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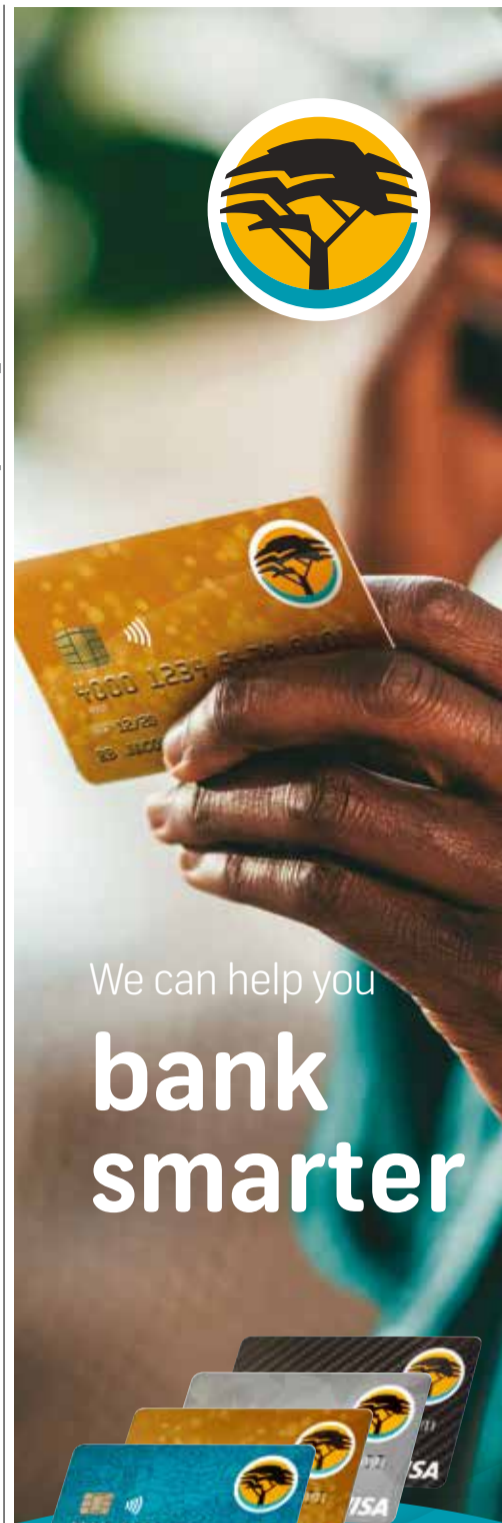
**New parties register with IEC**

The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) has since last week been issuing certificates to newly formed political parties ahead of the 2022 national elections. To date, the number of political parties that are registered with the IEC is 37 and the number is set to increase as today as yet another new party is going to be issued a certificate.

The new parties which received certificates include, HOPE which is led by 'Machabana Letsie, United For Change led by 'Malichaba Lekhoaba and Basotho Covenant Movement which will only be issued a certificate today.

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# Pastoral feuds rage on

By **Kefiloe Kajane**  
Junior Reporter

The villagers of Nkh'unkh'u and Litahabaneng in the Mohale's Hoek district are far from living in peace.

They have drawn battle fields over grazing land with no end in sight, at least for now, with recent confrontations and tensions suggesting the feud will be raging on for quite some time.

During a visit to the two neighbouring villages last week, this publication discovered that the two sets of villagers live in constant fear and are always on high alert.

According to Nkh'unkh'u councilor Rankoela Rathobeli, residents of the two villages 'have to stay alert day and night' in fear of announced intermittent attacks between them.

Fights over pastures have regularly broken out between inhabitants of the two settlements.

Speaking to theReporter, Rathobeli said the fights began many years ago and have recently escalated. As a result, he added, some victims have ended up in hospital after being suffering injuries in the latest episode of the conflict.

He said attempts by local chiefs to end the conflicts have failed and that they were pinning their hopes on the chief of Lithabaneng to intervene. Rathobeli was optimistic that his intervention might resolve the rifts.

Villagers launch attacks at each other whenever some of them pass through each other's residences. He said police have been called in to mediate but nothing solid has come out.

"Our local chief has tried several times to intervene and told them to stop the fights. The matter was then reported to the principal chief. From my knowledge, that portion of the land over which fights break belongs to Nkh'unkh'u. I grew up here so I know that from my young age.

"The situation has gotten worse because Lithabaneng villagers get services like shopping and other government services from us. They fear to pass through this village even though they have to do so on daily basis.

"If this situation continues, it means we will end up counting bodies. It has become such a huge problem that it has affected other nearby villages. As local leaders we must strive to find a solution to end the conflict," Rathobeli said.

The area chief of Lithabaneng Tšeliso Letšaba confirmed that fights over grazing pastures have befallen the two villages although that land falls under the jurisdiction of the Lithabaneng chief.

He has attempted several times to intervene and even called in the police but all these have come to naught, as neither party is not budging.

This is despite villagers sharing basic services.

"I have tried before to manage the graze lands and that brought a short-lived end to the attacks. But recently the infighting has broken between the two villages when animals were al-

**RESIDENTS OF NK'UNK'HU AND LITHABANENG FEUD OVER GRAZELANDS**

lowed to graze on the controversial pastures," he explained while yearning for chiefs to negotiate for peace.

"I believe that there is an urgent and serious need for ending this violence in order not to lose any lives," he thought.

A Lithabaneng resident who has been involved in the battles, Thabang Moremi, does not foresee any immediate end to the pastoral wars.

He also admitted that the land in question belonged to his village and that their livestock are entitled to graze there.

He regretted that people who are neighbours continue to live in conflict over just a piece of land.

Villagers from his dwelling have to travel in groups when going to Nkh'unkh'u, he revealed.

"Unless the villagers of Nkh'unkh'u admit that the land belongs to the chief of Lithabaneng, it will be difficult to end the conflict," he suggested.

Noting that he grew in that village long time ago, he said the attacks have now targeted women who travel alone, believing that some thuggery was all behind the attacks.

Lesotho Mounted Police assistant public relations officer Sub-Inspector 'Mareabetsow Mofoka, said they have not received any reports relating to recent incidents. She admitted that police have tried to mediate in the past to end the violence. She said there have been reports of people having been killed in the area.

"Although we have not received any reports recently, police have visited Lithabaneng in an attempt to intervene," she said.

Battles of grazing land are not limited to Mohale's Hoek, as they have become a way of life in the rest of the country. In 2014 herd boys in Lekokoaneng, fought over pastures to a point where the area chief 'Masekoati Masupha and the Berea police were forced to hold a public gathering at Ha Fusi as part of efforts to bring an end to rifts emanating from grazing pastures.

The gathering had come after a principal of a nearby school was injured when the fight

spilled to the school premises at the time the teacher attempted to intervene.

On several occasions, the Berea police have intervened in long ensuing feuds among the livestock herders. The law enforcement officers have warned that those involved in the rifts would be arrested and prosecuted as such activities are criminal offences.

At Nazareth in Maseru, two schools were left without water and their students and teachers fearing for their lives in 2016 due to a pasture dispute that had been raging in the area for more than two decades.

John Mount High School and Masapong Primary School had their water cut last month allegedly after some Ha Ponoane herd-boys vandalised pipes which supply Ha Ntsi villagers, their "enemies", with the precious liquid following a mass brawl over grazing.

The schools are located between the feuding villages and use the same pipes with Ha Ntsi to get their water from Ha Ponoane.

