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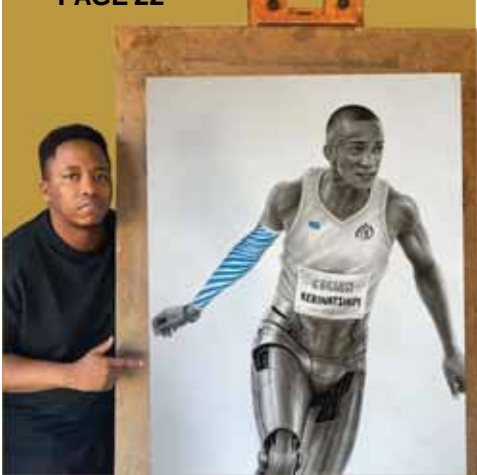
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UB to name building after Kengalogile

Esther Mmolai
SEXAXA

Naming a building after someone who made a key development is a common way to honour and recognise their work.

It honours their legacy, preserves history and inspires the community. To recognise a major philanthropic act of the Kengalogile family who gave a chunk of land to the University of Botswana(UB) to establish its Okavango Research Institute, the university management has pledged to name one of the institution’s buildings Kengalogile.

The UB Vice Chancellor, Professor David Norris made the pledge in response to a call by Minister of Higher Education, Mr Prince Maele for the university to consider doing so. Minister Maele had highlighted that the family’s generosity was proof of their belief that education was an enduring investment they could make.

The minister, who made the plea during the tombstone unveiling of the two Kengalogile ancestors, Mr Piet and Ms Yarubi Kengalogile born in the late 1800s and buried at ORI premises in 1955 and 1969, said by naming one of the university’s buildings bearing

the Kengalogile name would be a significant acknowledgement and recognition that indeed behind every institution were people whose generosity and vision had made it possible.

During the transfer of land, the university committed itself to erecting permanent tombstones in honour of the two family members. From scholarships and libraries to laboratories and research centres, Mr Maele said philanthropy had shaped institutions whose discoveries continued to transform humanity.

However, Prof. Norris conceded to the plea, noting that they would start by offering two scholarships to two members of the family who had completed their Form 5 and had done well in their Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE).

“As the university, we will take the responsibility of their full sponsorship until they finish their studies at our facility,” he announced.

He appreciated that the family’s generosity had indeed become part of the country’s history and future generations would know that one family’s sacrifice had helped establish an institution whose work continues to protect one of the world’s most precious ecosystem.



Minister of Higher Education, Mr Prince Maele (left) and a member of the Kengalogile family, unveiling a tombstone at Sexaxa recently, in honour of the late Piet Rakeeku Kengalogile and Yarubi Piet Kengalogile, who availed land for the establishment of Okavango Research Institute. Photo: Esther Mmolai

Chairperson of the University of Botswana Council, Dr Daniel Tau also thanked the Kengalogile family’s generosity saying their vision had demonstrated what could be achieved when communities and national institutions worked together towards a shared purpose.

He said their contribution reflected precisely the same spirit that carried the University of Botswana into existence, when Batswana joined forces and contributed towards its establishment.

The gathering learnt that initially, it was named the University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland and along the way, Lesotho withdrew from the regional agreement through a unilateral nationalisation of the Roma campus prompted by student unrest and political tensions over resource allocation and administration.

Dr Tau also recalled that the fallout resulted in students from Botswana being forced to withdraw, which accelerated the dissolution of the regional partnership, resulting in separate national universities.

Dr Tau also highlighted that currently, the University of Botswana was actively transforming

into a high performing institution with the vision of becoming a distinctive centre of academic excellence in Africa and globally by 2029. He said the Kengalogile family had laid a strong foundation by availing land that positioned ORI as a globally recognised centre of excellence in conservation and environmental research.

Member of Parliament for Maun North, Mr Dumelang Saleshando also stated that the family valued the importance of education and had put the Ngamiland region on the map hence honouring them was a welcome development. **BOPA**

New P1.1m Child Helpline Call Centre opens

Tumisang Moilwa
GABORONE

Child Helpline Botswana has officially opened a new P1.1 million state-of-the-art call centre in Gaborone, in a move set to strengthen the country’s child protection services.

The facility, funded through a grant from the Government of Japan, features two consultation rooms, a boardroom, and eight workstations. Organisers say the centre was built with room to expand as demand for the service grows.

Beyond the new infrastructure, the centre introduces upgraded technology. Children and members of the public will now be able to reach the helpline via WhatsApp. An integrated artificial intelligence system will assist with call translation, while new systems will also allow calls to be recorded and securely stored to improve case management and follow-ups.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, Child Helpline Botswana Chairperson Mr Olebile Machete said Japan has supported the organisation since 2010 through its Grassroots Human Security Project, which previously helped establish a medical centre.

He noted that the 116 Child Helpline has made a significant contribution to protecting children in Botswana and is modeled on similar services used across several African countries.

Mr Machete also highlighted government’s decision to zero-rate the helpline, saying it removed cost barriers for children and the public. He added that the organisation’s previous



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Mr Ogawa Shin, Chargé d’Affaires at the Embassy of Japan

facilities could no longer meet growing demand, prompting the application to the Embassy of Japan under the Grassroots

Human Security Project.

“We got the grant for P1.1 million to cover all the costs. It was very ambitious of us, looking

at the cost of construction, but we pulled through and managed to complete the project,” he said.

The chairperson said the project

went beyond bricks and mortar, with the centre also equipped with modern technology. He acknowledged Nashua for donating computers and software for the facility.

Mr Machete further revealed that the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education has engaged Child Helpline Botswana in the review of the Children’s Act of 2009, with consultations already underway. He assured stakeholders the new facility and technology would be used solely to advance child protection.

Also speaking at the event, Mr Ogawa Shin, Chargé d’Affaires at the Embassy of Japan, said the handover fulfilled a commitment made on December 20, 2024, when the Embassy signed a grant contract worth US\$85,113 for the call centre.

“This project represents more than the completion of a building. It reflects our shared commitment to national development priorities and international cooperation in advancing human security,” Mr Shin said.

He added that the project aligns with Botswana’s Vision 2036, particularly its human and social development goals, and will provide a safe and accessible platform for children, families, and the public to seek support.

“As we officially hand over this facility today, it is our hope that it will serve as a place where every child can find support, where every voice can be heard, and where every call contributes to a safer and brighter future for Botswana’s children,” he said. **BOPA**



The newly constructed Child Helpline Call Centre located in Gaborone. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

Mohwasa commits to maintain public order

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

Every government is entrusted with many responsibilities, but none is more fundamental than protecting the lives, dignity and aspirations of its people.

Supporting the law enforcement agencies is therefore not merely an operational responsibility but it is an investment in public confidence, national stability and the future of the country.

The minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa made the remarks during the official handover of 28 leased vehicles to the Botswana Police on Friday at Maun Sports Complex noting that the government remained committed to building public institutions that were responsive, efficient and citizen-centred.

The event marked the launch of the Botswana Police Service Vehicle Leasing Pilot Project in partnership with Car Rentals

Botswana (Pty) Ltd, trading as Avis Rent A Car aimed to ensuring that police officers had reliable mobility to carry out their duties whenever and wherever they were needed.

He appreciated that the initiative reflected government determination to modernise public service delivery, strengthen operational efficiency and build a Botswana Police Service that was better equipped to meet the evolving needs of the nation

The initiative, he said was about keeping more police vehicles on the road, reducing operational disruptions and enabling officers to focus on what they do best, protecting the people of Botswana.

“This pilot project reflects our commitment to ensuring that every pula entrusted to government delivers maximum public value. Fiscal responsibility is not about spending less; it is about spending wisely. It is about ensuring that public resources produce better outcomes for the people we serve. If a different approach can

improve operational efficiency while maintaining accountability and value for money, then it is our duty to evaluate it objectively and responsibly,” he added.

Mr Mohwasa appreciated that the vehicles would indeed strengthen the ability of the police to serve the people more effectively ensuring that when a citizen reaches out for help, officers have the means to respond without unnecessary delay.

Every operational vehicle placed on the road, he said strengthens visible policing, improves emergency response and enhances the ability of the Police Service to fulfil its constitutional mandate.

Security, he said is the foundation upon which development is built citing that without safety, businesses cannot grow, children cannot learn with confidence, tourists cannot enjoy the country’s beauty and communities cannot thrive.

Mr Mohwasa further noted that Batswana expect public institutions

that are responsive, accountable and capable of adapting to changing circumstances acknowledging that the expectations are not unreasonable, they are the very essence of good governance.

“As government, we must therefore continue to challenge ourselves to improve the way we deliver public services and to ensure that every decision we make translates into tangible benefits for our citizens,” the minister reiterated noting that the government is committed to evidence-based decision-making.

Over the next twelve months, Mr Mohwasa stated that they would closely monitor the initiative implementation, evaluate its operational effectiveness and assess whether it achieves the intended outcomes.

“The findings would guide future policy decisions because lasting reforms must be informed by facts, measurable results and the public interest. This project also demonstrates the important role

that strategic partnerships can play in advancing national development.

Government cannot achieve its developmental aspirations in isolation.

The private sector possesses expertise, innovation and capacity that, when harnessed responsibly, can complement government’s efforts to improve public service delivery”.

He therefore commended Car Rentals Botswana, trading as Avis Rent a Car, for partnering with the Botswana Police Service in this important initiative adding that they look forward to a partnership built on professionalism, accountability, reliability and a shared commitment to serving the people of Botswana.

Minister Mohwasa indicated that the success of the partnership would be measured by whether police response improves, whether operational efficiency increases and whether Batswana experience a safer environment through a more responsive police service. **BOPA**

Police launch vehicle leasing pilot project

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

Botswana Police Service has launched a vehicle leasing pilot project in Maun and Gaborone as part of efforts to tackle increasingly complex crime and improve operational readiness across the country.

Speaking at the launch on Friday, Commissioner of Police, Ms Dinah Marathe said criminals were now exploiting emerging technologies, making it critical for police to modernise resources and service delivery.

“The launch of the Botswana Police Service vehicle leasing pilot project is testament to government commitment to strengthening public service through innovation, collaboration and responsible stewardship of public resources,” Ms Marathe said.

Under a 12-month agreement with Car Rentals Botswana (Pty) Ltd, trading as Avis Rent A Car, the police will lease 28 operational vehicles. The arrangement includes comprehensive maintenance, insurance cover and replacement

vehicles when needed.

The fleet will be deployed to two policing areas: Broadhurst Policing Area 9 vehicles for Broadhurst Police Station and posts at Oodi, Phakalane and Gaborone North

Maun Policing Area, 19 vehicles for Maun Police Station, Maun Airport Police Station and posts at Khwai, Mababe, Shorobe, Matsaudi, Chanoga, Komana, Somelo, Nxaraga, Boseja, Makalamabedi and Sedie

Ms Marathe said the model allowed the service to maintain high fleet availability while cutting the financial and operational costs of ownership, maintenance and repairs. The Commissioner noted the pilot aligned with the police corporate strategy launched recently ; A key focus is Priority One: Enhancing Operational Readiness and Service Delivery, specifically Objective Five: Reinforcing BPS Mobility and Deployment



Commissioner of Police, Ms Dinah Marathe during the launch of Botswana Police Service Vehicle Leasing Pilot Project in partnership with Car Rentals Botswana, trading as Avis Rent A Car in Maun on Friday. She reaffirmed unwavering commitment to deliver innovative and community-centred policing services for a safe and secure Botswana. Photo: Courtesy of Botswana Police Service

Readiness.

“Through this initiative, we are strengthening our operational mobility to improve deployment, increase police visibility, enhance emergency response capability and

ultimately deliver more effective policing across the country,” she said. Ms Marathe added that policing must be guided by the service mantra, ‘Let the Voice of the Customer Lead Us.’

“Every strategic decision we make must ultimately enhance the quality, accessibility and responsiveness of policing services delivered to the people of Botswana.”

Annual crime figures for Maun show violent crime remains a challenge, including store break-ins, murder, threats to kill, and stock theft. Ms Marathe expressed confidence that the additional vehicles, combined with the recent introduction of airborne law enforcement capability in the area, will help address crimes of concern and assist in detecting missing persons.

She also thanked government for continued investment in national security institutions, and acknowledged strategic partners, Dikgosi and communities for supporting a police service that is ‘modern, responsive, trusted and worthy of the confidence placed in it.’ “By strengthening fleet management through strategic partnerships, we allow our officers to focus on what matters most: preventing and detecting crime, protecting life and property, preserving public peace and maintaining law and order,” Ms Marathe said. **BOPA**

Dikoloti urges Barolong to strengthen FMD fight

Aobakwe Molefi
TSHIDILAMOLOMO

The ongoing Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) predicament has presented an economic crisis tugging at the heartstrings of every person in the nation.

Officiating at the Southern District Beef Farmers Association in Tshidilamolomo on Saturday, Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti said while cattle could recover, beef trade and export markets may not survive if the virus continued to spread.

Dr Dikoloti therefore called on all to give he fight against FMD their all, saying taking long to defeat the disease outbreak would have far-reaching consequences for the country. He commended ongoing efforts by government and farmers, who were working tirelessly to contain the spread of the

disease through repairing cordon fences, carrying out emergency vaccinations, and constructing a containment zone fence which runs from Gamalete to Werda in Kgalagadi region.

The minister highlighted however that vaccinations and the setting up of a containment zone were not enough to fight FMD, saying true bio-security measures started with farmers at their respective kraals.

He thus encouraged farmers to continue to adopt strict bio-security measures, including securing their herds, stopping illegal livestock movement and maintaining animal identification through tagging and branding. He also stated that farmers should ensure they know the whereabouts of their farm workers and provide workers with disinfectants. The minister also appealed to members of the public to adhere to movement restrictions, report any signs of FMD and illegal

movement of livestock. On a positive note, he informed participants that government was implementing projects that would enhance the beef value chain and create employment in the agriculture sector.

He mentioned the Beef Global Brand Initiative, describing it as a significant step forward in moving beyond merely exporting raw commodities.

He said the initiative was a strategic transformation in the way the country produced, packaged and marketed its agricultural products.

He said it would help the country develop a premium, internationally-recognised brand that would guarantee consumers of sustainably-raised and 100 per cent grass-fed premium beef.

Dr Dikoloti explained that branding Botswana beef positioned the industry to adapt to emerging trends and would assist in meeting increasingly strict export market

requirements, such as the EU Deforestation Regulations.

He also highlighted another project, the Botswana Livestock Commercialisation Project, which he said was set to launch later this year, saying it aimed to commercialise livestock production including poultry and ostrich farming by providing infrastructure and reducing sector risks.

Moreover, he informed attendees at the workshop that the fodder strategy would revolutionise the livestock sector by replacing costly imported animal feed with locally produced, climate-smart high-value crops like lablab and lucerne.

Dr Dikoloti also indicated that the agriculture financing strategy, developed in partnership with Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), would reshape sector funding by unlocking private capital, minimising financial risks and increasing investments. **BOPA**

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Import restrictions guard against poultry diseases

GABORONE

The Ministry of Lands and Agriculture has imposed import restrictions on poultry and poultry products to protect the local poultry flocks from incursion by poultry diseases such as Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (bird flu) as well as to safeguard public health.

Answering a question in Parliament on Friday, the Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti said the restrictions were targeted at countries, which were affected by such diseases and added that the restrictions affected all poultry types, including the rare and non-commercial chicken breeds.

Dr Dikoloti said his ministry through the Department of Veterinary Services facilitated interested farmers to source poultry from countries that were not affected by poultry diseases, through negotiation of sanitary protocols to ensure safe importation.

He said the department had in place an established automated import permit system, which was operational in line with international guidelines on animal diseases. Minister Dikoloti was responding to a question from the MP for Tonota, Mr Gaefele Sedombo who has asked the minister if the restrictions on importation of poultry products aimed at promoting national self-sufficiency also applied to rare and



Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti has told Parliament that the ministry has imposed import restrictions on poultry and poultry products to protect local flocks from bird flu and other poultry diseases, as well as safeguard public health.

non-commercial chicken breeds. He also asked the minister to state measures put in place to support the diversification and development of the poultry industry, also if the Department of Veterinary Services had plans to introduce or consider controlled permit systems to enhance genetic diversity and create new opportunities within the poultry sector. **BOPA**

Parliament rejects CBOs inquiry motion

Esther Mmolai
GABORONE

Parliament has rejected a motion requesting government to institute a commission of inquiry on allegations of maladministration, financial embezzlement, insider trading, corruption, abuse of political power and abuse of office on community-based organisations (CBOs) by Technical Advisory Committees and trustees from 2014 to 2024.

