyang, tiro e a tlhokafalang a le mo go yone.

Kgosi Disang a re dikgosi tsa tetlanyo di ne di le nne kwa Malatswae mme ba le babedi ba tlhokafetse.

A re Kgosi Mongwato o ne a le dinyao, a dira dilo mo go pharologanyo a kaya fa e kile motlha mongwe a santse e le kgosi e e sekisang, ga utlwala fa a atlholeitse mongwe loso, mo go neng go fetile dithata tsa maemo gagwe.

Kgosi Disang, a re o ne a

mmotsa gore ke eng a ne a dira jalo, mme a araba ka gore mosekisiwa o ne a tshwenya thata ka melato e mentsi mo lekgotleng la gagwe.

Morago Kgosi Disang a re Kgosi Mongwato o ne a gakololwa ke bakwaledi le mapodise gore ga a na dithata tsa go atlholela motho loso.

Rragwemogolo, Kgosi Mongwato, Rre Gabautwane Kebanyaditswe o kaile fa Kgosi Mongwato e ne ele motho yo o bonolo.

Kgosi Mongwato o bolelwa a ne a rata kgwele ya dinao, e e morotloetsi wa setlhopha sa Malatswai.

O tlaa bolokwa Mopitlo a ferabongwe kwa Malatswae. **BOPA**

## Khansele e aba ditanka tsa matlakala

Ka Lindi Morwaeng

THAMAGA - Khansele ya Mogoditshane/Thamaga e tshwaragane le khamphani ya Debswana kwa Jwaneng e abetse motse wa Thamaga ditanka tsa matlakala di le sekete.

Fa a rola dimpho tseo kwa Thamaga bosheng, moemedi wa Debswana Mme Ellen Molefe o tlhalositse fa mo ditirelong tsa bone, ba lebelela ka fa tikologo e amegang ka teng.

A re maiteko a go abela khansele ya Mogoditshane/Thamaga ditanka tsa matlakala a rotloediwa ke seabe sa bone sa go babalela tikologo, a supa fa ditanka tseo, ele tse di neng di na le ole e e dirisiwang mo metshineng ya moepo.

A re tiriso ya tsone gape ke bontlha bongwe jwa go babalela tikologo, e bile ba dira maiteko otlhe a go rotloetsa pabalesego ya tikologo le botsogo jwa setshaba segolo jang ba lebile diphetogo tsa lowapi tse di sa tlwaelesegang.

Mopalamente wa Thamaga/Kumakwane Rre Palelo Motaosane o lebogetse khansele kgato ya go dirisana le khamphani ya Debswana.

A re malwetse ka bontsi a bakwa ke tikologo e e leswe.

Le fa go ntse jalo o kopile khansele go dira ka gotlhe go netefatsa go re ditanka tse di abiwa ka nako le go re matlakala a tsewa ka nako mo malwapeng.

Motshwarelela mokwaledi wa khansele Rre Happy Mokete o tlhalositse fa tirisano ya bone le Debswana e gwetlhlilwe ke maikaelelo a go latlha matlakala mo go babalesegileng.

A re khansele e ne ya reka ditanka di sekae tsa matlakala mme ka ntlha ya tshalo ya madi ba kopa ba Debswana kwa Jwaneng go ba fa tse di dirisitsweng go somarela matlakala.

Fa a amogela dimpho tseo, Kgosi Segale Gobuamang o ne a leboga khansele go tsibogela seemo sa matlakala mo motseng se a reng gantsi se bakwa ke batho ba ba tlang ba rwele matlakala mme ba a latlhele mo melapong.

Le fa go ntse jalo a re nako e tsile ya go re batho ba seka ba leba matlakala jaaka leswe mme ba itse go re ba ka kgona go itshetsa ka one.

A re mo nakong ya gompiano batho ba dira dilo tse di ntle ka matlakala.

A re fa megopolo ya go dira di dirisiwa ka matlaka e ka atliwa ke botlha e ka tshetsa ba le bantsi. **BOPA**

## Rutang bana ngwao - Kgosi Lotlaamoreng II

Ka Aobakwe Molefhi

GOOD HOPE - Morafe wa Barolong o rotloeditswe go tsosolosa serodumo sa ngwao ya bone le go ruta bana ngwao.