Chief Makhaola Theko accuse Ha Ponoane herd-boys of starting the fight. He claimed it was started by a Ha Ponoane herd-boy who had been found grazing his livestock on a farm in Ha Ntsi. The landowner didn't take kindly to this and asked the herd-boy to leave. Apparently, the herd-boy told the man that he was not utilizing the farm and refused to go.

A committee of councillors and chiefs was formed to look into the fight over pastures. It held a series of public gatherings in an effort to end the problem.

What do you think needs to be done to end the constand feuds over pastures in Lesotho?

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# Row clouds farmers' payout

By **Majirata Latela**  
Senior Reporter

A row over the actual amount of money owed to wool and mohair producers has erupted between the farming community and the ministry of small business development, cooperatives and marketing.

The dispute arose following an announcement by the small business development, cooperatives and marketing minister Thesele Maseribane that farmers were owed M10million. The farming community in the sector; on the other hand, is contesting the claim arguing the amount due to them was way more than this amount.

This week the minister of agriculture, marketing and food security Likopo Mahase told a media briefing that payments to farmers owed money by Maseru Dawning (managed by Stone Shi) have started.

Mahase's averments come on the back of Maseribane's revelation that the total number of farmers owed was 2 710 and that the government would fork out more than M10million.

The disgruntled farmers and some government officials have contested the amount arguing it was too little.

But officers close to the developments who spoke on condition of anonymity said the government had decided as long ago



**MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETING AND FOOD SECURITY LIKOPO MAHASE**

as 2019 that only a slight excess of M10million would be paid out.

They claim that upon collection of data from farming organisations dealing in wool and mohair; the number of farmers owed and the money due to them are far more than that offered by the small business development ministry.

"We are surprised that the current leadership in that ministry held a reconciliation conference with some farmers at which they came up with that small figure.

"The officers from the ministry did not contact all the farmers. They should have visited all the districts to source accurate number of farmers who are to be paid out," an official linked to the small business development observed.

The Lesotho National Wool and Mohair

Farmers Growers Association' spokesperson, Khotsang Moshoeshoe has been disappointed with the figures being brought forward by the ministry.

He is highly suspicious of the amount government planned to pay out, saying during his tenure as finance minister in 2019 prime minister Dr Moeketsi Majoro earmarked the M10 million as due amount to be given out to the farmers.

The money was to be offered as a bail out to Maseru Dawning.

He is surprised that Maseribane has towed the line to claim that the producers are still owed M10million.

"Farmers who sold their products are more than 3 000 with an estimated amount of M100million owed to them. But we accept a bail out of M10 million promised to Maseru Dawning as part of a relief measure to some farmers," Moshoeshoe explained.

The payments were to be done through the three local banks where money would be deposited. Others would receive their share at the shearing sheds after a scrutiny of the lists provided by their associations.

Maseribane said about 1 810 farmers had dormant bank accounts while others did not have any at all.

Already, he said, the Standard Lesotho Bank has processed 643 payments, Lesotho Post Bank 114 followed by First National Bank with only two.

# LDF thwarts unlawful custody claims

By **Kefiloe Kajane**  
Junior Reporter

The Lesotho Defence Force (LDF) has strongly quashed claims the army has usurped powers of the police to clamp down on criminal activities.

The denial came out this week following claims doing the rounds that the army's action to arrest and detain members of the gangs around Maseru was tantamount to taking over duties to be performed by the police.

Many gangsters, that include several girls, were rounded up by military personnel in the areas of Koalabata, Naledi and Qoaling two weeks ago.

The groupings were allegedly involved in an assortment of criminal acts that included attacking and robbing unsuspecting citizens of their belongings such as cellphones, bags and money.

The LDF command then issued a stern appeal for victims who fell prey in the hands of the gangsters to report to the military police offices.

Shrugging off the claims at the Makoanyane Barracks, Captain Bokang Melato emphasized the army works hand in glove with the Lesotho Mounted Police Service (LMPS). He said required processes were followed by the army leading to placing the suspects in the soldiers' custody.

Captain Melato was speaking at the occasion to hand over of basic necessities like cosmetics, heaters, hand sanitisers, mattresses, sanitary pads as well masks to the detained 63 young gang members aged between 15-26 who are in military custody.

He explained that the army was determined to 'turn them into better people who are accepted by society'. The youngsters also go through physical and mental training while also being offered counselling by a



**MINISTER LIKELELI TAMPANE HANDS OVER BASIC NECESSITIES TO LDF**

pool of army personnel.

"We are faced with an array of challenges that include lack of necessary clothing and cosmetics. They are well and healthy, and we hope to keep the situation that way. We are making attempts to find deep-rooted problems in order to assist them to rehabilitate. They are not being tortured, contrary to popular claims.

"We realised that many of them are from single parent headed families with little enforcement of discipline. We are sure that when they leave here, they will be changed people," he said.

At the same occasion, LDF Commander Lieutenant-General Mojalefa Letsoela said the army was highly appreciative of efforts to rescue the youngsters by pulling them out of a life of crime.

This initiative, he added, has saved many people who were victims of the attackers, while also sparing potential victims; as for the youth, they were always going to be arrested sooner or later.

"We are expecting more, but we wanted to have this batch and release them before we welcome others. We want the communities to be free and safe," he warned.

The distributed items were handed over to the LDF by sports, youth and recreation minister Likeleli Tampane and the Lesotho Red Cross Society secretary general Kopano Masilo.

Tampane was delighted that the young boys and girls were being trained to become better people, promising that programmes are to be designed to absorb them into various projects when they leave the barracks.

# Engaging men important in ending GBV

By **Poloko Mokhele**  
Guest Reporter

Engaging men and boys as partners should be an integral strategy in fighting gender based violence and other harmful cultural practices that marginalize women and girls in Lesotho.

In an attempt to end gender based violence and advance gender equality in Lesotho, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) works with men and boys by engaging them, through male engagements forums and husband schools discussing issues of sexual reproductive health and rights, on women's rights and the need to end all forms of abuse and violence against women and girls.

According to UNFPA, the husband schools were piloted in 2019 and have enrolled a total of eighty men in four groups, which have been conducted in both Mokhotlong and Quthing districts.

The programmes are designed to encourage men and boys to abandon harmful stereotypes, embrace respectful, healthy relationships and

support the human rights of all people, everywhere.

In the husband schools, male gender champions are recruited as effective communicators of behavioural change for other men.

"The aim of the husband schools is to the different forms of vulnerabilities that women suffer due to male stereotypes and attitudes, although they are not formal institutions but we gather men to discuss a series of sessions spaced in six months, issues that affect the lives of women and girls and those that prevent them from attaining their full potential," said UNFPA communication assistant, Violet Maraisane.

In an interview with this publication, social worker and gender activist, Seabata Makoae said when fighting gender based violence it is important for men to admit that they are often the perpetrators of gender based violence while women are victims and therefore men need to admit and see themselves as change makers. "We need to admit that we have many privileges compared to women, because as a man I can still walk around the streets at night freely without fearing anything but a woman cannot

walk freely. Therefore after having this understanding, we need all men to hold others accountable whenever they see them committing gender based violence, because in the end all men will be generalised as perpetrators if we all keep quiet," he said.

Makoae further indicated that men tend to listen and feel comfortable to speak freely when they are together and share their insecurities or the reasons that may have led them to commit harmful acts against women and girls, unlike when they are in the presence of women. Hence it is important "for those that understand the importance of stopping gender based violence against women and girls to engage with those that are still left behind."