The motion tabled by MP for Chobe, Mr Simasiku Mapulanga sought a resolution from the house to request the President who holds the sole power to do so, to set up the commission to investigate issues of poor governance and corruption practices that had crippled community based organisations.

Commenting on the motion, some Members of Parliament argued that Parliament had no powers to set up the commission of enquiry as the CBOs were established and registered as trusts under the Trust Property and Control Act.

They stated that they were equally concerned with issues of maladministration and corruption among community trusts as it was clear that the board of trustees were benefiting at the expense of the communities.

The MPs insisted that the Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) Act was the best tool to address issues of governance and ensure beneficiation among the communities.

While he sympathised with the

mover of the motion, Specially Elected MP and Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Major General Pius Mokgware underscored the need to comply with the acts in place including the one that governed CBOs.

In addition, he said it would be costly for the government to investigate 173 registered CBOs, suggesting that instead of setting up a commission of inquiry, it was best for the mover of the motion

to redefine it as there was already an act that had stringent measures to stop fraud, maladministration and funds embezzlement among others.

He also called for amendment of the Trust Property and Control Act, which regulate the control of trusts to ensure it benefited Batswana.

Francistown South MP and also Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi

also conceded that his ministry had no powers to set up a commission of inquiry on CBOs or community trusts as that task lay with the President.

He acknowledged that the community trusts have shifted from their mandate, citing that the CBNRM programme, which aimed to ensure beneficiation and improved livelihoods as well as sustainable natural resource was not achieving its objective due to poor governance and funds mismanagement among trusts.

Such issues, he said, had prompted the development of the CBNRM Act, noting that the ministry had also established the CBNRM department to address the challenges at hand and ensure the smooth implementation of the Act.

“We have finalised the CBNRM regulations and by January next year, each trust will be aligned with the act and failure to do so will deactivate its operation. Once all are aligned with the act, the ministry will conduct an audit in each trust to provide an objective evaluation on financial records, ensure accuracy and restore trust with the public,” Mr Mmolotsi said.

Mr Mmolotsi further noted that the audit would also help to unearth issues of maladministration and bring justice.

Palapye MP and also Minister of Water and Human Settlement, Mr Onneetse Ramogapi stated that the motion was on point as there was an outcry of poor governance among community trusts but concurred that the CBNRM Act that commenced last year would

be an answer to the challenges at hand.

He also contended that the house had no powers to institute the commission of inquiry as there was an existing legal instrument that regulated community trusts, adding that the planned audit exercise by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism would provide a solution to the issues mentioned by the mover of the motion.

Earlier, Mr Mapulanga stated that the motion called for investigation on issues of corruption, financial misuse and maladministration that were rife among community trusts.

He cited that there were a lot of complaints from the communities as they viewed board of trustees and Technical Advisory Committees with suspicion because the trusts were generating millions but the communities were crippled by poverty while a few benefited.

Trusts, he said were also wasting communities’ funds on court cases, arguing that the commission of inquiry was ideal to protect the interests of the communities and ensure they benefited from the natural resources within their localities.

Mr Mapulanga appreciated the CBNRM programme, which intended to empower communities and ensure sustainable development while also conserving natural resources sustainably, but he said it was not the case and with the commission of inquiry as it aimed to promote good governance and effective utilisation of community funds. **BOPA**



MP for Chobe Mr Simasiku Mapulanga

Kgosi Mosadi turns tradition into fortress for women

Baleseng Batlotleng
RAMOTSWA

As both the custodian of her tribe's heritage and a vocal advocate on the continental stage, Kgosi Mosadi Seboko of Balete carries a conviction that true African culture must protect and never harm.

Now, as Botswana joins hands with the African Union to end violence against women, Kgosi Mosadi, is leading from the front, mobilising custom, community and leadership to turn ancient tradition into a shield for her people.

This personal mission took centre stage on July 17, when the African Union Technical Assistance Mission paid a courtesy call to her royal court in Ramotswa.

The visit provided a major continental boost to Botswana's drive to eradicate gender-based violence to accelerate the country's ratification, domestication and implementation of the landmark AU Convention on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (AU-CEVAWG).

Welcoming the delegation, Kgosi Mosadi spoke not just as a diplomat, but as a leader deeply attuned to the quiet heartbreaks inside her people's homes.

She reflected on a painful truth facing the continent, saying despite Africa's significant progress

in advancing gender equality through progressive laws, policies and continental commitments, violence against women and girls remains one of its most pressing challenges.

For her, gender-based violence is not an abstract policy statistic, but a destructive force that fractures human dignity, weakens families, erodes social cohesion and steals the promise of peace and prosperity from future generations.

"As Africans, we are united by a vision of a continent where every individual enjoys equal opportunity, security and dignity. This vision, embodied in the AU's Agenda 2063, cannot be realised while women and girls continue to experience violence," she said.

Critics often point to traditional customs as rigid barriers to women's rights. But Kgosi Mosadi refuses to let culture be blamed for cruelty. Instead, she draws on the deepest roots of African heritage to fight back, firmly believing that true customs and traditions were always meant to uplift and protect human dignity.

"Our cultures are rich in values of respect, compassion, justice and communal responsibility. These are the values we must preserve and promote. Practices or beliefs that perpetuate violence or inequality have no place in the Africa we are striving to build," she



Kgosi Mosadi of Balete (centre), African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights commissioner, Ms Janet Sallah-Njie (left) and UN Women Representative to the AU Commission, Ms Doris Mpoumou during a courtesy call at Ramotswa Kgotla on Friday. Kgosi Mosadi said the AU Commission on ending violence marked a watershed moment for Africa as it built on existing commitments, including the Maputo protocol, which Botswana had ratified in 2023. Photo: Baleseng Batlotleng

said. Sitting in a unique position of trust as a custodian of culture, a mediator and a role model, she feels the personal weight of that responsibility acutely.

She believes traditional leaders must be the first to step into the gap, challenging harmful practices and building communities where no woman or girl has to walk in fear.

"For far too long, the scourge of gender-based violence has fractured our communities, acting as a major barrier to every developmental outcome we seek. Traditional leaders cannot remain passive observers. The kgotla must not merely be a place of dispute resolution but also a fortress of protection," she said.

True cultural preservation, she explained, required the courage to evolve and eliminate harmful social attitudes, nurture positive masculinity and ensure that customs serve as a shield for women and never a weapon against them. As such spirit, she hailed the adoption of the AU-CEVAWG as a watershed moment for Africa,

building directly on commitments like the Maputo Protocol, which Botswana ratified in 2023.

Kgosi Mosadi's moral clarity resonated deeply with the visiting continental delegates, illustrating what happens when grassroots traditional leadership meets global human rights advocacy.

African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights commissioner, Ms Janet Sallah-Njie, reaffirmed the commission's commitment to standing shoulder-to-shoulder with Botswana to implement the convention. She noted that while the road ahead was daunting, the continent's collective resolve was even stronger.

Ms Sallah-Njie praised Kgosi Mosadi, who also served as the Southern African Caucus of the Pan-African Parliament vice chairperson and a member of the Committee on Gender, Family, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, for her relentless crusade to end violence against women and girls.

Expressing confidence that engaging passionate traditional

leaders was the key to real change, Ms Sallah-Njie honoured Kgosi Mosadi as a true ambassador of African culture, emphasising that her voice must continue to echo across the Pan-African Parliament to lift up Southern Africa and the continent as a whole.

The emotional urgency of the moment was matched by UN Women Representative to the African Union Commission and UNECA, Ms Doris Mpoumou.

Ms Mpoumou acknowledged the painful reality that culture had sometimes been distorted to strip away women's hard-won freedoms.

Yet, looking around the room in Ramotswa, she saw a path forward grounded in mutual respect and shared humanity.

Engaging traditional leaders like Kgosi Mosadi, Ms Mpoumou highlighted that it offered an irreplaceable opportunity to forge partnerships that ensured that every single woman and girl can live in safety, walk with respect and realise her full and unhindered potential. **BOPA**

PUBLIC NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE REVITALIZATION AND REFURBISHMENT OF THE BOTSWANA MEAT COMMISSION (BMC) TANNERY (LOBATSE)

The public is informed that **BMC** intends to revitalize and refurbish the **Lobatse BMC Tannery**. The tannery is located in Lobatse Thema 1 precinct, along the Pioneer Border Gate Road. The project entails the revitalization of the tannery, to ensure that production **capacity of 1500 hides** a day is achieved. In addition, the project involves refurbishment of existing tannery facilities as well as auxiliary buildings and equipment. The revitalization of tanning operation is Phase 1 of the Lobatse Leather Park Project.

The proposed positive impacts for the project amongst others include boosting the local and national economy and creation of employment. The project's negative impacts include discharge of wastewater containing pollutants such as chromium, emission of odor (hydrogen sulfide) and tannery sludge disposal. As part of the **EIA study and in fulfilment of Section 7 (2) (a) of the Environmental Assessment Act, Cap 65:07**, notice is hereby given for public consultation meeting to be held Peleng Customary Court; on the **12th August 2026, at 0900am**.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Provide feedback regarding how the concerns that were raised by the community and stakeholders during the previous public consultation that was held in March 2025 have been addressed by the project design and the EIA.
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‘Africa-centred HIV cure strategy ideal’

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As global efforts to find a cure for HIV gather pace, experts are calling for an Africa-focused research agenda.

They argued that scientific breakthroughs would have limited impact unless were designed to meet the unique realities, healthcare systems and needs of African populations, where the burden of the epidemic remained highest.

Even though principal research scientist based at the Botswana Harvard Health Partnership (BHP), Professor Catherine Koofhethile said the global scientific community had made progress in HIV treatment, developing a cure remained one of medicine’s greatest challenges.

Despite decades of progress in HIV prevention and treatment, Prof. Koofhethile said Africa still faced major HIV burden, and that the continent had yet to meet key global HIV impact targets.

She said the goal of reducing annual new HIV infections below 370 000 by 2025 and AIDS-related deaths below 250 000 had not yet been achieved, but instead, Africa recorded approximately 663 000 new HIV infections and 396 000 AIDS-related deaths in 2023.

“One death is a really big deal, so imagine 390 000,” she said.

While Botswana has achieved and surpassed the UNAIDS 95-95-95 treatment targets, the ending HIV requires a coordinated



Principal research scientist based at the Botswana Harvard Health Partnership, Professor Catherine Koofhethile said while the global scientific community had made progress in HIV treatment, developing a cure remained one of the greatest challenges. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

international response.

“We cannot solve the problem here only, we have to solve the global problem,” said Prof. Koofhethile.

Meanwhile, she praised advances that had simplified HIV treatment from multiple daily pills to once-daily medication and long-acting injectable therapies, but emphasised that these treatments suppressed the virus rather than eliminate it.

Prof. Koofhethile said when anti-retroviral therapy suppressed the virus, HIV could remain dormant inside certain CD4 T-cells, and if

treatment was stopped, the hidden reservoirs could reactivate, leading to viral rebound.

“The main reason why we cannot eliminate HIV from the body using treatment is because of these reservoirs,” said Prof. Koofhethile, warning patients never to stop antiretroviral treatment without medical supervision, because research had consistently shown the virus returned once therapy was interrupted.

In cure versus remission, Prof. Koofhethile distinguished between two goals of HIV cure research.

“The first is a sterilising cure,

which completely eliminates HIV from the body. The second is functional cure or remission, where individuals maintain undetectable viral levels without continuing antiretroviral therapy,” she said.

She mentioned that researchers worldwide were pursuing both approaches.

Prof. Koofhethile outlined several experimental strategies currently under investigation.

She mentioned the ‘shock and kill’ approach, which aimed to activate dormant HIV so infected cells could be destroyed, combination immunotherapy using vaccines and broadly neutralising antibodies to strengthen immune responses, gene-editing technologies designed to remove HIV DNA from infected cells and stem-cell transplantation.

Stem-cell transplantation, she said was the only strategy that had resulted in documented HIV cures in a small number of patients.

The approach gained international attention after Timothy Ray Brown, known as the ‘Berlin Patient,’ became the first person cured of HIV following treatment for leukemia using donor stem cells carrying a rare genetic mutation that blocks HIV infection.

However, Prof. Koofhethile cautioned that the procedure was expensive, highly invasive and unsuitable as a large-scale cure strategy. “We have to be creative, we need to come up with our own ways of eliminating HIV,” she said, adding that the African research, was contributing to

global effort.

Prof. Koofhethile highlighted several HIV cure studies underway on the continent, including research in South Africa exploring combination immunotherapy and early treatment.

She also pointed to ongoing work in Botswana, including studies involving adolescent cohorts aimed at understanding the biological mechanisms that could lead to long-term viral remission.

Researchers are working to identify biomarkers that predict, which patients might naturally control the virus after stopping treatment, while also investigating how immune responses differ among African populations, Prof. Koofhethile said.

Although acknowledging that a widely available HIV cure remains elusive, she said scientific progress provided reason for optimism.

Prof. Koofhethile called for greater collaboration among scientists, healthcare workers, governments, communities, policymakers and people living with HIV to accelerate cure research. “We need to work together,” she said, adding that ‘communities are the most important drivers of finding a successful cure strategy that can work for us’.

Prof. Koofhethile also announced plans to develop a Botswana HIV cure research agenda that would bring together researchers, healthcare providers, policymakers and affected communities to define national priorities. **BOPA**



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Domestic funding vital - official

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As Botswana charts a new development trajectory, aspiring to transition from a mono-commodity economy towards the Vision 2036 aspiration of becoming a high-income, economically diversified nation, the question of development finance has become increasingly critical. Recently, Vice President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe, joined fellow Southern African Development Community (SADC) Ministers of Finance and Investment at the Committee of Ministers of Finance and Investment (COMFI) meeting held in Harare, Zimbabwe, from 29 June to 3 July.

The meeting focused on regional financial integration, macroeconomic stability and sustainable development financing.

BOPA caught up with the head of the institution that coordinates many of these regional initiatives and organised the Harare meeting.

SADC Development Finance Resource Centre (SADC-DFRC) executive director, Mr Zwelibanzi Sapula underscored the importance of mobilising domestic resources to finance development.

Stocky and welcoming with an easy smile, Mr Sapula received BOPA team at the SADC-DFRC offices in Gaborone's Central Business District (CBD). Appointed executive director in November 2024, coincidentally the same month Botswana ushered in a new government, he speaks passionately about the organisation's mandate.

"In the year 2000, SADC Ministers of Finance and

Investment took a decision to establish a Development Finance Institutions (DFI) network. Today, the network has more than 40 members from across the SADC region, including the Botswana Development Corporation (BDC), National Development Bank (NDB) and the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA)," he explains.

He adds, "From South Africa, we have the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) and the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), from Mozambique, the Banco Nacional de Investimento (BNI) as well as the Development Bank of Namibia and other development finance institutions from across the SADC member states."

He further explains that in July 2003, the SADC-DFRC was established to coordinate and strengthen the DFI Network. Beyond this coordination role, the centre was mandated to mobilise development finance for regional integration projects that promote economic growth, employment creation and poverty alleviation across the region.

"We were tasked with adding value beyond simply convening the DFI Network," notes Mr Sapula, adding "Our mandate includes building the capacity of development finance institutions, harmonising regulatory and legal frameworks to create an enabling environment for cross-border collaboration, mobilising resources for regional integration projects and developing a pipeline of projects that advance regional integration."

Botswana has long identified regional infrastructure projects that have the potential to advance both domestic economic diversification

and regional integration. Some, such as the Kazungula Bridge and the Trans-Kalahari Highway, have already been completed and are operational.

Others including the Trans-Kalahari Railway, Mmamabula-Lephalale Rail Link, Ponta Techobanine Heavy Haul Railway and Deep Sea Port and the Chobe-Zambezi Water Transfer Scheme, have long been on the regional agenda but are yet to be implemented.

Mr Sapula says the planned redevelopment of the A1 Highway into a dual carriageway is also of interest to the SADC-DFRC because it forms part of the Trans-African Highway Network, linking Cape Town in South Africa to Cairo in Egypt and is therefore of strategic regional significance.

He reckons that the centre also supports other regional infrastructure initiatives, including the Lobito Corridor, a transformative road and rail project linking Lobito on Angola's Atlantic coast to the Copperbelt regions of Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) as well as projects contained in the SADC Regional Infrastructure Development Master Plan.

That week, Mr Sapula, accompanied by Ms Chadza Macheng, SADC-DFRC executive officer for stakeholder relations, paid a courtesy visit to Botswana's Ministry of Finance to discuss strengthening collaboration in support of the country's development priorities and broader regional integration initiatives.