Kgosi Lotlaamoreng II o tlhalositse fa seo se ka thusa go bopa bana ba ba nang le maikarabelo le botho.

O buile mafoko ao kwa wa Good Hope ka Labotlhanano jaaka morafe wa Barolong o ne o ipelela ngwao.

“Fa o bona ka nako tse dingwe bana ba rona ba tswa mo tseleng jaana, ke go tlhoka go itse ditsamaiso le meila ya rona,” ga bua Kgosi Lotlaamoreng II.

A re go tshetsa le go godisa ngwao go ka thusa gape go isa setshaba le lefatshe la Botswana kwa pele.

Mopalamente yoo ithlophetsweng mme ebile gape e le Tona wa madi Mme Peggy Serame ene a re go bothokwa gore morafe o ikgakologelwe gore ke bo mang.

O supile fa seo e tlaabo e le yone tlhabologo e tona e eka ba bopang le go ba tshetsa go ya kwa pele.

“Barolong a re ikgakologelweng go re rebo mang, re itsewe ka boammaruri, lorato, go tshapagala le bonatla.”

Mme Serame o tswetsetse a kopa morafe go boela kwa masimong ka jaana kgaolo ya bone e itsewe ka temo, segolo jang ee tlhabologileng.

Tona le ene o ne a gatelela bothokwa jwa go re banana ba simolole go tlhakana le bagolo mo ditirong tsa mofuta oo go re e re kamoso, e nne bone ba ba etelelang pele.

O rotloeditse morafe go kwala ditso go re ba ba tlang kwa morago le bone ba nne le sebaka sa go itse go re morafe o dira ditiro tsa one jang.

Mme Serame one a akgola mokgatlho o o neng o rulagantse moletlo o o wa Dijamogopo mme a ba kopa go re ba tshwanetse go itse go re go ya kwa pele, ba dirise madi a mokgatlho sentle.

Kwa moletlong oo Tona Serame le Kgosi Lotlaamoreng II ba ne ba etela setsha se go boletsweng se tlaa simolola go dirisediwa meletlo ya ngwao, mme gape ba lema le ditlhare. **BOPA**



Kgosi Lotlaamoreng II (mojeng) a goroga kwa kgotla kgolo kwa morafe wa Barolong o neng o ipelela ngwao teng. O kopile setshaba go ruta bana ka ngwao, a re seo se ka thusa go bopa bana ba ba nang le maikarabelo le botho. Senepe: Aobakwe Molefhi

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## FARM WORKERS

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**FARM WORKERS WANTED** urgently .Apply to Director P O Box AE Molapo crossing Gaborone location for farm plot 54453 Gaborone North

**FARM WORKER WANTED** with knowledge of irrigation and pipe work layout. Call 72314441

**AGENT FARM WORKER** wanted at Day Fresh Farm at Dikgonye / Kokong, Contacts 77533859 / 71833257.

**FARM WORKER WANTED** in Boteti 4B. Apply to Richard Vaka Box 5072 Gaborone. Closing date 15 March 24

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**REQUIRED URGENTLY: FARM** Operations Manager. The successful candidate should have the following requisites: Fluent in English and Afrikaans, computer literate, beef feeding and reproduction course certificate, heavy duty drivers license and valid passport. Respond to: nico@quaggasfontein.co.za. Closing date 13/03/24Note: No reply consider your application unsuccessful.

**BOREHOLE OPERATOR / GARDEN** wanted at Marapoatholo Borehole Sasakwe for Temo Letlotlo project. Fruit and vegetables expert needed at Chabuchabu Farms in Shadishadi village. Apply to Box 4257 Gaborone.

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**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Shashe Mooke farm. Apply : Rosemary Paseko Box 601655 Gaborone. Closing date : 19/03/2024

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## NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

**PLEASE BE INFORMED** of the intended change of use of plot 1945 at Borolong from commercial to residential. Forward objections to Tonota Physical Planning office at 2484248

**THABANA THABANA OF** Plot 4674, situated in Kopong wish to change land use from residential to multi-family residential. For any objections contact Molepolole Physical Planning Department within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication. (5915122).