Gender-based violence prevalence rate in Lesotho is 86 percent of women have experienced it in their lifetime, according to a 2015 study by Gender Links, with 40 percent of men admitting to perpetrating violence against women at least once in their lifetime.

## EGPAF trains doctors in cancer fight

By **Teboho Serutla**  
Junior Reporter

Twenty-six medical doctors and nurses this week underwent a one-day training on use of equipment to detect cervical cancer at an early stage.

Conducted at the Sankatana HIV/AIDS and Oncology Centre, the health practitioners were drawn from different health facilities in the 10 districts of the country.

The aim was to detect the condition and offer necessary treatment to women and girls who suffer from cervical cancer.

At the occasion, the director general at the ministry of health Dr 'Nyane Letsie said her ministry has spent huge sums of money for treatment of the cervical cancer patients outside Lesotho. Such treatment, she noted, was so expensive that the debt is still hanging over her ministry's head.

"Some of the patients came from the rural areas for treatment and had to sleep over

here in Maseru before being transferred to the neighbouring country. That is expensive; and this training will not only save us money but also time for treatment," she said.

The president and founding member of Lesotho breast cancer network, Sejojo Phaaroo, was upbeat that the organisation was throwing a dice to have a 100 percent free cancer patients, especially among women.

He said the exercise would equip the participants on equipment to screen for cervical cancer. This is meant to help doctors and nurses to assist patients in other districts as part of a fight against the scourge.

According to Phaaroo it is planned that the training is to be extended to other districts where centres are to be built to address the health issue.

The director in the prevention of mother to child transmission (PMTCT), sexual and reproductive health under the Elizabeth Gla-

ser Paediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF), Oluwasanmi Akintade, briefly remarked that cancer treatment was highly costly globally.

One of the participating doctors from Butha-Buthe government hospital, Tlota Selia-lia said the initiative came at the right time when there was need for establishment of cancer screening centres in other parts of the country.

He said as a single centre that detects and screen for cancer, it is usually overcrowded as patients from across the country visit the facility.

A delay to open other centres in other districts has resulted in overcrowding at this facility, he warned, noting that a political will was highly necessary for health delivery services.

This training is offered by EGPAF through the financial assistance of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).



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## Busybodies outside the Gates

### Gangsterism on the rise

**In recent days, the Lesotho Defence Force rounded up juveniles who are members of various gangs and huddled them together at the Makoanyane Military Barracks for rehabilitation.**

Gangs have a potential to unleashing a reign of terror of unprecedented proportions if left unchecked, so the actions of the army – to nip gangsterism in the bud – should be commended.

Gangs have only one hallmark: violence against innocent citizens or rival gangs. The phenomenon of gang violence refers mostly to the illegal and non-political acts of violence perpetrated by gangs against civilians, other gangs and law enforcement officers. Throughout history, such acts have been committed by gangs at all levels of organization.

Gangsterism is a whole of society issue because it links to education, health and economic issues. Areas, where gangsterism is rife, have low employment and skills rates and a high instance of school drop-out.

Gangsterism in Lesotho's urban and peri-urban settlements is on the rise, and there is no denying that it is a common occurrence. This is usually attributed to poverty, inequality and unemployment.

It is often characterised as anti-social behaviour. Gangs emerge from within communities themselves. This phenomenon has many root causes like socioeconomic conditions (unemployment, low-income employment, and poor living conditions), all leading to poverty and deprivation conditions.

Left to flourish, it can also bring down the property value of neighbourhoods from the violence and vandalism involved with gangsterism life. Big money investors may shy away from places where they feel that their properties and resources will not be used for fear of gang crimes.

Law enforcement alone cannot wipe out gangsterism. The key players in this case are community members themselves, family to be more precise. It is upon every member of society to play a proactive role preventing the spread of gangsterism.

The Gates break-up is somehow being framed in Nigerian media as irrefutable evidence that divinity, and not money, sustains a marriage. In other words, if the Gates had a little more god, the marriage might have been saved. It's the sort of awkward, largely conservative thinking that suggests that wealth and successful marriage are incompatible.

Bill and Melinda Gates had barely finished saying the "D" word when all kinds of marriage counsellors and gossipmongers besieged Nigerian social media with theories about why they think the couple is breaking up.

The sentiments, ranging from the probable to the bizarre, have defied the couple's request for privacy. Misery loves company. Some accounts even make you wonder if the composers might have had a bedside view of the 27-year-old marriage.

A break-up is a messy thing. You don't have to experience it to know. But for all those who are outside, looking in, it always seems that one or the other partners could have done this or that to save the marriage. A failing marriage is easier saved by outsiders.

In the case of the Gates, their explanation that they had to part ways because they believe they could no longer grow together as a couple in the new phase of their lives, didn't seem to satisfy the curious army of commentators in Nigeria's social media space. They think there's more to it and if they can't find it, they will invent it.

Above the din of the rampant reports of killings, banditry and kidnappings, with scores of students of a private university in the northwest state of Kaduna recently held at gunpoint and distraught parents emptying their life savings to pay ransom, the Bill-Melinda break-up still managed to trend in Nigeria.

Not even the Twitter caution by @DrOlufunmilayo that, "Bill Gates is not your problem as a Nigerian. His marriage/divorce is not a priority to you. He's the richest man in the world [or was]. He'll be fine..." restrained the Twitterati from evoking images of Jeff Bezos and MacKenzie, and Kanye West and Kim Kardashian, and how, once again, money is at the root of this sad story.

The Gates break-up is somehow being framed as irrefutable evidence that divinity, and not money, sustains a marriage. In other words, if the couple had a little more god, the marriage might have been saved. It's the sort of awkward, largely conservative thinking that suggests that wealth and successful marriage are incompatible.

Those who insist on beating us over the head

with this argument, ignore the tens of hundreds of ordinary marriages that break up daily around the world, for mainly financial reasons. It may be an uncomfortable thing to say, but open your eyes: money is a prolonger, not an abridger of marriage.

While infidelity, lack of commitment, and poor communication remain major factors in the collapse of many marriages, the "final straws" are often domestic violence and poor finances, not more or less of god, which quite often, can also be a weapon of blackmail.

Dozens of stories about divorce from customary courts around the country that never make it to the front pages are not because the parties don't have enough god in their marriages. A good number, in fact, have too much god, too little honesty, and certainly, insufficient money to make their marriage work.

In February, family lawyer Akinboboye Adeniyi observed in a blog that he had seen a disturbingly steady rise in divorce cases in Nigeria's two most populous cities – Lagos and Kano – with a similar trend also in Abuja, the country's capital.

He said that in 2018 in Badagry alone (one local government in Lagos), 3,000 divorce cases were recorded, while Kano State had one million registered divorcees in 2019. He also said court records in Abuja showed that more than 2,000 cases were filed between 2019 and 2020, with an average of 30 cases daily. Yet, these figures are largely under-reported.

I don't understand the hypocrisy that refuses to acknowledge that money answers a good deal of marital misery, because it does, whatever is said on social media. But I get it. Hypocrisy is the unseen third party installed in many Nigerian homes by years of acculturation and pseudo-religion. We're probably the world's pretence capital. We just love to pretend.

If, for example, Melinda was Nigerian, not only her parents, but her entire community would have insisted that after 27 years there is no new mountain left that the couple cannot climb together, even if it meant she carried her husband on her back. How can she tell her family that a marriage of more than two-and-a-half decades to the world's fourth-wealthiest man has become "irretrievably broken"?