Mr Sapula believes that Botswana, like many countries in the region, possesses significant domestic financial resources

particularly through pension funds and other institutional investors that can be mobilised to finance critical infrastructure instead of relying predominantly on external borrowing.

"One area we promote is Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs). For many years Botswana financed much of its development through mineral revenues, but fiscal constraints are becoming more evident. PPPs provide an opportunity to crowd in private sector investment and achieve national development objectives," observes Mr Sapula.

Beyond its original mandate of coordinating regional development finance institutions, the SADC-DFRC now also coordinates the SADC Public-Private Partnership Network which focuses on capacity building, project development and advisory support for PPPs across the region.

"We still face the challenge that only about 20 per cent of SADC trade is intra-regional, while 80 per cent is conducted with the rest of the world. The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) seeks to change that. We are working with development finance institutions to ensure funding is available and with SADC to strengthen the infrastructure needed to facilitate greater regional trade," notes Mr Sapula.

His remarks resonate with a broader continental shift. In April this year, the African Development Bank (AfDB) adopted the Abidjan Consensus, establishing the New African Financial Architecture for Development (NAFAD) to help address Africa's estimated US\$400 billion annual development financing gap.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

BURS intercepts cigarettes valued at P26.34 million

GABORONE - The Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) has intercepted and seized 1 325 mega boxes of cigarettes, each containing 50 cartons, with an estimated market value of P26.34 million. The cigarettes were concealed in a truck entering Botswana from Zimbabwe through Ramokgwebana Border Post on July 19. According to a press release from BURS, this is the second major interception by the revenue service at Ramokgwebana Border Post within two months. In May 2026, the release says another truck carrying 353 mega boxes of cigarettes, valued at P6.89 million, concealed in a hidden compartment. Together, the two operations have resulted in the seizure of 1 678 mega boxes of cigarettes with a combined estimated value of P33.23 million. These interceptions resulted from the BURS' deliberate strategic and operational strengthening of border enforcement. **BOPA**

New technologies boost Ethiopia tech capabilities

ADDIS ABABA - Cooperation with China in emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI), is fostering Ethiopia's institutional and workforce capabilities, enabling the rapid adoption of advanced technologies across the country's critical development sectors, senior officials and experts have said. These critical development sectors include meteorology as well as the space science and geospatial sector, areas where the two countries have forged strong collaborative frameworks and initiatives in recent years. Sino-Ethiopian cooperation in the meteorological domain is empowering local experts to deploy cutting-edge technological models, including AI and machine learning algorithms. Officials at the Ethiopian Meteorological Institute (EMI) said that cooperation with China was injecting a much-needed impetus to enhance the institute's capabilities in ensuring data accuracy and providing refined climate information. **Xinhua**

China Trade Week deepens Sino-African economic ties

NAIROBI - The 11th edition of the China Trade Week which was held Nairobi is expected to strengthen economic cooperation between China and Africa. The three-day event, provided a platform for business networking, investment promotion, and industrial knowledge exchange. David Wang, chairman of MIE Group, the organiser of the China Trade Week, said that the event attracted over 200 exhibitors from 20 countries, including 88 from China. "The exhibition plays a role in strengthening bilateral commercial ties by serving as a vital bridge for Chinese enterprises seeking sustainable local partnerships across the African continent," Wang said. He said the expo showcased the latest products in fintech, consumer technology, power generation, lighting, renewable energy, and building materials. **Xinhua**

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MoA opens doors for economic opportunities

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SEROWE

The Botswana Exporters and Manufacturers Association (BEMA) has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Bangwato Tribal Administration covering all seven districts under

its jurisdiction. Speaking at the signing ceremony on Thursday at the Serowe Main Kgotla, BEMA Chief Executive Officer Ms Mmantlha Sankoloba stated that the agreement marked the beginning of a shared journey founded on trust, mutual respect, and a common vision for sustainable community development.

“It is a declaration that the private sector and traditional leadership can work together to unlock the economic potential that already exists within our community,” Ms Sankoloba said. She noted that through the MoA, BEMA commits to working alongside the Bangwato Community to identify viable

economic opportunities across various sectors. These include manufacturing, agro-processing, leather beneficiation, indigenous products, cultural industries, tourism, renewable energy, and other community-based enterprises.

“Our role will be to mobilise expertise, facilitate investment, strengthen market access, build enterprise capacity, support product development and connect community businesses to national, regional, and international markets,” she added.

Ms Sankoloba emphasised that the partnership aligned with Botswana’s national aspirations for economic diversification, industrialisation, import substitution, export promotion, and sustainable job creation.

She added that the initiative was about dignity, ensuring that communities become active

participants in shaping their own economic future.

Furthermore, she stressed that the MoA must not remain mere words on paper. Instead, it must lead to the establishment of factories, the creation of businesses, the empowerment of farmers, support for artisans, employment for young people, and the transformation of families through sustainable livelihoods.

During the signing ceremony, Kgosi Khama VI noted that partnerships with the private sector significantly improved businesses by driving infrastructure development, fostering innovation, and expanding market access.

BEMA’s core mandate remains to advocate for support, and promote local manufacturing and exporting companies, helping them grow, diversify the economy, and compete successfully in both domestic and international markets. **BOPA**



Botswana Exporters and Manufacturers Association CEO, Ms Mmantlha Sankoloba (left) and Kgosi Khama IV of Bangwato during signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the association and Bangwato Tribal Administration in Serowe recently. Ms Sankoloba said the association intended to explore viable economic opportunities across various sectors in the region to help improve the livelihood of residents. Photo: Baldwin Nyamande

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Africa SME body honours Boko

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FRANCISTOWN

The President of the All Africa Association for Small and Medium Enterprises (AAASME), Dr Ebiekure Eradiri has honoured President Advocate Duma Boko with the UbuntuSusu Continental SME Billion Fund recognition.

The presentation was made on the sidelines of the Trade Up North 10th Anniversary in Francistown on Thursday.

Speaking after the presentation, Dr Eradiri said the recognition acknowledges President Boko’s commitment to growing SMEs and creating an enabling environment for small businesses in Botswana.

He said Botswana’s ‘Beyond Diamond’ agenda and the UbuntuSusu Continental SMEs Fund shared the same objective of building an economy where enterprise, not extraction, drove national prosperity.

Dr Eradiri said AAASME had established the UbuntuSusu SMEs Fund at the tune of \$1.4 billion to assist SMEs in Africa to access finance.

He said the major challenge facing SMEs in Africa and across the globe was access to finance and access to markets, noting that financial lenders often imposed stringent conditions.

For Botswana, Dr Eradiri said the recognition and the Fund presented an opportunity for local SMEs to tap into continental financing, markets and partnerships, and to benefit from what he described as ‘African solutions to African problems’.

The UbuntuSusu Continental SME Billion Fund is an Afrocentric financing initiative aimed at mobilising 125 million SMEs

across Africa to pool resources and access funding. The Fund seeks to catalyse economic growth and accelerate prosperity in line with Aspiration 1 of the African Union’s Agenda 2063.

President Boko welcomed the honour, saying government remained committed to supporting SMEs as key drivers of job creation, economic diversification and contribution towards Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Meanwhile, the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Noah Salakae, said the transport system and the mining sector were interlinked and cannot survive on their own.

He said while the transport sector did not extract minerals, it moved them, exported them and delivered their value to the nation.

The minister said extraction would be meaningless without a viable method of transportation

of raw materials to processing facilities.

He said with the continued expansion of the mining sector beyond diamonds, government had identified strategic mega transport infrastructure investments.

These, he said, included accelerating the Mosetse-Kazungula-Livingstone rail link in Zambia, and the Mmamabula-Lephalale rail link to improve freight movement.

Mr Salakae further stated that government was also looking at expanding copper belt access networks through the Trans-Kalahari railway line, whose feasibility study had been completed.

The minister further stated that talks were ongoing to rehabilitate the A1 (Ramatlabama - Ramokgwebana) highway, while a 20km section of the A3 (Francistown-Nata) was recently

opened to traffic. He said the Nata-Kazungula section of the A3 highway was also under construction.

The newly appointed Coordinator for AAASME in Botswana and founder of Trade Up North, Ms Vuyiswa Mojela, said in an interview that she was happy with the recent discovery of copper mines in the country.

Ms Mojela said the discovery of these mines meant that SMEs would thrive. However, she expressed concern that government was moving slowly to allow Botswana to directly sell these minerals despite trading with reputable companies.

She challenged government to urgently address the issue so that Botswana also benefited from this lucrative market.

In the meantime, some of the SMEs that participated in the Trade Up North 10th Anniversary expressed appreciation for the opportunity to showcase their products.

The Managing Director of Destiny Creek, a company that deals in tea beverages, Ms Boitumelo Ntsosa, said most of her products were sourced from outside to produce different kinds of tea and tea accessories.

She added that her products were available at Square Mart in Gaborone.

The 2026 Trade Up North Mining and Construction Conference and Expo was aimed at promoting citizen economic empowerment and industrial participation in Botswana’s mining, manufacturing and construction sectors.

The Expo brought together exhibitors, entrepreneurs, and visitors from across Botswana and the SADC region to explore business opportunities and forge partnerships. **BOPA**



President Advocate Duma Boko (left) receiving an honorary pin from All Africa Association for Small and Medium Enterprise president, Dr Ebiekure Eradiri during the Trade Up North 10th Anniversary in Francistown recently. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

MPs endorse national migration policy

Esther Mmolai
GABORONE

Parliament has adopted the Botswana National Migration Policy, which aims to establish legal frameworks for managing the movement of people across borders.

The policy shifts the country toward supporting the national security and economic needs with humanitarian responsibilities, effectively deciding who can enter, work and settle in the country.

Presenting the policy before Parliament on Thursday, the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Major General Pius Mokgware stated that the purpose of the policy was to provide a comprehensive framework to manage labour migration, regulate border control, uphold human rights, facilitate skills transfer and prevent different arms of government from working at cross purpose.

The policy, he said was aligned with the Sustainable Development Goal 16.7, which promoted orderly, safe and regular responsible migration and also aligned to African Union Agenda, which promoted safe, orderly and regular human mobility.

Maj. Gen. Mokgware said the agenda strives to achieve labour mobility, border management

and strong social protections for migrants across the continent.

He further noted that the policy also was in line with Objective No. 1 of the Global Compact for Migration that focused on data collection and evidence based policies.

Maj Gen Mokgware said it committed member states to collect, analyse and utilise accurate, disaggregated data to serve as the factual foundation for migration related policies.

The policy, he said promoted border control management to facilitate lawful trade and travel as well as tourism, noting that they would be using integrated management systems to deter illicit activity while ensuring the seamless, expedited movement of legitimate travellers.

“This policy will help promote safe, orderly and regular migration by streamlining travel documentation and modernising entry systems to ease business and tourism,” he said.

He noted that a well-structured policy would directly address issues of child trafficking by closing legal gaps and enforcing strict cross-border protection.

Maj. Gen. Mokgware highlighted that human trafficking was a serious concern as minors were recruited and overwhelmingly exploited through forced labour and other illicit



Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Major General Pius Mokgware (left) and Minister for International Relations, Dr Phenyio Butale during a recent Parliament session. Parliament has adopted the Botswana National Migration Policy, which establishes a legal framework to manage the movement of people across borders. Photo: Washa Bofelwang

activities, hence they believed that the policy was the best tool to disrupt trafficking operations.

In addition, he said the policy aimed to promote labour migration, citing that it would attract vital skills to fill crucial skill gap and investments needed for economic growth.

In other countries, he said migration was part of the Gross Domestic Product as it significantly drove growth through innovation among others.

“We are referring to migrants with legal documents who can add value to national developments and economic growth. In many

countries, migrants have helped transform developing economies into high income capital,” he added.

The minister cited the United States of America, saying it was built by waves of immigrants resulting in a highly developed country, noting that its economy had been reliant on continuous immigration and foreign labour.

The policy, he said would also support international cooperation, stating that no single country could manage migration alone and as such coordinated governance promotes safer, orderly movement.

Botswana, he said, had

agreements with SADC and United Nations, hence they aligned policies with the international frameworks to manage both regular and irregular migration.

Maj. Gen. Mokgware said the policy also looked at internal migration in which people within the country’s border moved in search of economic opportunities and better services.

He told Parliament that the policy would also benefit Batswana as it emphasised that people should access services in their place of origin. The policy, he said would expand public services to restrict movement. **BOPA**

Migration Policy to support regional integration



The Vice President and also Gaborone Bonnington South MP, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe

Ketshepile More
GABORONE

National Migration Policy aligns Botswana’s migration governance with international, continental and regional frameworks, which the country subscribes to, the Vice President and also Gaborone Bonnington South MP, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe has said.

Supporting a motion by the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Major General Pius Mokgware on Botswana National Migration Policy on Thursday, Mr Gaolathe said the policy supported the implementation of migration-related sustainable development goals.

He said the policy promoted compliance with international conventions on migration, refugees, anti-trafficking and human rights.

Therefore, Mr Gaolathe who is also the minister of Finance said it further enhanced Botswana’s credibility and influence in regional and international migration dialogues.

Mr Gaolathe said the policy represented a landmark reform that provided Botswana with its first comprehensive framework for managing migration in a safe, orderly and strategic manner.

He said the policy aligned with Botswana’s true north, which he said was a high-income

economy that was digitally enabled, diversified, export-oriented in which every citizen was empowered, employed and fulfilled.

He also said the policy would facilitate the tourism sector, trade and business development through more efficient migration and management systems.

Mr Gaolathe said it would contribute directly to government’s ambition of transforming Botswana into a high-income, knowledge based and globally competitive economy.

Regarding the visa, permit and residence processes, Mr Gaolathe said the policy would improve the systems and therefore support direct foreign investment initiatives.

As a result, he said the move would also reinforce labour mobility to support productivity and economic diversification.

Designed to enhance document verification, ensure travel document integrity, and improve pre-entry vetting systems, Mr Gaolathe said the policy also aligned with SADC and African Union initiatives, thereby promoting regional integration.

He said the policy would facilitate safe and orderly cross-border movement of people and goods, support one-stop border posts to enhance trade efficiency, and strengthen cooperation on migration and border management with neighbouring countries;

also recognising professional and academic qualifications within the region, aligning with Botswana’s ambition to become a regional hub for trade, investment and logistics.

Additionally, he noted that the policy would affirm Botswana’s reputation as a respected member of the international community, with improved migration data collection and analysis, enhancing coordination across ministries and ensuring faster visa and permit processing.

Furthermore, he said its intention was to foster engagement with the Botswana diaspora to attract skills, technology, research, collaboration and investment.

Despite concerns about it favouring facilitation over security, he said the policy would enhance Botswana’s border management and security architecture and strengthen border controls to prevent the entry of individuals posing security risks.

Mr Gaolathe said the policy would promote cooperation among immigration security and law enforcement agencies within and outside Botswana, establishing early warning and rapid response systems for migration-related security threats and further enhance capacity to combat human trafficking, migrant smuggling and transnational crime.

He said the policy would strengthen accountability, monitoring and evaluation of migration programmes. **BOPA**

Moringa farming to be a game changer

Thamani Shabani
FRANCISTOWN

Today, diamonds have no value in the market, but trees can take over and this is according to Farmer's Pride International (FPI) director, Mr Hunter Zadzagomo.

In an interview, Mr Zadzagomo captures the spirit of a quiet and green revolution taking root in the soils of Botswana, saying while global markets fret over volatile, fluctuating diamond prices, a botanical powerhouse, *Moringa oleifera*, is emerging as the country's ultimate economic lifeline.

He says Botswana has a golden opportunity to position itself as Africa's premier moringa production, processing and export hub and also believes that agriculture is the only sector in Africa capable of completely sustaining itself on its own ecosystem.

He argues that finite minerals can no longer guarantee national stability.

"Moringa has the potential to grow family economies. It is not just a crop but a livelihood enterprise capable of creating income, improving household nutrition, generating employment, supporting small businesses and contributing to national economic development through value addition and exports. When organised under Agriculture-Based Clusters, Moringa becomes a catalyst for rural industrialisation and community wealth creation," he explains.

Rather than repeating the historic mistake of exporting cheap, raw materials, he says FPI's strategy centres on local value addition, adding that processing the harvest into premium products yields significantly higher returns for local farmers and keeps wealth within the country.

Currently, he says FPI is operating from Uphopia Farms in Gakuto.