**STEVEN LUCKIE THAGA** of plot 5961 in Tlokweng wishes to change land-use from residential to multi-family residential. For any objections contact Tlokweng physical planning department within 14 days from date of publication.

**NDAKIDZILO L. NKGAKILE** of plot 14853 situated in Palapye, wish to construct boundary wall on the plot. For any objections, contact Palapye Building Control within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication or 72876294

**OMPHILE SESINYI OF** plot 10901, situated in Molepolole wish to change land use from residential to multi-family residential. For any objections contact Molepolole physical planning department within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication (5915122).

**I THE OWNER** of plot 2109 Tlokweng Metlhabeng, wish to erect a screen wall. Any queries from neighbours to this plot can contact me on 71206491

**THE PLOT OWNER** 6213 would like to change use from residential to multi residential at Ranfurwa Tlokweng . The neighbours are being noticed and relating you can contact physical planning office in Tlokweng.

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### APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 1405/2009 dated 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2009 made in favour of BONTLE KEGAISANG TIEGO in respect of the following property:

**CERTAIN :** Piece of land being 59511 Gaborone; in Gaborone West Extension 48;  
**SITUATE :** 300 m<sup>2</sup> (Three Hundred Square Metres);  
**MEASURING:** Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 1405/2009 dated 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2009 made in favour of Bontle Kegaisang Tiego;

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the REGISTRAR OF DEEDS FOR BOTSWANA AT GABORONE within three (3) weeks from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THE 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024

MOYO LEGAL PRACTICE  
Plot 19111, Aresutlane Way  
Phase 2  
P O Box AE 451 AEH  
GABORONE

### APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED INTENDS TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF DEED No: MA828/2013 DATED ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2013, MADE IN FAVORUR OF CONTINENTAL DRY CLEANERS (PTY) LTD IN RESPECT OF

**CERTAIN:** PIECE OF LAND BEING TRIBAL LOT 1908, TLOKWENG

**SITUATE:** AT TLOKWENG IN THE BATLOKWA TRIBAL TERRITORY

**MEASURING:** 1394m<sup>2</sup> (ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FOUR SQUARE METRES):

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN ON THIS 01 DAY OF MARCH 2024

APPLICANT: CONTINENTAL DRY CLEANERS (PTY) LTD

### INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME

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

1. **Mpho P. Gaolebale (nee Ramachele)** of P O Box 1501 Thamaga and **Boitumelo Gaolebale** of P O Box 21 Thebephatwa, married in community of property on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in (Thamaga), wish to change their property regime to out of community of property.
2. The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana for leave to change their marital property regime as aforesaid after the expiration of (3) weeks from the date of the third publication thereof.
3. **Any person, creditor or debtor**, who may have any interest in the assets and or liabilities of the parties estate, or have objections to the parties changing their regime, are hereby requested to **communicate such objection to the parties, in writing** to P O Box 1501 Thamaga, **before the expiration of the said (3) week period.**

2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLICATION

DATED at Gaborone this 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024



**Noga & Co.** | P O Box 1777 AAD, Poso House Gaborone  
Plot No: 8884, African Mall Rizka House,  
Unit 7 Gaborone, Botswana  
Email: info@nogaco.co.bw | Tel: (+267) 71 404 322

### INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME

(In terms of Section 8 (1) (f) of Married Persons Property Act, CAP 29:03)

1. **QUEEN SEITSHIRO (NEE MOLEOFI)** and **ANDREW MOTSHEREGANYI SEITSHIRO**, married in Community of Property on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1998, in Kanye, wish to change their property regime to Out of Community of Property.
2. The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana after the expiration of the **three (3) weeks** statutory notice from the date of first public hereof.
3. **Any person, creditor or debtor**, who may have an interest in the assets and /or liabilities of the parties estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are to inform the parties' Attorneys, **MOSHE MONTSHWARI NOGA AND/OR NOGA AND COMPANY** before the expiration of the said 3 weeks period, or make representation before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

Moshe M. Noga LLB (UNISA)

## HIGH COMMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA GABORONE, BOTSWANA SECURITY GUARD VACANCY

The Zambia High Commission invites interested suitably qualified individuals to apply for the position of Security Guard at the High Commission.

The key functions of the position will be to inspect and patrol premises regularly, monitor property entrances and exits, authorize entrance of people and vehicles, report any suspicious activities in and around the premises.

### EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS & FUNCTIONAL/TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Must have attained at least form 3 level of education and above
- Must be fluent in English
- Must be aged between 18 -35 years
- Must be physically fit
- Must be willing to work both day and night shifts.
- Must be able to read and write in English

### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Must have at least three (3) years' experience as a private security guard or worked in a security firm.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND CLOSING DATE

Suitable candidates are required to email in pdf their full scanned applications, educational & Curriculum Vitae to [gaborone@grz.gov.zm](mailto:gaborone@grz.gov.zm). Applications can also be delivered to the Chancery. Closing date for applications is 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

The applications should be addressed to:

The High Commissioner | Zambia High Commission  
Plot 1120 Main Mall, Queen's Road, GABORONE

Please note that due to an expected high volume of applications, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and provided with a detailed job description.



## A O BATLA GO DIRA MADI ?

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**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**IN THE ESTATE of the Late OPELO GABOITSWE** who died at Gaborone Private Hospital, Gaborone, Republic of Botswana on the **2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2022.**

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

**DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024**

**Executor Dative | Garlington Goitseone Dambuza**  
c/o Ramalepa Attorneys  
**P O Box 70567, GABORONE | TEL: 390 7052**

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST TITLE DEED**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends in applying for a certified copy of **Notarial Deed of Lease MA 367/2005** dated **21<sup>st</sup> October 2005** made in favour of **Samantha Ontibile Molefe** in respect of:

**CERTAIN** : Piece of Land, being LEASE AREA No. 2674 -KO  
**SITUATE** : on Portion 92 (a portion of Portion 78) of the Farm Sentlhane No. 18-KO in the Southeast Administrative District  
**MEASURING** : 3673<sup>sqm</sup> (Three Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-Three) square metres

All such persons having objectives to such copy being issued are required to lodge the same in writing to the Registrar of Deeds Gaborone, Private Bag 002, Gaborone within 21 days from the second publication of this notice.

**DATED AT GABORONE THIS 23 FEBRUARY 2024**

**Samantha O. Chabata**  
**Plot 70559, Gaborone P O Box 412, Gaborone**  
**Mobile Phone: 72360014**

**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed NO: MA515/2012 made in favour of **Dineo Audrey Letshuti** respect of Tribal lot 7402 Tlokweng.

**CERTAIN:** Tribal lot 7402  
**SITUATE:** Tlokweng  
**MEASURING:** 900m<sup>2</sup> (nine hundred, square meters)  
**HELD UNDER:** Dineo Audrey Letshuti

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

**DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.**

**FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT**  
ESHGB-00376/22

**IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE BAITSHENOTSE VIRGINIA LERUBISI** who died at Magokotswane Ward, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 01<sup>st</sup> day of September 2019.

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

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

**DATED at...GABORONE.....on the.....29<sup>th</sup>.....day of...February...2024**

**The Executrix**  
**Morongwa K.Masire**  
**P. O. Box 601700 GABORONE CELL: 73001088 / 3121272**

**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST DEED OF TRANSFER**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer number 214/87 dated 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1987 made in favour of **Tshepo Cynthia Khabe Gaesi** in respect of:

**CERTAIN** : piece of land being Lot 6859 Gaborone;  
**SITUATE** : in Gaborone Extension 21  
**MEASURING** : 863m<sup>2</sup> Eight Hundred and Sixty Three Square Metres)  
**HELD UNDER** : Deed of Transfer No. 214/87 dated 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1987 made in favour of **Tshepo Cynthia Khabe Gaesi**

Any person having objection to the issuing of such copy is hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deed within three (3) weeks from last publication of this notice.