Wherever the pieces may be, Melinda would have to find them and put them together again, with or without help from Bill, if for nothing else but the sake of what people might say, and of course, for the sake of their three children. Many marriages are held together, not by love, respect and honesty, but by the fear or shame of what peo-

ple would say if the couple parted ways.

And how, it would be said, can Melinda even complain of "irretrievable breakdown" in her marriage, when as it has now emerged, she may have set the stage by agreeing to a bizarre prenuptial arrangement that allowed her husband to maintain a relationship with his ex, Ann Winblad, which allowed the parties to spend spring every year together; playing putt-putt?

No one has blamed Winblad for the collapse of the Gates' marriage. Elsewhere, Melinda's consent for her husband to play putt-putt with his ex, once a year, might be deemed as a commendable act of honesty. However, in Nigeria, it would be judged as spousal hara-kiri, a foolish endorsement of closet polygamy.

In a society where people put god stickers on their car bumpers with the right hand and take a bribe with the left, a good number of marriages have improvised ways of reconciling with hypocrisy. They just put on a daily show of affection for outsiders, but inside suffer in misery and loneliness.

This is not a time to judge. It's a time to remember Bill and Melinda Gates for all the great work for humanity that they have done as a couple. As one article in The New York Times said, they have been powerful forces on the world stage, their vast charitable contributions giving them access to the highest levels of government, business and the non-profit sector.

In Africa, plagued with malaria and other infectious diseases, their contributions have been phenomenal. In 2016, the Gates Foundation, which had invested \$9-billion over 15 years in various initiatives, announced a fresh \$5-billion for the continent to support health and other anti-poverty programmes.

Without the support of the Gates Foundation, it's unlikely that Nigeria would have overcome the fight against polio which it did to its eternal shame only last year; or that South Africa would have, by now, recorded progress in access to antiretroviral drugs, which significantly cut its HIV/Aids infection rates. The less-endowed countries on the continent would certainly have been worse off without the exemplary philanthropy of Bill and Melinda Gates. Even in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic that has left the world reeling, the foundation has invested more than \$1-billion in research, vaccines and other forms of succour.

The world will miss the work that the pair did as a couple, but we should take comfort that their collective legacy will outlive their broken marriage. And who says the end of their marriage, however sad, is the end of separate lives devoted to charity?

I know it's hard to back off a broken marriage involving a couple who have been in the public eye all their lives, and especially for a pair worth more than \$124-billion and whose separation contract has not yet been unsealed.

But for the sake of their good works, if nothing else, narrators may at least momentarily retire from the couple's bedside while they're trying to work out the last vestiges of a relationship that has blessed the world. DM

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## Protect your valuables with house content insurance

By **TKay Nthebe**

It's often said that "home is where the heart is" and it honestly takes a lot of time, sacrifice and effort to acquire the perfect furniture (bed, fridge, couch and smart TV) that make your house a home. If like me, you also love your gadgets, for example a laptop, camera and smart phones; the thought of losing your most valuable possessions due to accidental damage or theft can be devastating.

Have you ever thought about what would happen should someone break into your home (whether you are renting or you own the house) and steal everything you've worked hard for?

Mosa lives in a two-bedroom duplex in Naleli Maseru with her two sons and has worked very hard to make it as comfortable as possible. Mosa has spent a lot of money, including her bonus and side hustle money over the last 2 years to purchase the following items with the hope of creating a safe haven for herself and her two sons:

On Friday evening after a long day at work, Mosa comes home to find the door wide open and the house empty because of a burglary. In that moment, Mosa realises that she had lost everything- EVERYTHING to the value of **LSL73,000.00** that she had worked very hard for. Not only is she facing the financial blow because she has to start over again, but she no longer has a safe haven for her sons.

**What could Mosa have done differently to avoid the financial blow?**

By taking out house contents cover, Mosa could have transferred this risk to an insurance company in exchange for a premium (paid annually, quarterly or monthly) to minimise the financial blow. House contents cover is an insurance policy that covers you against burglary, potential damage caused by a burst geyser, impact to the building, fire or other natural disasters. You can apply for house content cover whether you own your own home or renting. House contents policy also provides you an opportunity to cover your gadgets, jewellery, cameras and clothing under an All risks cover.



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Lounge Furniture (Smart TV, Couch, Stand etc)	LSL 21,000.00
Clothing, Jewellery and Gadgets	LSL 20,000.00
<b>Total Spend</b>	<b>LSL73,000.00</b>

As discussed in my previous article titled "Creating an exciting spending plan", the premium for this type of insurance cover should form part of your budget. Like Mosa, ensure you have peace of mind, knowing that your most valuable possessions are protected should the worst happen. Risk management is a critical part of our financial plan, let's take the necessary measures, do the "ncaa thing" and avoid the "Eish" moments.



We are eager to get your comments about this column and the topics we cover.  
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## BUSINESS



### Letšeng recovers another large diamond

Gem Diamonds has recovered a high-quality 370 ct Type II white diamond from the Letšeng mine in Lesotho.

This follows the company's announcement on May 4 of the recovery of a high-quality 254 ct Type II white diamond. Gem notes on its website that the Letšeng mine is renowned for its production of large, top colour, exceptional white diamonds, making it the highest average dollar per carat kimberlite diamond mine in the world.

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# Coca-Cola to partners with MMB

By **Kefiloe Kajane**  
Junior Reporter

International soft drink company Coca-Cola Beverages Africa (CCBA) this week announced that after some re-organisation, it has acquired Maluti Mountain Breweries' interest in the soft drinks business, which is now the newly formed entity called Coca-Cola Beverages Lesotho.

In a statement by Coca-Cola, it stated that the other key shareholders in the venture are the Lesotho National Development Corporation (LNDC) and the ministry of finance.

It stated that the deal was signed on October 6 2020, and all the necessary regulatory approvals have been obtained.

It says the non-alcoholic, ready to drink business in Lesotho will be referred to as Coca-Cola Beverages Lesotho (CCBL) and will operate as a subsidiary of CCBA, with management control.

"The entity will commence distributing Coca-Cola products from 10 May 2021 and details will

be communicated to all customers. Every effort will be made to minimize any disruptions to customers. We are committed to growing the soft drinks industry and the business in Lesotho and will endeavor to launch new products into the Lesotho market to meet consumer needs. We are also excited to partner with LNDC.

"Lesotho customers will benefit from being part of a consolidated, successful Coca-Cola system that spans 13 other markets on the continent, creating new opportunities for everyone across the value chain. Access to shared best practices will enhance efficiencies and a better distribution capability will provide pervasive availability of cold beverages to end-customers. We will also be able to respond to consumer demand more quickly," the statement read.

The statement further said CCBA is the eighth largest Coca-Cola bottling partner in the world by revenue, and the largest on the continent. It also said it accounts for 40 percent of all Coca-Cola products sold in Africa by volume.

It also says CCBA's African footprint encom-



passes South Africa, Ghana, Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Namibia, Mozambique, Comoros, Mayotte, Zambia, Botswana, Eswatini and now Lesotho. It stated that the group employs more than 16 000 people directly, almost half of them in South Africa.

"Expanding our African footprint brings huge benefits to local consumers and businesses. By leveraging scale, we can do more for our customers and drive our sustainability goals. The creation of CCBL is another milestone in that strategy," the statement further read.