"Where we are implementing our pilot production and demonstrating the Agriculture-Based Cluster model," he says, adding that as demand scales, the plan is to expand this cluster model nationwide.

To understand the sheer magnitude of this potential, one only has to look at how visionary nations have historically turned native flora into national fortune.

China spun bamboo into a multi-billion-dollar empire spanning construction, textiles, food and paper.

Zimbabwe rode tobacco, Africa's 'golden leaf', to huge export earnings.

Kenya and Ethiopia branded tea as green gold and brewed coffee into national economic growth, while Ghana claimed the crown as the world's cocoa king.

The Netherlands, Brazil and India dominated global markets in flowers, coffee and spices respectively.

Botswana is equally rich in high-value and indigenous flora.

The majestic baobab offers deep nutrition, wild rooibos steeped into soothing tea, buchu carries medicinal power, aloe vera heals, morula transforms into rich juices and jams and local wild honey holds an unforgettable flavour.

Yet, none of these quite matches the sheer versatility and



Moringa training workshop participants appreciating moringa products during a tour of stalls. Farmer's Pride International director, Mr Hunter Zadzagomo said Botswana had a golden opportunity to position itself as Africa's premier moringa production, processing and export hub. Photo: Thamani Shabani

commercial dominance of the moringa tree.

Capable of producing more than 100 distinct products, moringa stands entirely apart as Botswana's true green gold. The plant's diverse commercial portfolio spans cosmetics and skincare like handmade soaps and high-grade ben oil, health and nutrition products like dietary capsules, specialty teas and targeted nutritional supplements and agricultural goods such as high-nutrient livestock feed and water purification solutions. Its health benefits are equally extraordinary.

The leaves are packed with vital vitamins and minerals, the seeds possess the natural ability to purify and sweeten drinking water and women who consume moringa daily report significantly improved fertility.

Because of these benefits, global demand continues to skyrocket.

Mr Zadzagomo says FPI is already serving both local and international consumers, but the ultimate goal is exponential growth.

"On markets, we are currently supplying both the domestic and export markets.

Our primary focus is the export of Moringa leaf powder and other value-added products to international buyers, particularly in Europe, while also developing regional markets within Southern Africa," he says.

He says this export programme is being scaled in phases and while initial commercial shipments are measured in tonnes, FPI's long-

term vision is highly ambitious.

"Our long-term vision is to establish approximately 10 000 hectares of Moringa and other high-value crops throughout the country. Employment creation is one of the most significant impacts of this initiative. Based on our production model, we estimate an average of 10 jobs per hectare across farming, nursery management, harvesting, processing, packaging, logistics, quality assurance and administration," Mr Zadzagomo adds.

At full implementation, he says the 10 000-hectare programme has the potential to support approximately 100 000 direct jobs, while generating countless indirect opportunities throughout the broader agricultural value chain. Again, he says the hardy *Moringa oleifera* serves as a vital anchor crop due to its climate resilience and soil-restoring properties.

"Revenue from moringa leaves, seed oil, powder, tea, animal feed and carbon sequestration are designed to finance 46 other high-value crops within each cluster," he says.

However, he says unlocking this potential, requires confronting systemic hurdles, adding that while agriculture has the unique therapeutic power to suppress personal and economic stress, conflicting policies often hold the sector back.

He cites Botswana's current immigration rule that limits foreign agricultural workers to 90-day stays, a regulation that

directly clashes with existing agricultural development laws and disrupts long-term farm management.

His advice to the nation is to commercialise agriculture, because, at its core, agriculture is a business. He urges Botswana to fully utilise their natural talents and resources instead of holding back.

Armed with these gifts and an abundance of fertile land, he believes the country should be much further along in its wealth-creation journey.

Meanwhile, he says FPI champions smallholder farmers by providing direct training, capacity building, solid market linkages and crucial access to finance.

He adds that such commitment was recently demonstrated in Tonota village, where FPI hosted a hands-on moringa training and production workshop for over 100 local residents.

Also, he says by promoting community-based processing units for moringa oil, powder and tea, FPI ensures that the highest profit margins remain in the hands of the farmers, while deliberately integrating women and youth into key production and leadership roles.

He further says FPI's grassroots efforts align seamlessly with the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), Africa Agenda 2063, the UN Sustainable Development Goals and national climate commitments.

"Its impact to date includes

training thousands of farmers, establishing agriculture-based clusters in rural and urban areas, improving household incomes, expanding moringa plantations, restoring degraded land, creating jobs, strengthening food security and supporting export strategies," Mr Zadzagomo adds.

He explains that FPI operates as an agricultural subsidiary of Hunter's Global Network, functioning as a proud Pan-African agri-food production company dedicated to climate-smart farming, agroforestry, sustainable land management and inclusive economic empowerment.

Meanwhile, the organisation's journey began in the year 2000 as a small, youth-led farming collective under the agricultural department of the New Hope Foundation in Zimbabwe.

From those humble beginnings, it has matured into an international institution headquartered in Botswana, supported by a specialised research and development centre in the United States. FPI now operates in more than 41 countries across seven continents, with satellite trade offices driving commerce in South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Namibia.

At the heart of FPI's global success is the Rural and Urban Agriculture Innovative Production Programme and its signature Agriculture-Based Clusters model, which organises individual farmers into highly coordinated, efficient hubs for training, production, processing and market integration. **BOPA**

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Mookamedi wa Drones for Africa Mme Marang Mbaakanyi o rotloeditse balemi go inaakanya le maranyane a segompiano ka a ka thusa go oketsa thobo. O buile jalo kwa masimong a Dikabea kwa balemi ba neng ba supa temo bosheng.

Didirisiwa tsa maranyane di ka tlhabolola temo

Portia Rapitsenyane
PALAPYE

Mookamedi wa Drones for Africa Mme Marang Mbaakanyi o rotloeditse balemi go inaakanya le maranyane a segompiano ka a ka thusa go oketsa thobo ya bone.

O buile se kwa masimong a Dikabea go bapa le Palapye kwa balemi ba neng ba supa temo ya bone. Balemi ba ne ba supa tse di farologaneng tsa thobo di tshwana le mefuta e e farologaneng ya mabele, dinawa, ditloo, manoko, morogo,

Ka jalo Mme Mbaakanyi o ne a kopa balemi go ithuta mekgwa e mesha ya temo, maikaelelo e le go e oketsa boleng jwa thobo. A re balemi ba tshwanetse ba tlhakanya methale ya gompieno le ya bogologolo go tokafatsa le go tlhabolola temo ya bone.

O ne gape a gwetlha balemi go ithuta maranyane ba bo ba a tlhaloganye gore ba kgone go a tlhakanya le temo e ba neng ba e dira mo nakong e e fetileng ka se se ka tkhabolola temo ya bone.

A re mo nakong eno maranyane a tlhofatsa temo jaaka go na le maranyane a drones a balemi ba ka kgonang go a dirisa go ba thusa mo temong.

A re di drone di kgona go dirisiwa go bala ditema bogolo jang mo nakong e balemi ba tsayang nako ba bala ditema mo masimong, ka jalo di ka fokotsa nako e ba e dirisang mo masimong a le mangwe. A re balemi le bone ba ka dirisa drones go tshela menontshane mo dijwalong tsa bone kana tse di bolayang diji. A re le bone fela jaaka balemi ba ka somerela nako e ba e tsayang mo ditshimong tsa bone

Mme Mbaakanyi a re nngwe ya tiro e ntsi e e dirwang ke balemi ke go koba diji di tshwana le dinonyane mo tshimong ka jalo a re balemi ba ka dirisa drones tse di nang le segoagoe go dira modumo o o kobang dinonyane.

A re ba ka dira modiumo o o direletsweng ruri ba koba dinonyane mme ba tswelile jalo ba ntse ba o fetola go ya ka malatsi gore o kgone go di koba ka

boammaaruri.

A re maranyane ga se a di drone fela mme go na le tse dintsi tsa segompiano tse balemi ba ka di dirisang kana ba ka di dirang go tlhabolola temo ya bone.

O ne a supa fa temo e se motlhofo jaaka bangwe ba akanya, ka mo dinakong tse dingwe molemi a kgona go felelwa ke tshepo ka a a bo a dirile go le gontsi go leka go tlhabolola thobo ya gagwe mme go felela go sa nne jaaka a batla. Ka jalo o ne a kopa balemi go sa ineeleng ka lefatshe leno le beile mo go bone.

Mme Mbaakanyi o ne gape a kgothatsa banana go sa tshabeng temo ba akanya fa e le ya bagolo e bile e le segologolo mme ba itse fa e le khumo, ka e le kgwebo.

Mmabalemi wa kgaolo ya Palapye Mme Nthokwa Zolo o ne a supa fa letsatsi la go supa temo e le letsatsi le balemi ba ikgantshang ka temo ya bone. A re e le lephata la selemisi, ba filwe tiro ya go bereka le balemi gore ba fetole temo ya bone kana ka fa ba e dirang ka teng mme ba tswe mo segologolong se ba neng ba lemela go ja fela ka jalo ba leme temo e e nang le dipelo e bile e itepatepanya le maemo a loapi ka fa a ntseng ka teng.

A re balemi mo nakong eno ba tshwanetse ba lemele go boelwa ka jalo ba seka ba dirisa peo nngwe le nngwe, mme ba dirise e e ka itepatepanyang le go fetoga ga loapi; dipula tse di sa neng sentle le mogoite o o feteletseng.

Mme Zolo a re balemi ba tshwanetse ba nne bagwebi mme gore ba nne jalo ba tshwanetse ba leme ditema di le dinnye ba bo ba oketsa se se tswang mo ditemeng tseo go na le gore ba leme ditema tse dintsi ba bo ba sa tswe ka sepe.

Re batla gore tse di tswang mo masimong di fetole boleng, balemi ba kgone go rekisa kwa ntle ga lefatshe. A re 80 per cent ya se se robilweng mo lefatsheng leno e tshwanetse e nne se se yang kwa ntle ga lefatshe mme selekanyo sa 20 per cent se jewa mono.

Mme Zolo o ne a supa fa puso e ne ya simolodisa lenaneo la lemang dijo e le tema e le nngwe e e lemewang balemi mme mo temeng eo molemi a tshwanetse



Mookamedi wa Drones for Africa Mme Marang Mbaakanyi (fa gare) le balemi ba le kwa masimong a Dikabea kwa balemi ba neng ba supa temo bosheng. Balemi ba ne ba supa thobo ya mabele, dinawa, ditloo, manoko le morogo. Senepe: Portia Rapitsenyane

a e tlhokomele sentle a bo a ntshe dikgetsi tsa selekanyo sa 50 kg di le masome a mabedi.

A re go le pele balemi ba ne ba lemela ditema di le tlhano mme ba sa tswe ka sepe se se nametsang ka jalo se se ne sa gwetlha puso go fokotsa ditema gore balemi ba kgone go tlhokomele temo sentle.

O ne a kopa balemi go ithotloetsa mme ba tlhokomele temo ya bone ba supe fa ba tlhoafetse; a supa fa seo se ka itumedisa ka puso e ka oketsa ditema tseo go tswelela e ba rotloetsa.

A re balemi ba tshwanetse ba supe

thobo ya bone kwa molemising wa kgaolo gore go itsiwe gore go na le dijo dife le dife mo lefatsheng le gone go thusa puso go tswala melerwane go sa letlelewe dijo tse di leng teng mo lefatsheng go phadisana le tse di tswang kwa ntle. **BOPA**

Bogodu jwa dihutshane bo a kekela

Aobakwe Molefhi
TSHIDILAMOLOMO

Bogodu jwa leruo, segolo jang dihutshane bo tswelutse ka go golela pele.

Se, se tlhalositswe ke mogolwane wasepodise, Rre Amos Mothatego, kwa thuto-seka dipuisano tsa twantsho bolwetsi jwa tlhako le molomo, e e neng e tshwaretse kwa Tshidilamolomo kwa morakeng wa ga Rre Boitshoko Maphane, ka Matlhatso.

Rre Mothatego o supile fa mo nakong e no go setse go utswelwe

dipudi di le 456 le dinku dile 193 go simolola Mopitlo a rogwa go tsena Phukwi a ya fifing.

A re goya ka ditlhotlhomiso tsa ba sepodise, go supagala fa diruiwa di tloledisiwa kwa South Africa. Rre Mothatego o kaile fa se, se busetsa barui kwa morago le go ba kotlometsa maikutlo.

O kopile barui go tshwaragana le sepodise go lwantsha borukutlhi. Mabapi le go lwantsha tlhako le molomo, Rre Mothatego o supile fa ba setse ba kwaditsitso melato e le 107, fa e sa le Mopitlo

a simolola, e bontsi e le go tlhoka go sala tsamaiso morago ya thibelo bolwetse. A re bontsi e setse e duetswe mme go setse e le mebedi e e emetseng go ya kwa kgotla tshekelo.

Rre Mothatego a re mo nakong ya gompieno, seemo se a nametsa ka go lebega setshaba se utlwile molaetsa mme melawana e salwa morago sentle.

Barui ba supile fa go le botlhokwa gore puso e oketse dikatlholo tsa go tlhoka go obamela melawana ya go sireletsa bolwetsi. **BOPA**

Namibian fined P5,000

Bonang Masolotatse
GABORONE

A Namibia national has been fined P5,000 by Mogoditshane Magistrate Court after pleading guilty to tampering with the chassis number of a

Toyota Wish. Emmanuel Joseph, 40, was sentenced by Chief Magistrate Mr Gofaone Morweng on Thursday after admitting to the offence, committed in Mogoditshane on 15 February 2026. Passing sentence, Magistrate

Morweng said Joseph altered the vehicle's chassis number with the intention of disguise its true identity.

The court heard that Joseph was arrested after police found him driving an unregistered vehicle whose identifying details had been altered.

The magistrate said court had considered both the seriousness of the offence and the interests of society when determining an appropriate sentence.

In mitigation, the court noted that Joseph was the primary caregiver for his three children and his ailing mother, and had shown genuine remorse by pleading guilty. However, the magistrate also observed that the offence had cross-border elements, as Joseph was found in possession of a fraudulent Namibian motor vehicle registration certificate and licence disc.

He said such offences were particularly difficult to detect and posed a serious threat to public safety because unregistered vehicles were often used to commit crimes.

Emphasising the need for deterrence, Magistrate Morweng fined Joseph P5,000, payable within seven days, failing which he will serve six months' imprisonment.

"He has spent some time in custody, and that period should serve as a lesson that crime does not pay," Magistrate Morweng said.

Court also ordered that the Toyota Wish be forfeited to the state. **BOPA**

Botlhoko threatens victims in court

Bonang Masolotatse
GABORONE

Multiple stock theft charges suspect has threatened one of the victims in the at Mogoditshane Court gallery on Thursday, moments after pleading for bail in five separate cases.

During a court recess, Botshelo Botlhoko allegedly told an elderly man seated in the public gallery: "Ke go fositse maloba, ga kena go go lesa gape," translating to mean 'Next time around I won't miss, I will get you.'

Opposing bail, Detective Sub Inspector Thomas Molebatsi of Mogoditshane Anti-Stock Theft Unit told Chief Magistrate Gofaone Morweng that Botlhoko was not a suitable candidate for release, citing the seriousness of the charges and concerns for public safety.

Molebatsi said no stock theft cases had been reported in the Tloaneeng and Gabane areas since Botlhoko's arrest in June.

The court heard that in the latest case, police recovered 15 knives from a vehicle they had been monitoring.

According to Molebatsi, suspects initially abandoned the vehicle after being cornered by police before returning to

it several days later, allowing investigators to install a tracking device that eventually led to Botlhoko's arrest at Turn Rite Mall.

He further said suspects used vehicles not registered in their names to commit offences. In one incident, Botlhoko allegedly abandoned a Volvo

motor vehicle while evading arrest, and investigations later established that the vehicle was not registered in his name.

Molebatsi also told court that

Botlhoko and his accomplices allegedly used weapons to assault farmers during the commission of stock theft offences.

He added that the accused had been denied bail in another stock theft matter by a different court earlier the same day.

In his bail application, Botlhoko told the court that he would comply with any conditions imposed if granted bail. He also requested the release of the vehicle involved in the matter, saying it belonged to a car rental company.

Chief Magistrate Morweng reserved judgment on the bail application until August 6. **BOPA**

'Ke go fositse maloba, ga kena go go lesa gape'

Police investigate arson and assault

Goitsemodimo Williams-Madzonga
TSOKATSHAA

Gweta Police are holding in custody a 33-year-old man of Sekao ward in Tsokatshaa in Nata/Gweta constituency for allegedly stabbing 23-year-old girlfriend and mother of his two infant children on Friday night and setting the house they were sleeping in on fire.