**DATED AT GABORONE THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024**

**MANYEPEDZA ATTORNEYS, P O BOX 964 ADD, POSO HOUSE, PLOT 244, EXTENSION 5 MOREMI ROAD, GABORONE, TEL: 3935474, FAX: 3182116**



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**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**IN THE ESTATE of the Late MONTSHONYANE CHRIS HATSHE** who died at Disaneng, Maun on the **14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.**

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

**DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024**

**Executor Dative | Lethogonolo Hatshe**  
c/o Ramalepa Attorneys  
**P O Box 70567, GABORONE | TEL: 390 7052**

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST MORTGAGE BOND**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED intends applying for a certified copy of Mortgage Bond No. 1966/2014 dated 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014 made in favour of **GAONE JOYCE MOMPATI** in respect of the following property:

**CERTAIN** : Piece of land being 59511 Gaborone;  
**SITUATE** : in Gaborone West Extension 48;  
**MEASURING** : 300 m<sup>2</sup> (Three Hundred Square Metres);  
**HELD UNDER:** Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 1405/2009 dated 25th day of June 2009 made in favour of **Bontle Kegaisang Tiego;**

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## Kwaito star Mapetla exits

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - Mapetla is no more.

Such was the rude awakening that music lovers and indeed the nation had in the wee hours of March 4.

The talented vibrant kwaito star Thabo Ntirang, affectionately known as Mapetla, met his untimely demise in the early morning of March 4, following a tragic car accident.

The news of the 41-year-old's passing came as a shock to family members as social media was ahead in breaking them before police could notify the family.

"We are disappointed at social media users for their reckless reports without confirming first with family. It was insensitive of

them.

"Ga se setho," said Mapetla's uncle Botho Ntirang in an interview as he confirmed the passing of his beloved nephew.

Ntirang said despite Mapetla being a public figure, it was distasteful for social media to have reported his death before they could contact the family for confirmation.

He said they were not certain yet as to what caused the accident, but were waiting for the police to notify the family upon conclusion of investigations.

The hoarse voiced Tonota native rose to fame in 2000 and it was his hit single *Ahh* that somehow cemented his game in the industry.

Known for his swag style, about which he would often say 'nna

*kana ke dese'*, Mapetla worked with various artistes such as Charma Gal, T.H.A.B.O, his own sister Dato Seiko, Kenny Mackenzo and many other kwaito stars during his time.

He was also a businessman having founded Petla's Tarven Records.

He was versatile and had the ability to diversify his craft despite his strong kwaito signature.

Mapetla has offered his fans such songs as *Jorotane*, a gospel feel song, slow jammed *Pelo* in which he was featured by his sister Dato Seiko.

He also collaborated with Charma Gal on their smash banger *Communication*, an electrifying dance offering by two of Botswana's favourites of two different genres.

After a long absence from the music scene, Mapetla burst back into the landscape in 2020 with a smash afro pop hit *Thaba Tshweu*, an offering that became a favourite, especially for wedding ceremonies.

Despite it being a fusion of kwaito and Afro pop, it was a hit.

"As a musician you need to grow with your market, and the transition comes with growth over the years," he explained at the time.

When most Botswana artistes' lyrics were in English during their rise to fame in the mid-2000s, with a few just trying with Setswana lyrics, Mapetla stamped with his tsotsitaal lyrics; which perhaps was inspired by his childhood roots in Lobatse.

His command of kwaito tsotsitaal in his songs earned him a legion of fans not only from his peers, but from 'grootmaans' as most could relate to the lingo he used in his songs.

May his soul rest while his music lives on. **BOPA**

## Madikwe Cultural Festival lives up to expectation

By Lindi Morwaeng

SIKWANE- Madikwe Cultural Festival, a cultural celebration characterised by traditional cuisine, music, games and attire, is gaining popularity taking its rightful place in the calendar of events in the country while at the same time promoting the river villages as alternative places of entertainment and leisure.

The event, which is now in its third edition, this past weekend offered nothing but loads of entertainment to a mature audience who had come in large numbers to spend time away from a hectic work schedule and day-to-day activities.

This year's event took place at the Newville Gardens in Sikwane with the host describing it as the most successful since its inception.

In recent years, there has been a buzz of activities in the river villages often referred to as Dinokeng villages, comprising of Mabalane, Sikwane, Mmathubudukwane, Ramonaka, Malolwane as well as Ramotlabaki and Oliphants Drift.

All these commercial activities have one thing in common, an intent to position these villages as one of the destinations for tourism and investment as well as promote economic sustainability of these villages.

Madikwe Cultural Festival in essence paved a way to the Fish Festival scheduled for this coming weekend, which will also be hosted in the river villages.