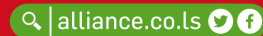
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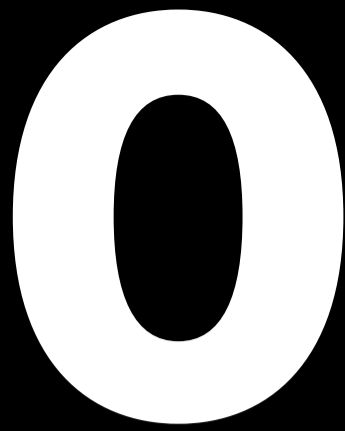
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**FRANCHISE CORNER:****RIP to former Spur chief Pierre Van Tonder**

Pierre Van Tonder, Spur Corporation's former CEO, died in a Cape Town hospital at the age of 62 on Sunday evening, 9 May.

He had been in critical condition for the past week after getting severely injured in an apparent suicide attempt, when he shot himself in the basement of his Sea Point flat on the morning of 2 May.

According to a Daily Maverick report published last week, friends of Van Tonder's said he had been struggling recently with depression. Van Tonder worked for the Spur restaurant group for 38 years, starting out as a junior restaurant manager in Sea Point in 1982 under the leadership of Spur founder Allen Ambor. He eventually moved into the role of MD and CEO of the Spur group, which he occupied for 24 years, before retiring in December 2020 and passing the baton to Val Nichas.

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# Ntsane salvages post-harvest losses

By **Neo Kolane**  
Junior Reporter

The potato is the third most consumed food commodity in the world which therefore has the potential to contribute to alleviation of food insecurity especially in developing economies such as Lesotho.

Lesotho is at a high altitude and has an agro-climate that is suitable for potato production in the same way as countries like the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland and the Netherlands as well as the original home of the potato in Peru.

Local farmer, says Chaka Ntsane, post-harvest losses amount to 50 percent due to either pests or rotting. Ntsane is also the inventor of 'Motoho oa Litapole'. Traditionally, motoho is a fermented, non-alcoholic sorghum beverage or porridge. But Ntsane makes his beverage from potatoes.

He told theReporter that the porridge is made

by salvaging what would otherwise be post-harvest losses: those small potatoes that cannot make it to the shelves of different supermarkets or restaurants because they have suffered cuts.

The Maseru-West resident said they do this to avoid anything going to waste unnecessarily.

"Our product is in high demand at the Lesotho College of Education where they want supplies to sell it in their tuck-shop. Recently, people from the Basotho Enterprises Development Corporation have advised me to take my motoho to the NUL Innovation Hub for a precise nutritional analysis and determine its shelf life.

"We are still in talks with the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research for South Africa (CSIR). They, too, are keen to take our products, and they analyze, brand and improve their quality to prepare them for international markets.

Ntsane owns a farm called Giuleitta at Lancers Gap, where the porridge is also produced.

He added that G is a processing department of Giuleitta farm, this is where tomato juice, potato sauce, tomato jam and tomato sauce.

"Conventionally, potatoes are eaten as they are, as french fries, mashed or crisps (a wafer-thin slice of potato fried or baked until crisp and eaten as a snack), or roasted. They are just cooked and not processed.

"The journey of a potato as a crop has 12 stations, namely; breeding, nutrition, health care, husbandry, harvesting, transportation, storage, processing, marketing, consumption and recycle. We are in the processing stage, because it is an essential step of the chain of a commodity.

"The porridge was first developed last year and we are currently in the process of perfecting its taste and viscosity; we have reached a point where even people produce it are consistent. I employ four people and work with nutritionists and home economists of the ministry of agriculture."

Asked about the ingredients of his flagship porridge, Ntsane was quick to point out that 'it is a trade secret'.

Ntsane's farm is equipped with a park home from which he produces stuff like tomato juice and sauce, and potato sauce. But of course, his leading product is the potato porridge, or motoho.

"I would like people to know that potatoes are wholesome, a starchy vegetable with a high content of healthy carbohydrates. They're rich in fibre, low in calories, and contain vitamins."

"During the launch of the Sethala exhibition platform recently, the chief executive of BEDCO encouraged people to taste the porridge and they did so in large numbers.

"I remember those people from the Lesotho College of Education loved it, but commented that that it tastes and looks like mahleu (a non-alcoholic drink made from fermented mealie meal)," he said.



## Kingdom of Lesotho Ministry of Health

### REQUEST FOR CURRICULUM VITAE

#### Job Description

**JOB TITLE:** Program Officer Childhood TB and Training coordination

**DEPARTMENT:** Disease Control Directorate: National TB Programme

**PROJECT:** Southern Africa Tuberculosis and Health Systems Support Project

**RESPONSIBLE TO:** National TB & L Manager **DATE OF ISSUE:** 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021

#### Background

The Kingdom of Lesotho is among four countries participating in the Southern Africa Tuberculosis and Health Systems Support Project funded by the World Bank. This is a five year project with overall objectives to: (i) improve coverage and quality of TB control and occupational lung disease services in targeted geographic areas of the participating countries; and (ii) strengthen regional capacity to manage the burden of TB and occupational diseases.

Lesotho is among the thirty (30) high burden countries for TB and TB/HIV with estimated incidence rate of 654/100,000 population and prevalence of 581/100,000 as per 2019 nationwide TB prevalence survey. Low treatment coverage remains at 51% as opposed to 90% target. Epidemiology trends demonstrate that HIV prevalence in the general population based on the Demographic Health Survey was 23% in 2004 and 25% in 2014, and 59% of all TB patients notified are co-infected with HIV. This contributes significantly to poor treatment outcome, at 77% Treatment Success Rate, and high TB related mortality, about 226 per 100,000 populations. Furthermore, 3.2% and 6.8% of new and retreatment TB cases respectively are estimated to have MDR-TB. (WHO Global TB Report 2016)

Despite Lesotho's high burden of TB, TB/HIV and MDR-TB cases, the TB case detection rate is 51% which means half TB cases are not diagnosed and treated. According to World Health Organization (WHO) Standards and benchmarks at least 5% to 15% of all annual notification should be children and Lesotho observes decline rate from 6.6% to 3.2% of children notified which a worrisome status of affairs.

#### Job Summary

The Program Officer, Paediatric TB and Training is responsible to assist in planning, implementing and coordinating activities related to Paediatric TB and for managing and coordinating all TB Program training activities. The incumbent will work under the supervision and guidance of the National Tuberculosis Program Manager.

#### Scope of Work

Coordinate all childhood TB related activities and ensure implementation of the TB guidelines on childhood TB diagnosis and management.