Gweta station commander Superintendent Tabengwa Magwama said on Monday that their investigations, revealed that the couple had a misunderstanding at their shared house and the girlfriend asked the man to leave.

He said the man pretended to leave only to come back in the

wee hours of the night drunk and armed with a sharp object he allegedly used to stab the woman under the breast.

He said while the woman called for help from neighbours, the man set the house where their two children aged 12 months and two years were sleeping with their mother.

He said fortunately, the neighbours managed to rescue the young children before the house was engulfed by the fire leaving them with nothing except the clothes they were wearing.

The accused is expected to appear before Nata Magistrates Court this week.

The victim, she said was treated at the hospital and was recovering at home. **BOPA**



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Department of Information Services

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

The Department of Information Services invites members of the public to attend a Public Auction for the sale of unserviceable Government assets.

AUCTION DETAILS

Date: Friday, 31 July 2026

Registration: 9:00 a.m.

Auction Commences: 10:00 a.m.

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- Photographic equipment
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REF: DMS 4/8/3 IV(38)

DATE: 24 July 2026

TO: All Permanent Secretaries
All Heads of Departments

VACANCY: TECHNICAL ASSISTANT- B2/B3 X 4

The Department of Meteorological Services exists to provide quality meteorological information and advisory services for the protection of life and property and for sustainable development.

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Kindly contact NMG Administrators Botswana within 14 days from the date of this Publication.

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FARM WORKES

2 X FARM WORKERS NEEDED in Bokaa. Contact 71 723 331. P O Box 643, Gaborone

FARM WORKER WANTED at Kweneng district. Apply at: Welheminah Maswabi P O Box 1, Gabane. Cell: 75 085 722. Closing date 30/07/2026

LOOKING FOR 5 FARM WORKERS to work in Tlokweng Mangeya Panel beaters Box 1380. 71 445 345

FARM WORKERS REQUIRED. Apply to Obakeng Dithwane P O Box 3075 Molepolole

LOOKING FOR A HERDBOY and herdgirl at Letlhakeng. Call Zanele Khumalo 71 736 896

LOOKING FOR HERDBOY and herdgirl at Sasakwe. Call Mr Cornelius M. Dithlogo 71 738 696

FARM WORKERS NEEDED in Mokotswane preferably a male and a female. Kindly send applications to P O Box 427 Gaborone or send a message to 77 715 173.

HERDMAN WANTED IN SEDHAKENG (Gobojango). Contact Galegake Marumo 75 608 037 / 76 515 069

LOOKING FOR A FARM WORKER. Contact 72 147 884

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A MALE farm worker at Diphepe, 8km east of Thamaga, with experience in cattle, small stock and vegetables. Contact Mr. Patrick Thedi on 71 341 064

2 FARM WORKERS WANTED at Rabotsepo farmlands. By farm owner Agnes A. M. Babugura. Send application to P O Box 679 ABG Sebele/ +267 71779931. Closing date 30 July 2026

LOOKING FOR FARM WORKERS at Kotolaname in Kweneng District. Duties include ploughing, looking after livestock and other farm duties as required. Apply to P O Box 21098 Gaborone, or contact 74 980 349 or 75965463. Closing date 12 August 2026

FARM WORKER WANTED, horticulture, Dikgonnye. Contact 75 967 122

FARM WORKER WANTED at Mantshwabise Dipoyane lands by Godfrey Bose. Call 72 825 480. P O Box 145 Gaborone

BOWLANE INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD is looking for 6 farm workers, based at Lotsane Safari Ranch. Write: HR Manager Box 63 Sherwood. Closing date: 2 August 2026

FARM WORKER. FARMER WORKER needed in Raipuseng lands, Dikgonnye. To start in September 2026. Contact 75798086

HORTICULTURAL WORKER NEEDED at Matenge contact 71 690 188 / 71762239. Philip M Maloke Box 314 Tutume.

FARMWORKER WANTED at Sekakangwe Anauwe Lopang 71732451 Box 1707 Francistown.

3 FARM WORKERS WANTED Shashemooke Kiannah Selinah Kierstead Po Box 30 Francistown 72233388

FARMWORKER WANTED at Nshakazhongwe Box 150169 Francistown Ribson Champion Gabonowe 71 310 250

HERDBOY WANTED at Mabesekwa. Contact Ame Chameya 71 712 502 Box 10692 Tatitown.

HERDBOY WANTED at Mmadinoga contact 71 543 839 / 73 744 832

FARMWORKER WANTED BOROLONG Kebalepile Mpugwa Box 10709 Tatitown 71 800 746

HERDBOY AND FARMWORKER wanted at Tutume Contact Ndibatini Batisani Po Box 41 Tutume

2 FARM WORKERS WANTED Mathangwane/Nswazi Munyazwe Everloyce Box 301629 Metsef Francistown 71 773 046

FARMWORKER WANTED at Gweta/ Tonota contact 72 713 906 Box 301884 Golden Valley

FARMWORKER WANTED AT SIVIYA area Jane Segwabe. Experience required in smallstock farming. No qualification required. Apply to The Director Mambizeni Farm Po Box 40063 Francistown Contact 71 736 755 closing date 13/08/26

FARM WORKER WANTED at Rasesa/Borejane. Contact: Jabulani Ngongorego 71 833 937

4 FARM WORKERS WANTED contact Gabadirelwe Sethatho Box 1 Dutlwe

I AM LOOKING FOR A FARM WORKER aged between 20 years to 35 years old, should be a male knowledgeable in horticulture. Applications to be addressed to The Manager at 71 669 759 P.O Box 474, Metsimothabe

LOOKING FOR A HERDBOY at Phokoje cattlepost. It's about 5km from Kubung in Kweneng District. Contact : Tubego Kesilwe at 74 744 970 P.O Box 372, Thamaga, Botswana

KE BATLA MODISA Kweneng District (Magagarape) 71 517 771

2 FARM WORKERS NEEDED at Badeti farms Thamaga. Apply to P.O Box 70322, Gaborone.

FARM WORKER WITH EXPERIENCE in livestock wanted in Tshwaedi contact 75291208

FARM WORKER WANTED hard working with at least 5 years experience in crop and animals production. Send applications to Motlhatlosi Dipotelo farm, Gasita site, Box 1324, Lobatse. Cell: 73 255 892. 72 963 621. Closing date: 15 August 2026

LOOKING FOR A FARM WORKER in Tlokweng Maboana farms. Cell 77731989 / 74 110 056

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION: SDAD Properties (Pty) Ltd which owns Lot 1976 located in Mokatsana, Modipane, Kgatleng district, would like to erect a boundary wall. Any objections should be forwarded to 71 723 331 or to Kgatleng district council on 5777411 within 14 days of the date of this publication

CHANGE OF LANDUSE. Owner of plot no: 4569 Metsimothabe intends to change landuse from single family residential to Day Care and Pre School. For any objections contact Mogoditshane/Thamaga District Council, Physical Planning Department +267 310 5615 within 14 days of this publication. Keatlaletse Elsie Ntshonono, Contact: 72 299 996

THE OWNER OF PLOT 75780 GABORONE WEST BLOCK 10, MEASURING 6,786 SQUARE METRES, WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE ITS LAND USE FROM COMMERCIAL TO MIXED USE (COMMERCIAL).

The proposal also includes the consolidation of Plot 75780 with an adjoining 4,000 square metre portion of Plot 75779, Gaborone, to facilitate the proposed development.

Whoever has an objection to this proposal should forward it to Gaborone City Council's Physical Planning office (Telephone 3657494/5/6 and 3657542) in writing within 14 days of the publication of this notice.

NOTICE OF THE NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE MMABOSHALEKO GAELEBALE

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000125/24

IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01), the heirs and next of kin of the deceased persons specified above are hereby invited to attend a next of kin meeting on Tuesday **25th August 2026 at 1430 hours** at the Office of the Master - Keneilwe Thebeetsile located at the **Gaborone High Court** Division.

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

For any enquiries concerning the deceased person's estate, please contact the Masters Office on 3718348, or 371 8000 / 371 8040 (Switchboard).

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISTRIBUTE TRIBAL LAND TO NON-CITIZEN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of section 34 of Tribal Land Act of 2018, that Goitsemodimo Manja hereby gives notice of his intention to cede and transfer the undermentioned property to Ashley Songore

CERTAIN : Piece of Residential Plot Being LOT 8463 Sexaxa Maun
SITUATE : Maun, Batawana Tribal Territory
BEING : LOT 8463 Sexaxa Maun
HELD UNDER : Certificate of Customary Land Grant made and entered into by and between MAUN SUB LANDBOARD and GOITSEMODIMO MANJA through a resolution passed on the 22nd November 2024.

Which transaction is valued at **P40000.00 (forty thousand pula only)**.By virtue of this notice, any citizen willing to likewise conclude such transaction may make a similar offer through to Goitsemodimo Manja.

Goitsemodimo Manja Cell: 74 882 365



Noga & Co.
Plot No: 17380, Phase I
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. AGNES MALITABA YANE (NEE LEKOMOLA) and KITSO IVAN YANE, Married in Community of Property on the 23rd June, 2005, in Tlokweng, 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 after the issuance of the Statutory Notice from the date of first publication hereof.
3. Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of 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 three (3) weeks period, or make representation before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.
4. TAKE NOTICE that in the event you fail to give such notice, the Orders sought, as set out above, shall be granted against you without any further reference to you.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS ____ DAY OF ____ 2026.

NOGA AND COMPANY (Applicants' Attorneys)
Plot 17380, Phase I, GABORONE

PUBLIC NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED FILLING STATION, TRUCK STOP, ACCOMODATION FACILITY AND MOTOR SPARES SHOP AT SELIBE PHIKE-MMADINARE JUNCTION

In fulfillment of section 7, subsection 2 of the Environmental Assessment Act (Cap 65:07), notice is hereby given for the intent to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment with respect to the proposed filling station, truck stop & accommodation and motor spare at Selibe Phikwe - Mmadinare Junction.

The anticipated impacts of the project are:

Positive impacts:

- Provision of fueling trucking & parts sale services
- Employment creation
- Economic development

Negative impacts:

- Loss of vegetation cover
- Air and noise pollution during construction
- Waste generation and disposal during construction
- Potential disturbance to adjacent land users
- Potential for vehicle related accidents
- Community and workers' health and safety

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

Venue	Date	Time
Kagiso Customary Court	11th August 2026	0900hrs

The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public about the proposed project and solicit their views and concerns which should inform the implementation of the project.

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

Mr. Masego Shabane
Project Proponent
Pointnegro Investments (Pty) Ltd
P.O. Box 2333
Selibe Phikwe, Botswana
Mobile Number: +267 72159270

Mr. Lekopanye Keolopile
EIA Coordinator
Seaman Consultants (Pty) Ltd
P.O. Box 758 AAD, Poso House
Gaborone, Botswana
Mobile Number: +267 74649006/72282219

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

PUBLIC NOTICE MR MOOKETSE Billy Molefe, owner of plots 5912 & 5913, Bokaa (Ruele), wishes to consolidate and rezone the 2 plots from agricultural to mixed-use (agriculture & commercial). Any comments or objections: Urban Heights (71 329 400) or Kgatleng district council – physical planning office, within 14 days of this publication

NEIGHBORHOOD CONSULTATION: I Keolebogile Modise of plot 73218 Gaborone Old Naledi intends to erect a boundary wall. Contact 72 421 698 / 73 069 358 or City council physical planning on 395 7400 within 14 days of this publication for any objections.

OWNER OF PLOT 17622 located in Tlokweng – Letlapeng, would like to notify the neighbours and the community about intent to change land use from hotel to multifamily residential use. For any queries please contact Tlokweng Physical Planning offices on 369 5018 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

PATRICK MOTHLALA OF LOT 964 in Sikwane, Kgatleng District would like to change land use of his plot from grinding mill to single family residence. For any queries, call Kgatleng Physical Planning at 577 7411 within 14 working days of this publication.

OWNER OF LOT 25316 IN PHAPHANE, Mochudi wishes to change land-use from single-family residential to multi-family residential. For comments contact Kgatleng District Council on 5777411 within 14 days of this publication.

GABORONE CITY COUNCIL, of plot 20571 in Block 3, Gaborone, intends to change land-use from recreational to mixed-use commercial. Any objections contact 71 844 488 or physical planning unit at 365 7400 or Private Bag 0089. Gaborone, Botswana within 14 days of this notice.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
ESHGB-000252-19

IN THE ESTATE of the late Eunice Mpho Segole who died at Motsamai, Tlokweng, Tlokweng District Botswana, on the **4th day of May, 2018**

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

DATED AT..... ON THE DAY OF2026

The Executor
OLEBILE OBERT MFLWE
P O Box 01
MODIPANE
CELL: 72919009/74520464

CHANGE OF LAND USE AND NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to neighbours of Plot No. 23718, Lotsane Ward, Palapye, that the owner intends to change land use from **single-family residential to multi-family residential** and construct Boundary Wall on the said plot.

Any **objections** or representations must be forwarded to the Palapye District Council, Physical Planning Office, at Telephone No. 493 0800, Private Bag 0072, Palapye, **within fourteen (14) days** of publication of this advertisement.

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
STEPHEN JOKO AND KOMITI STEPHEN	ESHFT-000630-26	01-10-26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 24TH DAY OF JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
WILLIAM BOLEME NTHEKELA	ESHFT-000574-26	22/09/26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 08TH DAY OF JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A TRANSACTION IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 (1) OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to members of the public of the following proposed transaction between **TAFI KADRAMWOTO GUDO** and **Mnq PROJECTS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** for the sale of the following property, that is to say:

CERTAIN SITUATE MEASURING LAND USE HELD UNDER : piece of land in the Bakwena Tribal Territory; : at Tswete Lands; : 3.18x 208x 268x 275M (7.0 Ha); : Integrated Farm; : is held under Land board Resolution Ref No. MOL 6/4/1-011/97 dated the 5th August 2025 made in favour of TAFI KADRAMWOTO GUDO; : For the sum of P210,000.00 (Two Hundred and Ten Thousand Pula)

CONSIDERATIONS : For the sum of P210,000.00 (Two Hundred and Ten Thousand Pula)

Any citizen of Botswana who objects to or is interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the aforementioned property is entitled to register such objection or interest in writing to Molepolole Sub Land board and copies to the below contacts within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THE 23rd DAY OF JULY 2026

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

INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER IMMOVABLE PROPERTY IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **EH SAN TAJBHAI** has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with **BABA ECO FARMING EXPORTS & IMPORTS PROPRIETARY LIMITED** (the “**Transaction**”), in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Tribal Lot 4001 Malolwane;
SITUATE: At Maphepe (Cadastre 29) in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 24.0374 Ha (Twenty Four Comma Zero Three Seven Four Hectares);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Memorandum of Agreement of Grant of Lease No. TL 1002/2020 dated the 9th day of **September 2020** made in favour of **EH SAN TAJBHAI**;
SUBJECT TO: the reservations and conditions as contained in the aforesaid Lease

Hereafter referred to as (the “**Property**”)

Consideration of the Property amounts to **P2,000,000.00 (Two Million Pula)** excluding any VAT/ transfer duty consequential to the Transaction. Notwithstanding the Transaction, priority is hereby given to any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the Property.

All **persons objecting** to the Transaction are hereby requested to **lodge such objection with reasons, in writing**, with the Mmathubudukwane Sub Land Board, P O Box 78 Mmathubudukwane **within 30 (Thirty days)** from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 23TH DAY OF JULY 2026

AKHEEL JINABHAI & ASSOCIATES
AIA House, Unit 2, Matante Mews
Plot 54373 CBD, Gaborone
P O Box 20575, Gaborone Botswana
Plot 17396 Boseja Ward Maun, Botswana

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H/W MMESI

IN THE MAGISTRATE’S COURT OF GABORONE HELD AT EXTENSION TWO
CASE NO: CCMEX – 000592/26

In the matter between:

BARFEL PROPERTIES (PTY) LTD	PLAINTIFF
And	
DAZELLE GALORE SERVICES	1ST DEFENDANT
GOITSEONE IRAN MFALADI	2ND DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION
BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Judgement of the above Honorable court,the following property of the above named of the above Defendant’s will be sold by **Deputy Sheriff Caine Mogorosi** as follows:

DATE OF SALE:	7 th Day of August 2026
TIME OF SALE:	10:00a.m
VENUE:	Plot 81, Unit 5, GICP
TERMS OF SALE:	Cash or Bank guaranteed Cheques

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 23rd DAY JULY OF 2026

CHARLES COLOMBIA CONSULTANCY
Plaintiff’s Attorneys
Plot 1048, Extension 2, Semane Close Street
P.O. Box 363, Gaborone
TEL: (+267) 391 8363 (+267 76 783 367
EMAIL: info@charlescolombia.co.bw

TESS ENTERPRISES PTY LTD.
PLOT 4292, EXTENSION 6, GABORONE, BOTSWANA

NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATION

Tess enterprises Pty Ltd will like to notify the neighboring the plots that we, **Tess Enterprises Pty Ltd of plot number 5749, Tlokweng, (near Tlokweng border gate)** where we are doing developments to open and operate fueling station and convenience store. You are therefore to give consent to our proposed development so we proceed with application to way and ease access from Road Infrastructure Development and maintenance, please forward your consent authenticated by commission of oath to the following emails.