Entertainment dominated the day's events with top performances from the people's favourite artistes Dr Vom, Khoisan, Maghebula, Matlotla and Yaya, among others, as well as top DJs such as Fondo Fire, Slu, Sean Lacoostaq and Molex.

Attendees were also treated to exquisite traditional cuisine ranging from *seswaa*, *tlhako* (cow's hooves), *mosuthlwane*, *bogobe jwa lerotse*, *dinawa*, *koko ya Setswana*, and fresh harvest of *makgomane* among others as well as traditional beer, all free of charge.

In his remarks earlier, Member of Parliament for Kgatleng East, Mabuse Pule commended the hosts for promoting the area, which had a dark history to it. He said in the past, the area was referred to as 'the wrong side' because of pick-pocketers who had adopted this bad culture from the then Apartheid

South Africa emanating from the fact that black people used to fight for everything for survival.

"We are very proud as people from the river villages to host people from other places as well as the recognition we are now enjoying. This shows growth," MP Pule said.

He encouraged the local community not to take the festival lightly. "This is a big thing that will impact positively on our local economic development," he emphasised.

He further encouraged the informal sector to be part of this event in the future to improve and develop sustainable local economy.

The host, Ms Tshegofatso Powane explained that Madikwe Cultural Festival's purpose was to showcase Setswana culture through performing arts, traditional edutainment games, artifacts and food as well as to promote culture in general.

She also said she was happy that the festival was gaining popularity because they managed to market and advertise the event thoroughly through different media platforms.

She said the event had now stood in the gap left by the once popular Orange Letlhafula, which allowed attendees to taste various traditional dishes.

For her part, Ms Batsile Pilane also known as DJ Batsy said this year's edition had attracted a large crowd. She was happy that this year's event had a lot of local artistes showcasing their talent and as a result, young artistes also got to enjoy the ripple effects of such an occasion by earning income while at the same time boosting the local economy.

Kangawane Mogocho, popularly known as Dr Vom, who has earnestly earned the title of Messiah, was also happy to perform the people's favourite songs *Tsaya Thobane* and *Tlhabano* from his album, *Tsaya thobane*.

Surprisingly, out of eight songs in the album, Batswana have chosen these two songs as their most favourite songs and turned them into national songs.

However, Dr Vom said he appreciated the overwhelming support from Batswana and vowed to remain humble, stay grounded and listen to what people want. **BOPA**



Mapetla died early Monday morning in a tragic car accident.

# Increasing doping cases cause for concern

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Botswana Athletics Association (BAA) has expressed worry at the increasing number of doping cases amongst athletes, which has consequently placed the country under the red zone.

Addressing the annual general assembly on Saturday, BAA president Moses Bantsi said doping in athletics had taken a new twist and was now out of control given the number of cases reported so far. He noted that athletes were doping openly during competitions and at training, adding that this was supported by evidence the governing body had collected.

"You will find syringes and all kinds of items related to doping at the stadium ablutions block in the far north stand next to where we normally place our call room.

Some have been seen by their fellow athletes using performance enhancing tablets but they choose to keep quiet about such bad practices," he said.

Bantsi said the trend was now worrisome to the future of athletics growth in the country and warned that the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADO) was aware of the situation, which was a threat to all national teams including the Paris 2024 Olympic Games team.

"We are all working together including BAA, BNO, BNSC, NADO and RADO to put in place mechanisms that can help in bringing the situation under control.

In all honesty, our sport is in danger and efforts are needed to save athletics and the next generation by protecting their future in athletics," he said.

On the Botswana Golden Grand Prix, he said they learnt through the organiser, Golden Door Sports Agency that its contract with World

Athletics had been withdrawn.

He said BAA had written to the president of World Athletics, Sebastian Coe and the Confederation of African Athletics (CAA) president Hamad Kalkaba to rescind the cancellation of the said contract as it would impact negatively on the development of world-class competitions in the country and Africa.

"What I can tell you is that we are still awaiting a response from both bodies CAA and World Athletics," he said.

BAA general manager, Pinkie Wilson said their calendar of events for this year had 63 activities.

She said out of that number, 11 would be hosted by the federation, while different clubs would organise 52 events.

She said the target was to improve the performance and preparation of athletes for upcoming events amongst them the Olympics and Africa Senior Championships.