Work with NTLF staff and partners to develop appropriate strategies and plans to manage childhood TB;

Work closely with the NTLF and partners and other stakeholders to identify program priorities, develop strategies and coordinating implementation of activities for strengthening and expanding of childhood TB case finding and prevention

Coordinate reporting on childhood TB in the MOH (case finding, diagnosis, patient management and outcomes)

Strengthen linkages with child health and ensure strengthening of TB detection and contact tracing by the child health department.

developing/updating child TB training curriculum in line with latest developments and newly approved NTP guidelines

Participate in discussions with NTLF and partners to identify training needs and coordinate development of training plan and training activities in Drug Susceptible TB including childhood TB, TB/HIV, MDR-TB for district level

Organize and coordinate orientation for newly deployed medical doctors and nurses on DS-TB including childhood TB, MDR-TB, TB/HIV

Work in teams to develop TB annual work plan; identify and incorporate appropriate childhood TB related actions in work plan consistent with NTLF objectives and aligned with Programme needs;

Participate in workshops, seminars, task force and expert committees to identify policy, technical and programmatic gaps in increasing case notifications, diagnosis and treatment of childhood TB;

Support development of tools, job aids, Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials as required for improving diagnosis and treatment of Paediatric TB;

Monitor implementation of planned activities through periodic consultations, monthly progress review meetings, reports review, and field trips. Provide written feedback for improving performance and take corrective actions, as needed;

Work in a team to prepare technical reports on training and ensure timely compilation of training information and produce quarterly and annual training reports as well as maintain data base of all trained individuals and by facility

Undertake supervision to districts and health facilities to monitor implementation of childhood TB interventions and review quality of data reported by implementing agencies

Support studies undertaken under the Southern Africa TB and Health Systems Project

#### Required Competencies

In addition to the above, the successful candidate is expected to demonstrate the following competencies:

Strong communication and facilitation skills and ability to establish good working relationships with colleagues and stakeholders in a sensitive environment. S/he must be able to respond quickly to requests for information

S/he must demonstrate strong interpersonal and motivational skills and sensitivity to the different environment as well as the ability to work with minimal supervision

Strong data analysis and interpretation. S/he must have ability to write clearly and concisely, and have sound quantitative and qualitative skills

Analytical and research skills are added advantage

Time management and ability to priorities multiple tasks

Self-motivated person able to work without close supervision

Able to work effectively in a diverse team environment and travelling to different districts independently for TB related activities

#### Qualifications and Experiences

A Nursing degree or any degree in a health-related field

A post graduate qualification in Paediatric Health Services including TB related field will be an added advantage

The candidate must have a recent training (atleast two years) on the clinical management of TB paediatric cases.

At least five years of relevant work (Paediatric TB and training in TB) experience in the field of TB and HIV control activities with at least two years in a supervisory role

Experience working in TB area including report writing and monitoring of district activities under any Ministry of Health Partner will be an added advantage

Computer literate, with high competency in using Microsoft office applications (Word, Excel,

#### Application Instructions

Interested and suitably qualified candidates should forward their applications indicating the advertisement and position on the subject line of letter together with detailed curriculum vitae indicating work experience and certified certificates and National ID. Day time telephone contacts, names and telephone contacts of 3 referees should be included in the CV.

Applications to reach the undersigned not later than **20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 1600hour** to:

Procurement Specialist, Procurement Unit Ground Floor, Room 11 Ministry of Health, Corner constitution & Linare Roads, Kingdom of Lesotho,  
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The Lesotho Lowlands Water Development Project Phase-II (LLWDP-II) hereby announces the commencement of the verification of assets affected by the planned bulk water supply infrastructure from Ha Lesiamo to Maputsoe. Owners of the affected assets are requested to avail themselves for the purpose of verification of the recorded assets.

Affected people must bring the following documents as proof of identification:

- Valid Identity Document (ID) or
- Passport

Verification will take place at the following places:

VILLAGES	DATES	TIME	VENUES
<b>Ha Lesiamo</b>	10 May 2021	08:00 - 16:00	Moreneng
<b>Ha Setene</b>	11 May 2021	08:00 - 16:00	Moreneng
<b>Khanyane</b>			
Lisarising, Mokotane, Likotopong, Lekhoareng & Sebipela	12 May 2021	08:00 - 16:00	Khanyane Moreneng
Europo, Likonyeleng, Litlhaping, Khokhotsaneng,	13 May 2021	08:00 - 16:00	Khanyane Moreneng
Mollong, Matlatsoaneng	14 May 2021	08:00 - 16:00	Khanyane Moreneng
Konkotia, Sebothoane	14 May 2021	08:00 - 16:00	Ha Mphuthing, Moreneng
<b>Hlotse</b>	17 to 19 May 2021	08:00 - 16:00	Moreneng oa Reserve
<b>Matukeng</b>			
Matukeng Ha Letuka	20 May 2021	08:00 - 16:00	Ha Letuka, Moreneng
Matukeng Ha Mali-matle	21 May 2021	08:00 - 16:00	Ha Malimatle, Moreneng
<b>Tsikoane and Ha Bene</b>	22 to 23 May 2021	08:00 - 16:00	Tsikoane Moreneng
<b>Ha Barete, Popo &amp; 'Matau</b>	24 May 2021	08:00 - 16:00	Ha Barete, Moreneng

For more information, please contact:

**Lesotho Lowlands Water Development Project II** OR  
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- Karete ea Boitsebiso (ID) kapa
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METSE	LETSATSI	NAKO	SEBAKA
<b>Ha Lesiamo</b>	10 Motšeanong 2021	08:00 - 16:00	Moreneng Ha Lesiamo
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Konkotia, Sebothoane	14 Motšeanong 2021	08:00 - 16:00	Ha Mphuthing Moreneng
<b>Hlotse</b>	17 - 19 Motšeanong 2021	08:00 - 16:00	Moreneng oa Toropo
<b>Matukeng</b>			
Matukeng Ha Letuka	20 Motšeanong 2021	08:00 - 16:00	Ha Letuka Moreneng
Matukeng Ha Mali-matle	21 Motšeanong 2021	08:00 - 16:00	Moreneng Ha Mali-matle
<b>Tsikoane le Ha Bene</b>	22 - 23 Motšeanong 2021	08:00 - 16:00	Tsikoane Moreneng
<b>Ha Barete, Popopo &amp; 'Matau</b>	24 Motšeanong 2021	08:00 - 16:00	Moreneng Ha Barete

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# VACANCIES

## 1. POSITION: TECHNICAL OFFICE ENGINEER

SCLCJV is currently looking for **TECHNICAL OFFICE ENGINEER** who will be responsible for the research and design of a company's new product and perform various tasks in an engineering department including drafting blueprints & creating test prototypes.

### JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To develop construction plans by manage the planning and design stage of construction projects.
- To oversee the engineering process by being subject-matter experts and complete routine tests to make sure that all legal regulations are followed.
- To draft technical support documents and identify and spot technical problems in the construction process.
- To carefully inspect all drawings and designs before they are implemented.
- Use design Software to develop models and drawing of new products.
- Maintain existing engineering records and designs.
- Assess all engineering prototypes to determine issue or risks.
- Estimate cost limits and budget for new designs.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Masters/Bachelor's Degree in Design/Civil Engineering or Equivalent Field.
- Minimum 7 years' experience in a similar role.
- Proficiency in popular design software

### ADDITIONAL SKILLS REQUIRED:

- *Demonstrated Ability to handle Sensitive information and Documentation.*
- *Have direct knowledge of underground works and FDI Contracts.*
- Accuracy and strong attention to details
- *Mastery of MS Excel including cost benefit analysis and cost forecasting tools.*

## 2. POSITION: HEALTH SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER

SCLCJV is currently looking for the **HEALTH SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER** who will ensure that everyone in the company complies with health and safety laws and be responsible for establishing policies that will create a culture of safety at workplace.

### JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Experience and appropriate training about implementing and maintaining a health and safety management system compliant with national legislation or an international standard.
- To ensure that all Health & Safety policies, procedures, rules, and regulations are adhered to and are regularly reviewed, updated, and communicated.
- To ensure that all accidents are documented, investigated, and recommended improvements implemented. Ensure that safety inspections are carried out, fire drills and fire alarms are correctly reported, safety inspections, risk assessments and lone working procedures are managed, and employees are aware of their responsibilities.
- To ensure the Company meets its statutory obligations in all areas pertaining to health, safety, and welfare at work, including statutory training and reporting.
- Co-ordinating the development of health & safety policies, systems of work and procedures. Ensure full and accurate health and safety and training records are maintained. Establish a full programme of documented health & safety inspections, audits, and checks.
- Health and safety auditing experience and training.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

A Successful Candidate must possess the following:

1. Safety Officers 1 Certificate
2. SAMTRAC and Scaffolding Inspector Certificates
3. Hazard's identification and Risk Assessment
4. Accident Investigation Techniques
5. Environmental Management Systems
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8. Basic Health & Safety Work Principles and Procedures
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10. Legal Liability Mine Health and Safety Act and Occupational Health Safety Act.
11. Minimum 10 Years' Experience in the same field especially in managerial level.