Email your consent to **Mr. Arun Kumar Podder; podder.inv@gmail.com** and copy **Mr. Pramod Jhawar; pramod@petrology.co.bw** on or before **31 July 2026**.
For enquiries contact Mr. Pramod at +267 74513804

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VACANCY:
IRRIGATION ENGINEERING MANAGER
Location: Francistown (Travel to project sites required)
Department: Engineering / Projects

About the Role

We are seeking a highly experienced and results-driven Irrigation Engineering Manager to lead the planning, design, implementation, and management of irrigation projects. The successful candidate will be responsible for overseeing irrigation system design, project execution, technical support, quality assurance, and client satisfaction while ensuring projects are delivered on time, within budget, and to the highest engineering standards.

Key Responsibilities

- Lead the engineering, design, installation, commissioning, and maintenance of irrigation systems.
- Conduct site assessments, hydraulic calculations, water requirement analyses, and system evaluations.
- Prepare technical drawings, specifications, bills of quantities, and cost estimates.
- Manage irrigation projects from concept through completion.
- Supervise engineers, technicians, installers, and subcontractors.
- Monitor project budgets, schedules, and resource allocation.
- Liaise with clients, consultants, suppliers, and regulatory authorities.
- Evaluate new irrigation technologies and recommend innovative solutions.
- Provide technical support to the Sales and Projects teams.
- Prepare project reports, progress updates, and technical documentation.
- Develop preventive maintenance programmes for installed irrigation systems.

Minimum Qualifications

- Bachelor’s Degree in Irrigation Engineering, Agricultural Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Water Engineering, or a related engineering qualification.
- South African Irrigation Institute (SABI) – Introductory Irrigation Design Course (Mandatory or a distinct advantage).
- Registration with the relevant Engineering Council or professional body will be an added advantage.

Experience

- Minimum of 10–15 years’ experience in irrigation engineering.
- At least 8 years’ experience in a management or supervisory role.
- Proven experience in agricultural irrigation, landscape irrigation, or water distribution projects.
- Strong knowledge of pumping systems, filtration, fertigation, and irrigation automation.

Technical Knowledge

The successful candidate should have knowledge of:

• Drip irrigation systems • Sprinkler irrigation • Hydraulic design principles • Water conservation practices • Pipe network design • Irrigation automation and control systems	• Centre pivot irrigation • Micro irrigation systems • Pump selection and sizing • Pressure regulation • Reservoir and pump station design
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Competencies

- Strong leadership and people management skills
- Excellent analytical and problem-solving abilities
- Project planning and organisational skills

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Interested Candidates may send their application to,
The Group HR Manager, Radical Investments (Pty) Ltd
t/a Flo-Tek Pipes & Irrigation,
P.O Box 10723, Lobatse; Plot 2132, Woodhall Industrial, Lobatse.
Closing Date: 14th August 2026
Email: recruitment@flotekafrika.com

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
DAKAMAYE SIWANE	ESHFT-000570-26	16-09-26	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 08TH DAY OF JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
BONA THINI AND KGOSI BILLY K THINI	ESHFT-000492-26	01-10-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 24TH DAY OF JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000056- 26**

IN THE ESTATES of the late **DITHAPELO MOTSWANTWENG** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central- Serowe District, Botswana on the 10th day of April 2024.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the Chambers of the Registrar and Master of the High Court, Mahalapye for a period of Twenty –One (21) days from the date of publication thereof.

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____2026.

The Executrix
Onneile Motswantweng
P O Box 124 Palapye
Cell:76765032

ADMINISTRATION of Estate Act [Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
GALEBASWA MAROPE	ESHFT-000584-26	01-10-26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 23 RD DAY OF JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

ESHFT-000648-24

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **JACK NDANGWA** ESHFT-000648-24 who died at Ntangwa ward, Mulambakwena village, in the NORTH EAST DISTRICT on 5th September 2022.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 8th DAY OF JULY 2026

(MS) **KUMBILANI NGUBO** AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
EXECUTOR DATIVE PRIVATE BAG F13
P O BOX 3 LETHLAKANE FRANCISTOWN
CONTACTS: 76661312/72748816

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000027-26**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **KGOTSO SILENT MASEPE** who died at Broadhurst House No. 11124, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 16th day of February 2026.

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

DATED AT MAHALAPYE ON THE 12TH DAY OF JUNE 2026.

The Executor|Kebonyebatho Masepe |P. O. Box 10271
Francistown |Cell: 71 865 760

ADMINISTRATION of Estate Act [Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
NEMBA RICHARD NDLOVU	ESHFT-000510-26	23/09/26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 22 ND DAY OF JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
OMPFILE DAILER KEAGILE	ESHMY 00263-26	01-09-26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 13TH DAY OF JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

ESHFT 000407-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MORULE LEKGOA** ESHFT 000407-25 who died at **TONOTA DISTRICT**, on the **17TH of June 2024**

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 23TH DAY OF JULY 2026

KEFILWE LEKGOA AND TO: Master of the High Court
EXECUTOR DATIVE Private Bag F13
P O BOX 150535, TONOTA FRANCISTOWN

Administration of Estate Act [Cap.31:01]

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
FARAH Z. DEKA AND SOLOMON DEKA	ESHFT – 000364-26	22-09-26 0900	HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 14 TH DAY OF JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

the undersigned intend to apply for a certified copy Of Deed NO: **1778/2025 dated 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025** made in favour of **ESTATE LATE GOALETSA ABUENG** in respect of:

CERTAIN: PIECE OF LAND BIENG LOT 72194 GABORONE
SITUATE: IN GABORONE ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT
MEASURING: 490 M² (FOUR HUNDRED AND NINETY SQUARE METRES)
HELD UNDER: DEED NO: **1778/2025 DATED 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025** IN FAVOUR OF **ESTATE LATE GOALETSA ABUENG.**

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

DATED AT.....GABORONE.....ON THIS.....24TH.....DAY OF.....JULY.....2026.....

P.O Box 202328
Bontleng Gaborone
APPLICANT

ADMINISTRATION of Estate Act [Cap.31:01]

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

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

Names of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
GLADYS CHIZANGA	ESHFT-000557-26	22-09-26	0900HRS	SARM1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 14TH DAY OF JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

APPLICATION FOR LOST DEED

NOTICE

is hereby given that undersigned intends applying for the certified copy of Notarial Deed of Cession of Lease No. MA 357/2021 dated 19th day of April 2021 made in favour of **DOT INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD** in respect of the below-mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Tribal Lot 7491, Molepolole
SITUATE: At Molepolole in the Bakwena Tribal Territory
MEASURING: 3200 m² (Three Thousand Two Hundred Square Metres);

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy, are hereby requested to lodge same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0089, Gaborone within 3 (three) weeks of the publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 09TH DAY OF JULY 2026.

NDADI LAW FIRM
P. O. BOX B0130
GABORONE

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

ESHFT-000127-26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Masene Richwell Matengu-** ESHFT-000127-26 who died at Palapye Primary Hospital, Palapye, Central District, Republic of Botswana on the **22nd day of July 2022.**

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 23RD DAY OF JULY 2026.

LORNA MATENGU | EXECUTOR DATIVE AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
P O BOX 11124, PALAPYE | 71 681 886 PRIVATE BAG F13, FRANCISTOWN

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

UNABATSHO SITALE, OF LOT 1336 in Foley, intends to change land-use from ploughing field to a mixed-use development. Any objections contact 71 844 488 or physical planning unit at 365 7400 or Private Bag 0089, Gaborone, Botswana within 14 days of this notice.

NAFESA MUSTAPHA BEING OWNER of plot 5146 at Village, Gaborone intends to change land-use from orphanage home to group leaving (boarding house). Any objections contact 71844488 or physical planning at 365 7400 or P/ Bag 0089 Gaborone within 14 days of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 441 TATISIDING wishes to consult neighbours for boundary wall construction. Any objections contact 248 9242.

NONOFO MOILWA, OWNER of plot 56772, Block 10 Gaborone proposes change of land use from single to multi-family residence. Any objections should be forwarded to physical planning office, Gaborone city council within 14 days from the date of this publication. Contact no: 365 7400

LEE P MABU THE OWNER OF PLOT 268 situated at Semotswane would like to change the land use from agricultural (poultry) to agriculture mixed land use (agriculture & commercial) . Any Objection should be forwarded to Tonota District Council- (Physical planning office on 248 4248 within 14 days from the day of publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 18145, Mmaratanang, Tlokweng intends to erect a boundary wall. For queries contact Tlokweng Council Building Control 75 181 079

THE OWNER OF PLOT 23479 at Mestimaswaane would like to change the land use of her plot from agriculture to mixed land use (agriculture & commercial) Any objection should be forwarded to Gamalete District Council- Physical planning office on 538 1200 within 14 days from the publication.

OWNER OF PLOTS 12645 and 12646 informs neighbours that she wishes to consolidate the plots and change land use from single to multi-residential. For Objection contact Mogoditshane-Thamaga Physical Planning or 71341266.

I LETLHOGILE SESIANYANE OWNER of plot 16937 in Molepolole intend to change land use from residential to multi-residential I will like to inform neighbours of plot 16936, 16938. If you have any objections to the proposed development contact: Kweneng District Council +267 592 2141 or 73 994 104

CHANGE OF LAND USE OWNER of plot No 6518 Maratang ward, Tlokweng, Geo-scape Consultants (Pty) Ltd would like to change land use from single family residential to multi-family residential, objections can be sent to Tlokweng District Council, Physical Planning Office at telephone No. 3695000

OWNERS OF PLOT 11405 at Tlokweng Nkaikela ward would like to change land use from residential to multi-residential on Portion 4 . All neighbours if they have any objection shall contact Tlokweng District Council on 369 5002 / 03

PROPERTIES

KHUTI CULTURAL LODGE for sale Morale, Mahalapye 2,7 hectors, contact 72 439 925 / 76 629 151

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FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000711/24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **MICHAEL MOLETSANE LEE** who died at Extension II Clinic, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **24th day of January 2024**. **THE FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT** in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the offices of the Mster of the High Court at Gaborone for a period of **twenty-one (21) days** from the date the publication hereof.

DATED at _on this _Day of _ 2026.

The Executor Mpho Papi Lee
P O Box 40092 GABORONE
CELL: 76 718 470

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NOTICE OF THE NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE EDWARD MOTLHANKA SEPAKO

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000102-26

IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01), **the heirs and next of kin of the deceased persons** specified above are hereby invited to attend a next of kin meeting on **Thursday 19th August 2026 at 0830 hours** at the Office of the Master — Keneilwe Thebeetsile located at **Gaborone High Court** Division. At the respective meeting, the next of kin are to recommend person(s) to be appointed as Executor(s) / Executries Dative, identify beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to the estate of their deceased relatives. For any enquiries concerning the deceased person's estate, please contact the Master's Office on 3718348, or 371 8000/371 8070.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS
25TH DAY OF JUNE 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

ESHFT / 000643-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **ZILA KUMBULANI L. MOJIWA** – ESHFT/000643-25 who died at Nyangabwe Referral Hospital Francistown District on the **22-08-2018**.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication hereof.
Jalini Lebengo
Executor Dative
P.O. BOX 20006
BONTLENG GABORONE
CELL NO. 71303250

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000139-25

IN THE ESTATE of the late **AKAENG BUSANG** who died at Tsholofelo, Plot 10562,Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 26th day of August 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty(30) days after the publication hereof
DATED at..... On this Day of2026

.....
The Executor
Kealeboga Sanane
P O Box 574 MOLEPOLOLE
Cell:72591651

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF
Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
MMANTHO NTSHIPHA	ESHFT-000085-26	22-09-26	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 14TH DAY OF JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act
[Cap.31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
ANNAH MOLOI	ESHFT-000259-26	09-09-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 13TH DAY OF JULY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act
[Cap.31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
ONKEMETSE TAWANA	ESHFT-000637-26	07-10-26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 23RD DAY OF JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT



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JOB VACANCY: GROUNDS MAN

We are seeking for a **mature, reliable, and hardworking Garden Services Personnel** to join our team. The successful candidate will be responsible for maintaining gardens and landscaped areas to a high standard.

Qualifications and Requirements:

- Diploma in Garden Services, Horticulture, Landscaping, or a related field.
- Mature and responsible individual with a strong work ethic.
- Experience in garden maintenance and landscaping will be an added advantage.
- Knowledge of plant care, lawn maintenance, irrigation systems, and pest control.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Good communication and organizational skills.

Key Responsibilities:

- Maintain gardens, lawns, trees, and landscaped areas.
- Plant, prune, water, and fertilize flowers, shrubs, and trees.
- Operate and maintain gardening equipment and tools safely.
- Monitor plant health and control weeds, pests, and diseases.
- Ensure gardens and outdoor areas remain clean, attractive, and well maintained.

Interested candidates should submit their application, detailed CV, and copies of their qualifications by the closing date. **Closing date 07 August 2026**

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of a Memorandum of Agreement of Grant of Lease **TL 1451/2015** dated the **18th day of September 2015** made in favour of **TEBOGO BARREL** in respect of:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Tribal Lot 1962, Kanye;
SITUATE: at Kanye in the Bangwaketse Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 994m2 (Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four Square Metres);
SUBJECT TO: the reservations and conditions contained in the aforesaid Lease.

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 1st JUNE 2026.

NGWENYA & ASSOCIATES
P. O. BOX 81282
PLOT 19201, PHASE 2
GABORONE
TEL: 74192233/77918178

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS Master's Reference:

ESHGB 000901 - 24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MMOLOKI BLESSING KEORENG** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana on the 21st day of July 2021.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.
DATED at _____ on this Day of _____ 2026

The Executor
Gaseediwe Marakalala
P O Box 30679
Francistown Cell No: 72271233 / 76081043

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE

GORUTAMANG & MAGRET LETLAATLAA – ESHGB-000633/26

IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of the Estates Act {Cap 31:01} **the heirs and Next of Kin of the deceased persons specified above hereby invited to attend a Next of Kin meeting on 24th day of September 2026 at 0900 hours at the before – B. P. Kemorwale. At the Master's Office, Gaborone High Court Building.**

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

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000389/21

IN THE ESTATE of the late **ITUMELENG TUMIE MOLATLHWE** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana on 21st November 2024.

THE FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will be open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High Court at Gaborone for a period of **(Twenty-one) 21 days** from the date of publication hereof. Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master within the **21 days** stated above

DATED AT GABORONE thisday2026

.....
Executrix Dative
Khumo Gaone M. Molatlhwe
P O Box 301425
TLOKWENG
CELL: 74519722/73372261

NOTICE OF THE NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE

MOSIRELETSI ROBINSON PHOLOGO - ESHGB 000816/26

IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01), the heirs and next of kin of the deceased persons specified above are hereby invited to attend a next of kin meeting on Thursday 17th September 2026 at 1030 hours at the Office of the Master — Keneilwe Thebeetsile located at the Gaborone High Court Division.

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

For any enquiries concerning the deceased person's estate, please contact the Masters Office on 3718348, or 371 8000/371 8040 (Switchboard)

NOTICE FOR THE CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intents to apply for a certified copy Of Deed NO: 490/2002 dated 5th date of **March 02**

Made in favor of **Kobamo Boago Gofhamodimo** in respect of:

CERTAIN : Piece of land being Lot 5070 Gaborone
SITUATE : IN Gaborone Extension 10
MEASURE : 562 m² (Five hundred and six one square meters)
HELD UNDRE : 490/2002

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

DATED AT Gaborone ON THIS 23 DAY OF JULY 2026

Kobamo Boago Gofhamodimo
APPLICANT

PUBLIC NOTICE:

PROPOSED 15MW SOLAR PLANT BY SANDVELD SOLAR GHANZI (PTY) LTD

PROPOSED CHANGE OF LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF A 15 MW SOLAR POWER PLANT

Sandveld Solar Ghanzi (Pty) Ltd wishes to seek permission for change of land use from Agriculture to Mixed-Use Agriculture (Solar Power Plant and Ploughing Field), including the development of a 15 MW Solar Power Plant. The development is an expansion of the existing 4 MW Solar Power Plant situated on Portion 8 (A Portion of Portion 2).