She, however, said some events were not captured in their calendar such as the Botswana Life Half Marathon, Lobatse Town Council Half Marathon, the Sir Seretse Khama Day Half Marathon and the African Stars International Athletics Championship in collaboration with UB Athletics.

Wilson further said their Memorandum of Agreement with Debswana, which commenced on January, 01 2022, would continue until December 31, 2024.

She also updated the affiliates that despite enduring a challenging transition last year, the association had achieved most of its planned activities, including sending teams to internal events.

BAA, she said remains filled with eagerness to continue attainment of the bold three medal target at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and other World Athletics Championships. **BOPA**



Ngaka will fight Yap for the prestigious WBF International Super Featherweight title during Rumble in the Okavango in Maun on March 30. Mike Tyson is expected to attend the event.

## Ngaka, Yap headline Rumble in the Okavango

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - The Perfect Punch Boxing in partnership with Okavango Consortium and VSP Promotions will stage a professional bout at Maun Stadium on March 30.

The highlight of the night dubbed, Rumble in the Okavango will see local boxer Moabi 'The Eagle' Ngaka, the WBF African Champion, engaging in a thrilling fight with Philippines boxer, Mark Yap vying for the prestigious WBF International Super Featherweight title.

In attendance will be former American professional boxer, Mike Tyson.

Unveiling the event in Gaborone recently, Larona Francis of the Perfect Punch said other than the bout of the night between Ngaka and Yap, Rumble in the Okavango would feature a number of exciting bouts.

He said VSP, which they had partnered with for the event, was a reputable professional boxing company based in Asia with vast knowledge on promoting

professional boxing.

Francis said the stable had brought to the country a team of professionals, who would drill local professional boxers on the necessities of professionalism, which included contracts signing. The fact that VSP promotions would manage to bring Tyson to the country, he said would not only make the event memorable but would also go a long way in promoting the country as a hub of sports tourism.

Chloe Moumakwa, who is part of the Rumble in the Okavango project management team, said the event was also about showcasing the rich cultural heritage and the untapped potential in sports as well as sports tourism.

Moumakwa said those who were party to the event were contributors to a movement that transcended borders and would unite communities as well as place Botswana on the global map.

"As we unveil the vision behind the project, let us remember that it goes beyond the ropes of a boxing ring. It is about fostering unity, promoting cultural exchange

and living a lasting legacy for generations to come," she said.

A representative of Okavango Consortium, Goitseone Mogalakwe-Matikiti was hopeful that the event would not only boost the tourism sector but also live behind lasting memories in the Maun community.

Mogalakwe-Matikiti said the event would also present local boxers with grand opportunities globally.

Nonofo Lebang, African Tourism Board ambassador for Botswana and commissioner of human resource, said the organisation was mandated to promote African Tourism be it cultural, education, leisure and even sport tourism.

Lebang said post COVID-19 most people were overwhelmed by the aftermath of the pandemic, therefore travelling was no longer primarily focused on enjoying the beauty of nature but it was also about healing, connecting and therapy, among others.

She said sport tourism was now at the forefront, as tourists travelled around the globe to enjoy the uniqueness offered by traditional and cultural sport as it encompassed leisure and healing.

"The benefits of such an event were endless. Vendors, hostels, restaurants, transporters will get a share.

Let us make Botswana the home of boxing. Let us turn Botswana into a MICE destination in the tourism sector whereby sport tourism takes the lead, be it dance, football or golf," she said.

Ngaka said he was excited by the opportunity to fight for an international belt.

He said Rumble in the Okavango was a huge event as it had attracted a lot of attention.

"We have Asian coming to fight our boxers. The legendary Mike Tyson will also be coming through VSP promotions. I will deliver. It's a huge step in my career as it will sell me to the world," he said. **BOPA**

## Battle for Southern Women's League heats up

By Jeremiah Sejabosigo

LOBATSE - The battle to win the second edition of the Jwaneng Mine Southern Region Women's League is hotting up between Jwaneng Galaxy ladies team and the inaugural champions, Zodiac Collabo Girls from Lobatse.