### ADDITIONAL SKILLS REQUIRED

- Deep understanding of legal health and safety guidelines
- Ability in producing reports and developing relevant policies.
- Good knowledge of data analysis and risk assessment
- *Have knowledge of FDI Contracts.*
- *Mastery in MS Excel*

## 3. POSITION: ADMINISTRATIVE FINANCIAL AND CONTROL MANAGER

SCLCJV is currently looking for the **ADMINISTRATIVE FINANCIAL AND CONTROL MANAGER** responsible for implementing procedures, policies and regulations in the departments involving budget, accounting, finance, administration, and management.

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### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must possess a Diploma in Management, Finance, Accounting, Business Administration or any similar field.
- He/she must also have at least 10 years' Experience in both finance and administration departments, as well as 7 years' experience in a supervisory position.

### ADDITIONAL SKILLS REQUIRED

- *Leadership Experience and experience in managing a team.*
- *Excellent interpersonal and team collaboration skills*
- *Have knowledge of FDI Contracts.*
- *Mastery in MS Excel*

## 4. POSITION: PLANNING ENGINEER

SCLCJV is currently looking for the **PLANNING ENGINEER** who will become subject specialist in the management of planning schedule capabilities and lead junior planners to develop, maintain and performance management programme schedule through identification of emerging trends and critical path analysis.

### JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Monitors a department or project's budget, inventory, and production schedule.
- Maintains optimally efficient inventory of production materials.
- Creates planning studies and generates reports about new programs, plans, and regulations.
- Review's development proposals to ensure compliance with codes and regulations.
- Manages all general planning issues for a department or project.
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- Establish and communicate cost and schedule baselines and ensure control mechanisms are in place to monitor performance.
- Ensure that all cost, planning and document control reports are prepared and issued in accordance with Project Coordination Procedures.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Diploma in Civil Engineering, Construction or equivalent.
- Minimum 10 years' Experience in planning/ scheduling with strong literacy in primavera
- Experience in FDI Contracts is an added advantage.

### ADDITIONAL SKILLS REQUIRED

- Solid communication and negotiation skills.
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## 5. POSITION: SENIOR QUANTITY SURVEYOR

SCLCJV is currently looking for a reliable **SENIOR QUANTITY SURVEYOR** to manage the costs of the tunnel project and help ensure that the project is completed within its projected budget. The Senior Quantity Surveyor will be tasked with analysing existing budgets and making improvements, reviewing plans, and preparing quantity estimates and negotiating with various contractors.

### JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Knowledge in preparing cost projections for different materials required for the project.
- Vast experience in tender documents, contract, budgets, bills of quantities and other documentation for FDI projects.
- Ability to track changes to the design/construction work and adjust the budget projections accordingly.
- Knowledge in measure and value the work done on site proportionally against the work done onsite.
- Ability to prepare and value service contracts for the subcontractors who work on site and issue certificate of payment.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's Degree in Quantity Surveying, Management Engineering or Similar
- Construction estimating or Finance experience is advantageous.
- Minimum 10 years' experience in the same field.

### ADDITIONAL SKILLS REQUIRED

- Strong analytical and critical thinking skills
- Sound knowledge of construction especially Tunneling.
- Excellent negotiating and interpersonal skills.
- *Mastery in MS Excel*

## 6. POSITION: CHIEF ACCOUNTANT

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### JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

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- Perform month end accounting reconciliations and journal entries.
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### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Diploma in Accounting/Finance/ACCA qualification
- Min 10 years relevant experience in financial & management accounting particularly in Construction Industry is preferred.
- Relevant experience in audit and costing is advantageous.
- Working experience in SAP is highly regarded.

### ADDITIONAL SKILLS REQUIRED

- Excellent strategic planning skills and able to interact with all levels.
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- Mokhotlong District Administrator Office
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- LHDA Office Tlokoeng

# Wool and mohair industry gradually recovering

It has been quite a long and bumpy journey for wool and mohair growers in the past few years but this year, things have been a little quiet from the farmers' side. They fought tooth and nail for their freedom to sell wool and mohair wherever they wished.

The ministry of small business, cooperatives and marketing has recently announced that farmers owed by Stone Shi would be paid their dues dating as far back as 2018.

Last year the ministry went further to suspend Maseru Dawning Trading's brokering licence following its failure to settle wool and mohair farmer's payments for the years 2018/2019 and 2019/2020.

However, there have been speculations as to how much is really owed to the farmers as the ministry has only indicated that reconciliations conference which was held last month has concluded that there are only 2710 farmers who are owed a total of M10, 530 766. 10.

**theReporter** has this week had an interview with the spokesperson of the **Lesotho National Wool and Mohair Growers Association, Khot-sang Moshoeshe (KM)**, for the latest developments in the wool and mohair industry.

**ML: There have been rumours suggesting that Stone Shi continues to buy Basotho farmers' wool and mohair despite his license having been suspended. This was even confirmed by MP Kimetso Mathaba. Please tell us where and how he was conducting this kind of business.**

**KM:** I am really not aware of this, but I will investigate and get back to you with a concrete answer.

**ML: Were the farmers involved in selling him their product getting paid what was due to them? Was he buying on credit or cash?**

**KM:** Like I said, I am really not aware of this. So I am not in a position to comment authoritatively.

**ML: You have in the past expressed dissatisfaction at the mere suspension of Stone Shi's license as you wanted the licence to be withdrawn altogether. Now that it appears his license has expired, who you would like to see awarded such a brokering license.**

**KM:** I do not have anyone in mind at this point, but I am happy that Stone Shi is out of the picture, the reason being he sold to us at a raw deal.

**ML: The ministry of small business has recently announced it will be paying outstanding money to farmers. How many farmers are we talking about, and how much money is involved?**

**KM:** Since I do have the statistics with me as we speak, I will only talk of estimates but one thing people should find suspicious is that the current Prime Minister Dr Majoro, when he was the minister of finance back in 2019, said during his budget speech that he had set aside M10million to bail out Stone Shi. Subsequently in 2021 the minister of small business, cooperatives and marketing, Chief Thesele Maseribane also discovered that farmers are owed M10million. Is that not suspicious?

Do you believe those two statements? Majoro - without reconciliation and verification - talks about M10million and also Maseribane after reconciliation finds farmers who are owed the same amount? Do these ministers know only M10million when it comes to the money that is owed by Stone Shi? That is really mind-boggling.

Let's set the record straight, farmers that are owed by Stone Shi are in excess of 3 000 and the money that is owed to farmers is over M100million. However, we do accept the M10million that they are willing to pledge to help bail out Stone Shi because those people have been owed for a very long time. We can't say we will not accept the money because we know how much is owed to farmers.



**ML: The money, too. We understand the figure you are giving us is only a third of the money disbursed by the ministry of finance for this purpose. Also, that two government ministers are working in cahoots with some members of your association to swindle the farmers and pocket the rest of the money. Any comment?**

**KM:** I am not aware of that, I am short of words on this one but I promise to make an investigation and will give the correct answer afterwards.