We hereby notify members of the public and all concerned parties about the proposed project. Should you have any objections, comments, or concerns regarding the proposed change of land use and development, please submit your written objections or representations to the following address: **Physical Planning Division Ghanzi District Council Tel: 6592113**

All objections or representations should be submitted within **fourteen (14) working days** from the date of publication of this notice.

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Completion of the Church Leadership Development Program;

A Certificate or Diploma in Theology or from a recognised or an acceptable Bible College
Have been a Deacon in a local church for a period of at least one year

Served as a Lead Pastor in a Local Church
Experience working in an NGO environment will be an added advantage

Deadline for submission 7 August 2026

Direct CVs to: The Administrator
P.O Box 20575
Gaborone

VACANCIES

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NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST TITLE DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for copy of Deed NO TG291/2015 dated 18th day of August 2015 made in favour of **Oduetse Bakhana Malejane Kusasira** in respect of

CERTAIN: Tribal Grant No. 1500-KP
SITUATE: At Modipane in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory
MEASURING: 2, 8747 (Two Comma, Eight, Seven Four Seven hectares)
HELD: Under TG 291/2015 dated 18 August 2015 made in Favour of Oduetse Bakhana Malejane Kusasira

SUBJECT: to the reservations and conditions contained in the aforesaid deed
Any person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby required to lodge same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, PRIVATE BAG 0020 Gaborone within three (3) weeks of the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT Gaborone on this 23rd day o f July 2026
Oduetse Bakhana Basinyi
Contact:71848340/71552333/72714279

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's reference: ESHGB 000790/23

IN THE ESTATE of the late **BAKHETHI MPHUSU** who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District, Botswana on the **15th day of August 2024.**

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2025

The Executor
Bonno Mberek
P O Box 1313 AAD
Poso House
GABORONE
Cell:75916976/77443829

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The monthly salary is P1, 500.00.
Applicants should submit a hand written letter of application, including a contact number to Tshepho, P.O. Box 418 Tonota.

Closing date 7th August 2026.

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estate Act (Cap 31:01)

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
Gadifele Bakha Motswaledi	ESHMY 000317-26	02.09.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 14TH JULY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 000797-24**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **GODIRAONE COLLY SUWE** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 17th June 2024

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

DATED at..... On this Day of2026
.....
The Executive
Martha Suwe
P O Box 39 MMOPANE
Cell:75109519

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
JOSEPH MASEBE	ESHFT-000536-26	01/10/26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 23RD DAY OF JULY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

SND GLOBAL

T /A MOPHANE CAMPSITE

PO BOX 47798 GABORONE

Job Vacancy: Operations Manager – Farm & Camp

We are seeking a mature, experienced, and highly motivated Operations Manager to oversee the daily operations of the Camp and the Farm. The successful candidate will be responsible for ensuring efficient management, delivering exceptional guest experiences, and leading a dedicated team to make the business grow and be profitable.

Qualifications and Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree in Tourism, Hospitality Management, or a related field.
- Minimum of 6 years' experience in the tourism, camp, or hospitality industry.
- Proven leadership, management and supervisory skills.
- Strong organizational, communication, and problem-solving abilities.
- Ability to manage staff, budgets, guest services, and daily operations effectively.
- A mature, responsible, and professional individual with a positive attitude.
- Willingness to work flexible hours, including weekends and public holidays, when required.

Key Responsibilities:

- Manage the day-to-day operations of the Camp and Farm.
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Shame and silence drive men to risky remedies

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

In the crowded waiting areas of Princess Marina Hospital, a heavy and unspoken anxiety often hangs in the air.

Among the patients waiting for their names to be called are men who have spent weeks, months or even years building up the courage to walk through the door. They sit silently, perhaps fighting an internal battle against a condition that strikes at the very heart of their identity.

Erectile dysfunction (ED) is a frustrating medical hurdle, but in Botswana, the physical symptoms are often only half the struggle and the true battle is waged against a crushing silence.

In many local communities, a man's worth, authority and place in society are culturally tied to his strength and vitality.

To admit to sexual difficulties is, for many, to risk a perceived loss of manhood.

This cultural expectation breeds desperation and turns a treatable medical condition into a source of intense shame and fear of abandonment.

Rather than seeking professional help, some men secretly turn to the shadows, finding easy, though highly dangerous workarounds. This quiet desperation has created a booming underground industry right in the open.

For many men avoiding the clinic, the first line of defense is not a doctor, but a trip north of Gaborone. A notorious 22-kilometre stretch of the busy A1 Road near Dibete village has evolved into the largest open-air market for traditional aphrodisiacs. This roadside trade attracts a constant stream of male motorists looking for a quick and anonymous fix.

Passing drivers are greeted by makeshift wooden stands lining the highway. On display are row after row of recycled two-litre plastic bottles filled with a misty red or orange liquid, alongside small muslin bags packed with dried tree roots, crushed bark and raw leaves.

Sellers, market these colourful and bitter concoctions under alluring Setswana names, promising they will 'cleanse' the body and instantly 'revive' a man's bedroom performance. Because they can be bought without a prescription and straight through a car window, they offer the ultimate escape, which is, instant relief without the perceived shame of a medical consultation.

BOPA caught up with one Mr Lucas Nnopi, a vendor active in the Dibete area and one such merchant focusing on traditional medicinal offerings.

His inventory includes an herbal powder that he markets as a means for men to regain physical strength and vitality.

Mr Nnopi says the supplement is often used by customers as an addition to common food items. He attributes his business success directly to the reliability of the product, noting that a consistent customer base regularly returns to his stall.

For him, the high frequency of repeat visits by those seeking to improve their personal wellbeing serves as a testament to the vital role these traditional remedies play within the local community.

Yet, this is the complicated reality that Dr Annah Uyega-Banungi, a practicing Urologist at

Princess Marina Hospital, steps into every day. For a male patient, finally deciding to seek help only to find a female specialist on the other side of the desk can add an unexpected layer of hesitation.

"In our society, men find it exceptionally difficult to bring up naturally. Compounding this, when a patient walks into the examination room and finds a female urologist, it can make initiating the conversation even trickier. However, I strongly encourage men to speak up," says Dr Uyega-Banungi.

She urges men to look past the awkwardness and emphasises that when evaluating and managing lower urinary tract symptoms, addressing sexual health is an absolute clinical requirement because it is all connected.

She explains that to understand erectile dysfunction is to recognise that it is rarely a standalone problem. Instead, she says doctors view it as a highly sensitive biological 'check engine light' for the entire body.

She explains that the physical process of an erection is a complex vascular event, relying on a delicate cascade where the brain, nerves, hormones and blood vessels must work in perfect harmony.

"Because the blood vessels supplying the penis are significantly smaller than those supplying the heart, erectile difficulties are often the very first warning sign of systemic cardiovascular disease. This makes tracking the true scale of the issue incredibly difficult," explains Dr Uyega-Banungi.

She adds that in public health clinics, patients presenting with this condition are predominantly older men.

"You would find that these are elderly males with other comorbid conditions, we estimate that men above the ages of 45 years often present with erectile dysfunction," she shares, adding that so far, she has not seen younger emulation presenting with the condition in



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her clinic.

She also explains that the physical decline is intertwined with systemic culprits like hypertension, diabetes mellitus, obesity and lifestyle factors like cigarette smoking and physical inactivity, all of which progressively damage the delicate inner lining of the blood vessels.

However, she says the physical body tells only half the story, the mind acts as a powerful gatekeeper to male sexual health and psychological distress can instantly override physical capability.

Again, she says depression, chronic stress and performance anxiety contribute heavily to the condition in most men.

"When a man is anxious or depressed, his body releases

adrenaline, a hormone that constricts blood vessels, directly counteracting the physical relaxation required for healthy blood flow. This creates a painful cycle where the fear of failure on one night virtually guarantees difficulty the next," she explains.

On the other hand, she says when men find the strength to seek help, they often arrive hoping for a quick and consequence-free miracle.

"Sildenafil, widely known by its brand name Viagra, has acquired a reputation in popular culture as a recreational magic pill," says Dr Uyega-Banungi, warning against this misconception.

"Viagra is a highly effective and medically proven pharmaceutical that we routinely use to manage ED. It is absolutely not a consequence-free recreational drug. For instance, men who are taking certain heart medications, particularly nitrates or nitric oxide donors, must never mix them with Sildenafil. Combining these drugs triggers a catastrophic and sudden drop in blood pressure that can result in death," she warns.

She emphasises that only a qualified doctor can safely map out these hazardous drug interactions, which is why a thorough medical review is mandatory before a patient's first dose. Furthermore, she says when oral medications fail, it is rarely due to a biological defect, but rather lack of clinical guidance.

"Often, it is a simple matter of incorrect timing or the patient consuming a high-fat diet right before taking the pill, which severely delays drug absorption. This is why a personal medical consultation is so vital. It allows doctors to tailor treatments to a patient's lifestyle. While Sildenafil is strictly a short-window, as-needed drug, Tadalafil possesses a much longer half-life, requiring dosing roughly once every three days as needed, which allows couples to reclaim a far greater sense of natural spontaneity," Dr Uyega-Banungi explains.

Meanwhile, for severe cases where oral medications fail to bring results, she says the medical toolkit remains vast and highly advanced, adding that

specialists can utilise alprostadil formulations, which are self-administered via tiny and virtually painless localised injections or urethral inserts.

"Vacuum erection devices, which use physical suction to draw blood into the tissue, offer a highly effective mechanical solution. For long-term recovery, permanent surgical solutions like penile prostheses are also available, though they require significant financial planning as the implants must currently be purchased privately prior to surgery," she adds.

Ultimately, the most powerful medicine Dr Uyega-Banungi and her team offer is reassurance. While advanced surgeries and targeted pharmaceuticals can restore physical function, she says the healing process begins the moment a man decides to stop hiding and avoid the dangerous trap of self-medication.

Addressing the popular remedies sold along the A1 highway, she remains uncompromising in her warning.

"We have no idea what these remedies actually contain and further research is required to fully understand their effects on the body. I understand that facing a female urologist can cause anxiety, making self-medication feel like an easier escape, but it poses severe danger to your health," she cautions.

Long before symptoms ever arise, she indicates that men can protect their long-term health by adopting simple and proactive habits early in life, such as monitoring blood pressure, controlling blood sugar, avoiding smoking and embracing physical activity as the cornerstone of vascular health.

But for those already facing the challenge, she emphasises that the clinic doors are wide open.

"We are here to serve you without judgment. It is an entirely private and secure space designed for your comfort. Do not let fear paralyse you. It might feel uncomfortable at first to face a urologist who happens to be a woman, but believe me, you are in safe and highly professional hands," she says. **BOPA**



A vendor focusing on traditional medicinal offerings at Dibete, Mr Lucas Nnopi said his inventory included a herbal powder that he marketed as a means for men to regain physical strength and vitality. Photos: Thompson Keobaletse

CCECC commits beyond construction

Lesedi Thatayamodimo
GABORONE

The true measure of an organization often emerges not during ordinary times, but in moments of crisis.

This has proven true for China Civil Engineering Construction (Botswana) (Pty) Ltd (CCECC Botswana), whose meaningful contributions have taken place away from construction schedules and project deadlines, occurring instead when communities faced urgent challenges and needed immediate assistance.

In an interview, CCECC Botswana Managing Director, Mr Alex Jin, said the company's commitment to Botswana extends far beyond engineering and infrastructure projects.

Over the years, the company has quietly established a record of community support that has touched the lives of vulnerable citizens across the country.

Mr Jin noted that CCECC Botswana has invested millions of pula in charitable and community development initiatives aimed at improving living conditions and supporting local development.

These contributions include

donating houses to vulnerable families and orphaned children, supporting school renovation projects, providing building materials for community initiatives, and investing in village development programs.

Between 2023 and 2024 alone, eight villages in the Boteti region benefited from donations that supported schools, road maintenance projects, and other community development initiatives.

While such contributions may not always attract widespread public attention, Mr Jin noted that their impact would be felt for years to come.

"A renovated classroom can improve learning conditions for generations of students, a repaired road can enhance access to services and economic opportunities, and a safe home can provide stability and dignity to a family facing hardship," he said.

The company's commitment to community welfare he said had also been evident during times of national emergency.

Mr Jin recalled the severe flooding that struck parts of the Chobe region in 2018, which washed away roads and cut off communities from essential services.

As government emergency teams responded to the disaster, CCECC Botswana deployed personnel and heavy machinery to support recovery efforts.

"For more than a month, company crews worked continuously to restore damaged transport routes, helping reconnect isolated communities and re-establish the movement of people, goods, and services," he said.

He further said that the company demonstrated commitment during the COVID-19 pandemic, a period marked by economic uncertainty and operational challenges for businesses worldwide.

"At a time when uncertainty gripped economies around the world and businesses struggled to remain operational, CCECC Botswana maintained full salaries for all its local employees throughout the lockdown periods," Mr Jin said.

In addition, the company he said contributed to national COVID-19 relief initiatives when support from both the public and private sectors was urgently required.

He also pointed out that earlier this year, when severe

flooding once again threatened communities in and around Gaborone, the company mobilised heavy machinery to assist with river dredging and flood mitigation efforts.

For residents watching rising waters threaten homes, businesses, and livelihoods, such interventions represented more than engineering support; they provided reassurance that help was available when it was needed most.

Mr Jin noted that Botswana and China marked 50 years of diplomatic relations in 2025, celebrating a partnership that evolved through changing political, social, and economic landscapes.

According to Mr Jin, the strength of the relationship was reflected not only in official agreements and ceremonial events, but also in the everyday realities experienced by ordinary citizens.

"It is reflected in roads that carry commuters to work, pipelines that deliver water to villages, schools

that educate future leaders, and jobs that support thousands of households across the country," he said.

He added that the company's journey mirrors a broader story of development cooperation, built steadily over decades through practical collaboration and shared development objectives.

As Botswana pursues its national development goals, infrastructure will continue to play a critical role in driving economic growth, improving regional connectivity, and enhancing the quality of life for citizens.

However, Mr Jin believes the company's legacy extends far beyond the physical structures it has built over nearly four decades in Botswana.

"That legacy lives in the communities it has supported during times of need, the thousands of citizens it has trained and employed, and the partnerships it has cultivated throughout the country," he said.

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Damaged roads contribute to accidents

Gaolethoo Kgatitswe
MAUN

Dilapidated roads network in the North West District, is contributing to increasing road crashes and collision as drivers pay attention to potholes to avoid vehicles damage and in the process forgetting other road users.

Speaking in an interview, Maun Police Station, acting Station Commander, Assistant Superintendent, Moutlwatse Ikobeng said one of the most common mistakes drivers make was attempting to dodge potholes without first ensuring it was safe to do so.

"A driver should never swerve into another lane simply to avoid a pothole, instead, the safest option is to slow down or come to a complete stop, allow other vehicles to pass and only proceed when it is safe," he said.

Mr Ikobeng's caution followed a recent collision along Maun-Sehithwa section of the A3, where two trucks collided after one driver allegedly swerved into the opposite lane, while attempting to avoid a pothole.

Two passengers; aged four and 72 years respectively, sustained injuries and were currently hospitalised at Letsholathebe Memorial Hospital in Maun.

He said a 25-year-old driver of one of the trucks was expected to

face a charge of careless driving.

While potholes present a genuine danger, Asp Ikobeng said panic often created an even greater risk than the damaged road itself.

He observed that many serious crashes occur not because motorists struck potholes, but because they lose control while trying to avoid potholes, drifting into the path of oncoming vehicles.

Asp Ikobeng further expressed concern over the continued practice of travelling in open trucks and other vehicles not designed to carry passengers.

"In the event of a collision, passengers travelling in the back of open vehicles are highly vulnerable to getting thrown out of the vehicle or sustaining severe injuries, therefore, people should avoid using such transport unless it is absolutely necessary," he said.

Mr Ikobeng also urged motorists to reduce speed, maintain safe following distance and remain vigilant, particularly during winter when visibility may be reduced by early morning fog and evening darkness.