In matches played in Lobatse on Saturday, the two teams continued their streak of lop-sided victories to remain tied at the top of the log standings with 12 points from four matches each. Galaxy ladies thrashed Moshupa New Stars 5-1 at Moselewapula ground while the Collabo Girls humiliated Roman Warriors 7-0. Galaxy ladies striker, Kealeboga Ramontshonyana stole

the show by scoring all the five goals to keep her team at the top on goal difference. New Stars, however, started strongly and had the first chance of the match in the second minute.

Their striker, Tshogofatso Kentsheng found herself with ample space and unleashed a powerful shot, which was saved by Galaxy goalkeeper, Wame Moleleledi.

The Moshupa side did not give the log leaders any chance to manoeuvre in the first 20 minutes. However, Galaxy ladies started finding openings as the match progressed and midfielder Refilwe Matlho came close to giving them the lead with a well taken free-

kick, which was parried away for a corner by goalkeeper Nonofo Mesotlo in the 22<sup>nd</sup> minute.

New Stars defense failed to clear the resultant corner-kick, which gave Galaxy ladies striker, Wame Moleleledi a glorious opportunity but she narrowly missed the target from close range.

The striker then ballooned another opportunity over the posts a few minutes later as coach Gaoletlho 'Ronaldo' Nkutlwisang's team took charge of the match. New Stars midfielder, Kebapetse Matlho cleared an attempt from Ramontshonyana off the line. Ramontshonyana then sent a free header off target a few minutes later, before finally

opening the scoring with a close range effort in the 36<sup>th</sup> minute. She increased the Galaxy ladies lead with another close range finish five minutes later after receiving a pass from Patricia Motingwa.

New Stars reduced the deficit in the 59<sup>th</sup> minute through Kentsheng, but Ramontshonyana scored three more goals late on to seal a comfortable victory for her team. In other results, Maletamotse ladies hammered Eleven Queens 7-1 to leapfrog into third position with eight points. Bonto ladies beat Gangwaketse United 3-1 to move into fourth place with seven points, while Extension Gunners ladies were held to a goalless draw by Kanye Swallows ladies. **BOPA**

# Team morale sky high

*...as athletes head to Ghana for African Games*

By Marvin Motlhabane

GABORONE - Despite sending few sporting code to the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the African Games than the previous years, the caliber of athletes in the team will get a podium position.

The team that will represent the country in Accra, Ghana from March 8- 23 is made up of 88 delegates of which, 54 are athletes and 34 officials.

The team comprises of athletes from athletics, basketball, beach volleyball, boxing, judo, swimming, taekwondo, tennis and weightlifting.

Speaking at the team's sendoff ceremony in Gaborone on Sunday, Ministry of Youth, Sport, Gender and Culture permanent secretary, Tshepo Mophuting said at the games' last edition held in Rabat, Morocco in 2019, the country was represented by 11 codes compared to the current nine.

"At the last edition held in Rabat, Morocco in 2019, the Blue, White and Black Team came back with 14 medals; five gold, three silver and six bronze," he said.

He said Botswana's first participation at the games was in 1991 in Cairo, Egypt adding that over the years, the games had unearthed the country's finest talent.

The likes of Amantle Montsho, Isaac Makwala, Kabelo Kgosiemang and many others, he said were among the past gold medal winners at the games.

Mophuting said the African Games served as preparatory and qualifying meet for the Paris Olympic Games slated for July this year, adding that some team members had already qualified for the Olympics.

For some athletes and officials, he said the African

Games, formerly known as All African Games, served as a gentle introduction to high level continental and international competitions.

Mophuting said the games provided a platform for multi-sport competition as

well as cultural exchange for participants.

He said the organisers and previous host countries had ensured that they lived up to the highest standards by showcasing quality athletes and officials.

He encouraged athletes to

extend the bonds of friendship to their teammates as the games were a great opportunity to familiarise themselves with the diverse characters and cultures of the continent and to equally forge deep and endure friendship beyond sports.

He reminded the team that the national flag handed to them was confirmation from government that they were a true representative of Botswana.

Mophuting said the gesture symbolised responsibility to represent the nation well. **BOPA**



Team Botswana general manager Obakeng Ngwigwa (left) receiving a flag from Mophuting at the team's sendoff ceremony in Gaborone on Sunday. Mophuting said the caliber of athletes in the team would get a podium finish. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse



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