He emphasised that while road conditions may sometimes be beyond a driver's control, motorists' respond to those conditions often determined whether they arrive safely or become another road traffic statistic. **BOPA**



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Photo: Courtesy of China Civil Engineering Construction Botswana



Thousands of hikers from across Southern Africa who took part in the 10th annual Jwaneng Desert Bushwalk on Saturday. Photos: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

Desert Bushwalk lives to expectation

President Advocate Duma Boko (third right) and Queen Masenate Mohato Seeiso of Lesotho (second left) were among thousands of hikers from across Southern Africa who took part in the 10th annual Jwaneng Desert Bushwalk on Saturday. Since its inception, the event, through the CSI Concepts Foundation, has supported sustainable socio-economic development in education, health and other sectors across the country.

Kehumile Moekejo
JWANENG

President Advocate Duma Boko, Queen Masenate Mohato Seeiso of Lesotho, cabinet ministers and Debswana Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Motsomi were among the dignitaries who joined 6 000 hikers for the 10th edition of the Jwaneng Bushwalk.

The walk was categorised in 15km and 30km routes and this year’s edition marked a milestone of a decade of promoting health, unity, regional integration, adventure and charity. From a humble idea dating back to 2014, the Desert Bushwalk has evolved from just a hiking event to positioning Jwaneng as a sport tourism hub, stimulating the economy through growing demand for accommodation, food, transport and retail services. President Boko commended the event organisers for the positive impact on communities and establishing a unifying event for Botswana and its neighbouring countries. He also thanked Queen Seeiso and her entourage for

their support to charity work in Botswana. According to one of the organisers, Aratwa Kgosietsile, the initiative continues to grow both in numbers and impact throughout the years. She said they had increased this year’s tickets from the usual 5 000 to 1 000 in anticipation of the growing interest from hikers, particularly due to the 10th anniversary celebration. While she acknowledged the high demand from participants, she regrettably said their numbers were determined by the sponsorship. “We are a 100 per cent charity organization so every year we start on zero budget. Our numbers are determined by the amount of sponsorship hence we normally have a limited number. The sponsorships assist with logistics while the ticket sales go toward the sustainable projects in our communities which are aligned with our mandate,” she said. A cultural exchange event between Botswana and Lesotho groups, a night walk and a gala dinner in honour of Queen Seeiso’s birthday celebration were some of the build-up activities towards the main event. While the proceeds from the dinner would be channeled towards equipping the Special Education Unit at Dinonyane

Primary School, Kgosietsile said their board of trustees would assess competing requests to select the ones for funding from the main event. Among the projects expected to benefit this year is the Donate a Book campaign, which feeds to the government’s broader objective of promoting literacy in public schools across the country. Relating her experience, one of the South African hikers, Mmabatho Tlale from Beniyaphi Hiking Club said she was delighted to have contributed towards charity work in Botswana, while at the same time enjoying the adventure that comes with traversing the sandy terrain. “It has been a fulfilling walk, it is enjoyable as we are making friends with people from different countries, but more importantly, contributing to charity is something close to my heart. I am glad that I invested my time and energy into the walk and I hope it helps others out there,” she said. Since inception, the Desert Bushwalk, through the CSI Concepts Foundation has contributed towards sustainable socio-economic development in education, health and other sectors across the country. **BOPA**

Writing has become more than a creative pursuit for author and language educator Phemo Pheko. What began as passion for storytelling after high school has grown into a global mission to promote Setswana language. “I believe my love for Setswana is a God-given talent. What started as a passion for creative writing has grown into a mission to preserve, promote and share Botswana’s language and culture with the world,” she said. Pheko’s writing journey began in 1989 with the publication of her first novel, *Leokana*, by Mmampodi Publishers, owned by the late Kgomotso Mogapi, renowned for the *Thuta Puo* ya

Setswana series. She later published *Segaigai* through Pentagon Publishers, followed by *Rokela Banneng* and, most recently, the self-published *Leitibolo*. Although professionally trained as an accountant, Pheko holds a Master’s degree in Accounting, is ACCA-qualified, a Chartered Accountant and TEFL-certified. She retired from the corporate world in 2018 after a 31-year career to focus on her passion. Today, she teaches Setswana online to about 55 students from countries including the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, Germany and the Netherlands. Her students range from expatriates working in Botswana, tourists, researchers and language

enthusiasts eager to learn about African languages and cultures. While teaching online, Pheko realised that beginner-friendly Setswana learning resources were scarce, particularly for international learners. She said her students often struggled to find suitable learning materials, and that inspired her to write and self-publish resources. She has since authored several educational publications, including *Learn Setswana*, *Setswana Tourist’s Phrasebook*, *Setswana 30-Day Challenge*, *English–Setswana Dictionary*, *Learn Setswana for Kids*, *Learn Setswana for Kids Colouring Book* and *Stress Relief Setswana Word Puzzle Book*.

Pheko aims to make Setswana global

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Hyperrealism artist earns recognition

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Gaborone-based hyperrealism artist Martin Sefako, is earning recognition through his striking graphite and charcoal portraits that combine emotional realism with conceptual storytelling.

A graduate of Architecture from the University of Botswana, Sefako said art had always been his true calling despite his academic background. He said his work draws inspiration from a wide range of aspects, with each portrait designed to evoke emotion while conveying a deeper symbolic message. Sefako credits social media for expanding his reach beyond Botswana, opening doors to international recognition thus leading to commissioned projects and creative collaborations. Among his most celebrated works is a conceptual portrait of Botswana sprint sensation Collen Kebinatshipi, portrayed with metallic robotic legs to symbolise speed, endurance and the country's progressive spirit. Popularly known as Art In Martin Sefako, the hyperrealism

artist said his long-term ambition was to see Botswana's art showcased on global platforms while remaining authentically African. He said he aspired to establish international exhibitions, create mentorship platforms and eventually open a gallery dedicated to nurturing emerging artists across the continent. Despite the growing success, Sefako said artists continued to face challenges, including limited funding, inadequate institutional support and the persistent undervaluation of creative work. He called for greater investment in the arts, saying the creative industry should be recognised as a key contributor to Botswana's economy, youth development and national identity. As Botswana prepares to celebrate its 60th Independence anniversary, Sefako said he planned to produce conceptual artworks reflecting the country's resilience, cultural pride and youth excellence. He also encouraged aspiring artists to remain consistent, cultivate their own artistic identity and balance creativity with sound business skills. Art enthusiasts have praised Sefako's work for its exceptional realism and emotional depth. Visual art collector Kabelo Moabi said the artist's drawings "feel alive", adding that the extraordinary level of detail made it easy to forget they were created using graphite on paper. **BOPA**



Some of Martin Sefako's art work. He is steadily building reputation through striking graphite and charcoal portraits that blend technical precision with powerful storytelling.



Martin Sefako explaining the concept behind his drawing of Botswana sprint star Collen Kebinatshipi, portrayed with metallic robotic legs to symbolise speed, endurance and the country's progressive spirit. Photos: Courtesy of Martin Sefako

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Through these publications, she has created practical learning tools for children, adults, tourists, expatriates, researchers and anyone interested in learning Setswana. Pheko believes language is one of the strongest pillars of cultural preservation. "My vision extends beyond language instruction. The intention is to ensure that Setswana remains relevant and accessible to future generations while introducing international audiences to Botswana's rich cultural heritage," she said. She added that through her books and online lessons, she served as a cultural ambassador, exposing people across North America, Europe, Australia and other regions to Botswana's language, customs, traditions and values. Pheko hopes to make Setswana one of Africa's most accessible languages through books, digital resources, educational material and technology. "Many people expect small languages to disappear in a

globalised world. I believe the opposite. With the right tools, technology and passion, Setswana can reach every corner of the world. That is the mission that drives me every day," she said. Readers of her publications said her work was making a meaningful contribution to the preservation and promotion of the language. Lillian Keabetswe described Pheko as an exceptional Setswana conversational tutor and accomplished writer. "Her *Learn Setswana for Kids* books and the *Setswana-English Dictionary* are comprehensive and informative. They help learners read, pronounce words correctly and construct sentences in Setswana. These materials are also widely used by non-Setswana speakers to develop basic conversational skills," she said. Emmanuel Boefelo said Pheko's passion for Setswana was evident in both her teaching and writing. "Her writing style is entertaining as well as educational, particularly in her novels. She always goes the extra mile, and her work serves not only the local market but also an international audience," he said. **BOPA**

Cycle4Life thrives under Pelaelo leadership

Ketshepile More
GABORONE

Following a successful tenure at the helm of Cycle4Life cycling club, Modiegi Pelaelo is expected to hand the baton to her successor at the Annual General Meeting planned soon.

Under her leadership since 2023, the club's brand strengthened by building meaningful partnerships and expanding through community outreach initiatives, while growing the club's membership cementing its reputation as a mountain bike (MTB) club.

With a decline on MTB races locally due to lack of sponsorship, Pelaelo used her strategic leadership to look beyond the horizon by ensuring C4L participate in regional competitions, where MTB thrived.

"Our participation internationally has demonstrated that a Botswana cycling club can compete on some of the toughest endurance stages in the world. It has inspired new riders to join the sport, and that dedication, discipline and teamwork can produce world-class performances. Every finish line crossed by a C4L rider became an opportunity to showcase the club, our country and the spirit that defines who we are," Pelaelo said.

C4L has participated and competed in endurance races such as Namib Desert Dash, The Munga, Race to the Sun, Trans Bavarian among others. Consistently and constantly being part of such race stakes not only a ready mind and body, but support.

Therefore, Pelaelo said C4L philosophy had always been that when one rider succeeds, the entire club succeeds.

She said they thrived to create a supportive environment through mentorship, sharing of knowledge and fundraising where possible as well as celebrate achievements and ensure that every rider is aware that they had full backing of the club.

"In every ride they participate in outside the country, the club stands by them because they carry not only the C4L colours but also the Botswana flag, so we encourage our riders to dream bigger," she said.

Big on charity work, Pelaelo has merged her passion for cycling with community impact.

Under her leadership, the club formed a partnership with Baitshapi Social Club, assisting various schools with school necessities such as books, shoes and uniform.

"We also managed to purchase two bicycles for the

top male and female learners at Matsheng Junior Secondary School in Sojwe and now those two learners are heading to tertiary after having performed exceptionally well," Pelaelo said.

Nonetheless, Pelaelo said despite some achievements, the club was not immune to challenges, saying her two-year-tenure at the helm of C4L, had its share of trials and tribulations.

One of the shortfalls was securing sponsorship for the club particularly for race events, as well as ensuring the club remain financially sustainable.

Another challenge, she said was balancing competitive ambitions with ensuring every member; from beginner to elite, felt equally valued.

"However, every challenge presented an opportunity to grow stronger as a leader. Leading Cycle4Life has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Being the leading lady for the club, has given me an opportunity to serve a community that is passionate about cycling while learning valuable lessons in leadership, teamwork and resilience," she said.

Although it was not easy to lead a club of passionate male cyclists, Pelaelo has however

said seeing the club grow, members achieve goals they once thought impossible and building lifelong friendships, had made it worthwhile.

"I would do it again in the future once I have established a better work life balance," she said.

For Pelaelo, leading Cycle4Life cycling club was realisation that her true passion is giving back to the community. She said with enhanced resources and partnerships the club could go far in its mandate of serving the community.

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Following a successful tenure at the helm of Cycle4Life Cycling Club, Modiegi Pelaelo will hand the baton to her successor during the club's Annual General Meeting.

Dipeba secures Sports Leadership Scholarship

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

In a major boost for the future of African athletics, Botswana national track and field coach Justice Dipeba has been awarded a scholarship to pursue a Master's degree in Kinesiology and Health Promotion, specialising in Sports Leadership, at the University of Kentucky.

Beyond academic pursuits, Dipeba will work directly alongside the University of Kentucky Track and Field programme, a powerhouse famed for producing Olympic champions and world record holders.

The transition represents a full-circle moment for Dipeba, a celebrated former sprinter who served as Botswana's flagbearer at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games.

Over the past decade as a senior national coach, he has masterminded the rise of Botswana's sprinting revolution, engineering the transformation of international brand Isaac Makwala, whom he guided to a 2017 Diamond League 400m final victory, African and Commonwealth titles, and blistering sub-44-second performances.

Dipeba's elite coaching pedigree also includes mentoring continental standouts like Christine Botlogetswe, Boitumelo Masilo, and Zibane Ngozi, steering Botswana's men's relay teams to historic global podiums.

Now, he enters an elite training

environment in Lexington shaped by world-class icons who continue to train on-site.

Among these athletes are Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone, the transcendent world record holder and multi-time Olympic gold medalist in the 400m hurdles, and Masai Russell, an elite international hurdler and



Botswana national track and field coach, Justice Dipeba

standout university alumna.

The training grounds also feature Jasmine Camacho-Quinn, an Olympic gold medalist and one of the fastest hurdles specialists in history, alongside Alexis Holmes, a World Championship medalist and elite global sprinter.

In an interview, Dipeba said he felt privileged to have been given the opportunity, adding that the presence of these elite athletes creates an exceptional high-performance environment, making him incredibly excited to learn, collaborate, and further develop himself both professionally and personally.

"This academic and professional journey is poised to yield massive dividends for sports development back home, especially as the nation continues to assert itself as a global track and field destination," he said.

Coach Dipeba thanked the University of Botswana, where he had served long-term as a sports officer and elite head coach, for its foundational role in securing this opportunity.

Furthermore, he thanked the university for the support it had provided, adding that their investment in his growth was deeply appreciated.

Looking ahead, Dipeba remained committed to ensuring that the knowledge, skills, and experiences gained in Kentucky would ultimately benefit his home institution, local student-athletes, and the broader Botswana sporting community. **BOPA**

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He said DC Tours would bring in its own general manager, accountant, team logistics officer and other relevant officials to run the team more professionally.

Keogotsitse said the sponsorship deal came at an opportune time when the country was moving toward commercialising football, noting that the Botswana Football League had since registered with CIPA as a commercial wing of the elite league.

"As per the commercialisation regulations of the Botswana Football League, no team will be registered as a society by next year. Fortunately, the outgoing chairperson has registered our club licencing as a company, Extension Gunners Holdings," he said, adding that Gunners was therefore no longer a society, hence Extension Gunners Holdings would be the one competing in the premier league.

Additionally, Keogotsitse

informed the AGM attendants that the team's executive committee would run Extension Gunners Supporters Club as a society and would raise own funds.

He assuaged fears that members might lose control of their team.

"Extension Gunners Holdings bears the names of Gunners members including that of the chairperson of our society; therefore, they form part of the decision-making," he said, noting that as per the contract, the team would retain Lobatse as its base and would also retain its colours and name.

One of the highlights of the AGM was a resolution that Mapantsula would, in conjunction with Notwane, host an appreciation game in honour of Finkie 'Mathousand' Mothibi, who played for Gunners for over 16 years.

The game will be played at GU Stadium in Gaborone on August 1. **BOPA**



Extension Gunners FC have pinned their hopes on new investor DC Tours, who have committed to a 15-year partnership with the club following the departure of South African investor, Chief Ally Kgomongwe.

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Following a relatively unsteady season for Lobatse football giants, Extension Gunners FC, and the unceremonious departure of South Africa investor, Chief Ally Kgomongwe last year, the team now pins its hope on DC Tours, a new investor who will be with the team for a period of 15 years.

The conditions of the contract, which is yet to be signed by the

two parties, gives the investor 100 per cent shares ownership of the newly established Gunners Holdings company.

The investor will provide dedicated transport for the team's players for trainings and games, provide accommodation and meals and take care of players' allowances and welfare.

The new developments were revealed at the teams Annual General Meeting in Lobatse on Saturday.

Mapantsula, who were previously backed by Prestige Parlour as their main sponsor under a gentleman's agreement and by Zonetwo Sportswear as their official technical kit partner, will now be under DC Tours complete care in a major sponsorship deal anticipated to be launched soon.

Gunners' interim chairperson, Karabo Keogotsitse revealed that when Gunners was struggling financially, DC Tours, rolled up

its sleeves, and assisted the team to survive relegation and had also sponsored the team's recent awards ceremony.

"We signed the MoU and the final contract came yesterday from DC Tours' lawyers. We have taken it to our legal advisors and to the board and chairperson for their input," Keogotsitse said.

He told Gunners members and supporters that despite impediments such as the team being faced with FIFA bans and

debts requiring to be settled, DC Tours was committed to helping the team turn a new page.

Keogotsitse said to avoid any underhand tactics and ensure a smooth transition, DC Tours would bring on board its own team secretariat and that the team's executive committee would no longer be in charge of the day-to-day running of the team.

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