**ML: Now that the regulations preventing direct sale of wool and mohair outside the country and localising it instead, have been repealed, how has the exportation of the fibre been going? What are the challenges if any?**

**KM:** Since the government decided to repeal the clauses which were preventing us from selling our fibre to preferred destinations, we have not really experienced any problems in exporting our fibre; I could say things have been running very smoothly.

However, we did experience challenges last year with the chief veterinary who refused to send his staff to certify that our fibre that was sold in

SA was free from disease.

**ML: There was a foot and mouth outbreak in SA not so long ago. Wool from Lesotho was certified free of the disease, yet it was affected in that it had to be kept in a bonded warehouse for prolonged periods thereby delaying its movement abroad. How were you as farmers affected? Was this communicated to the wool producers, namely farmers?**

**KM:** There was no embargo on Lesotho by the international organisations, selling partners and buyers. It was a ploy by some ministers and the chief veterinary office to prohibit us from exporting the wool. It was not the first time South Africa was declared foot and mouth disease stricken, it happened 10 years ago but did not cause any problem. We were surprised at how those people wanted to handle the situation this time around.

This was the first time our veterinary disallowed us to export wool and mohair to SA when it has foot and mouth disease. The International Wool Textile Organisation knows very well that our wool first goes into SA, Port Elizabeth to be precise, before it goes anywhere in the world.

**ML: How has the Covid-19 pandemic affected the production and sale of Basotho farmers' wool and mohair?**

**KM:** Covid-19 messed things a bit for us, especially during the shearing season because we were not able to move freely from one place to another to make sure that the exercise was done on time and properly.

Also, due to the delay in certifying the wool because of the politics that were coated on the foot and mouth disease in SA, there was a delay and that resulted in us getting far less money than what we have anticipated. It also took us four months after the sale of the fibre to get to PE and there was Covid-19 and lockdown extension which led to our fibre going back to the market to be auctioned again.



Government of Lesotho

Ministry of Water  
Department of Rural water supply

Invitation to tender (ITT) No C-21-GOL-1  
Construction of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Projects.

#### Introduction

Ministry of Water received funds from the Government of Lesotho for the construction of rural water and Sanitation projects for the ten districts of Lesotho. The Ministry of water therefore invites tenders from interested Construction companies to submit their bids for this works.

#### Work Description

This tender is for the construction of rural water supply systems. The work includes construction of pipelines, water reservoirs, standpipes, silt-boxes, solar and electrical pumping components, VIP Latrines, etc, in different villages including supply of all required materials and payment of village labour. The works shall be carried out in accordance with the DRWS standards and specifications. All materials shall be in accordance with DRWS specifications. Additional information and requirements are specified in the Tender Documents.

#### Bidder Qualifications

To tender for the proposed contract, bidders must be in DRWS category A, B, & C and registered companies in Lesotho. Bid security of M10, 000.00 in a form of bank guarantee cheque valid for one hundred and twenty (120) days will be required.

#### Tender Issuance and Submission

Tenders documents are issued on the 28 April 2021, and closes on the 05 June 2021 at 10:00Hours. The tender documents will be available from DRWS Head Office Industrial Area between WASCO and LEC at a non-refundable fee of M2, 000.00 per document. Bidders must pay cash to accounts office at Rural Water Supply (DRWS). Receipt obtained from accounts office must be produce to Procurement Unit at Department of Rural Water Supply (DRWS) to receive the soft copy of the Tender documents, Drawings are available at M200.00 per copy. The Date line for obtaining of Tender documents is 27 May 2021. Tender documents must be deposited to the Ministry of Water Tender Box situated at the entrance of DRWS Office Khubetsoana, Resource Centre, Next to Appropriate Technology Services (ATS), on or before the closing date and time clearly Marked "Tender for Construction of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation projects 2021-2022.

#### Pre Tender Meeting.

A pre-tender meeting shall be held on the 17 May 2021 at the DRWS Resources Centre, Khubetsoana at 9.00 am."

#### Tender Opening

Tenders documents will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend on the 05 June 2021 at 10:15 hours in the Boardroom of DRWS Office Khubetsoana Resource Centre, Next to Appropriate Technology Services (ATS) Maseru, Lesotho Next to ATS

#### Contacts

All questions and clarifications relating to this tender should be directed to The Procurement Unit. Ministry of Water Headquarters on or before 17 may 2021.

Email address: [moleli.m@gmail.com](mailto:moleli.m@gmail.com)



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International School of Lesotho

#### August Intake: Entrance Examination

Applications are invited for August 2021 intake into Secondary 1, 2, 3, 4 and IBDP1 of Machabeng College.

Application forms and further details may be obtained by contacting the Main Office of the school. The forms may also be downloaded from the school website: [www.machcoll.co.ls](http://www.machcoll.co.ls)

The Entrance Examination for Secondary 1, 2, 3 and 4. Parents/guardians can individually contact the school to schedule entrance exams in small clusters between 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The college is also working with primary schools for the entrance exam to be carried out on their premises. Admission into the College is based on learner performance in Mathematics and English Entrance examinations. Applicants for the IBDP program will be contacted and informed on when to meet with the IBDP Coordinator.

For Secondary 1, Class 6 or Class 7 students may apply and the students are given time off school to write Class 7 Examinations in October.

Deadline for submitting application forms is **28<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

Machabeng College is an International School, offering the British National Curriculum with Checkpoint Examinations (Lower School), IGCSE and IB Diploma Programme. Generally, the school has major intake in August and January of each academic year.

For any questions please contact the Lead teacher - Academics on the following:

**Cell** - +266 58475338 (between 7,30am and 5.00pm)

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# The Big Thoughts

BY KABELO MOLLO

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# Alphabet gang!

This past week was one of the most interesting in my adult years. There is so much happening, all at once. It's political splinters locally, in-fighting and suspensions across the border, while the third wave seems to have landed as promised. In India the COVID-19 pandemic continues to show how unrelenting it will be if not shown the necessary respect by the higher ups.

Palestinians, in the meantime, are facing mass evictions from the tyranny that is apartheid Israel. In the realm that I occupy which is sports, most leagues are coming to the business end. Some are wrapped up already, while others are drawing to exciting climaxes. It's all happening as a school friend of mine used to opine. The subject of this column though is something that

happened online. Homophobia reared its ugly head and left me feeling quite disheartened.

I read with great sadness of an African state reinforcing some homophobic laws. I was reminded that the majority of the continent either doesn't recognise or actively disallows homosexuality. It beggars belief that in 2021 this kind of bigotry not only exists but continues unabated by nation states of a continent that has seen untold bigotry by "others".

I often wonder what difference it makes to anybody what choice two consenting adults make. How can people see no harm in polygamy but have strong dissenting opinion on homosexuality? So, a man can marry as many women as he wants, but should a man want to marry another man then the state has a problem? There's no

logic to this.

A popular online series this past week featured an openly gay participant for the first time. The participant was to confess his feelings to somebody outside the LGBTQ+ Community. Well and good. The amount of online vitriol that emerged from the preview snippets immediately unmasked the insidious bigotry that exists in our society.

Suddenly, the moniker "Somizi" (referencing the infamous gay personality in South Africa) was bandied about. I watched with great shock as the people of social media sneered and sniggered as the preview appeared on social media. I was offended to learn that one viewer enquired why the participant hadn't taken in to consid-

eration that his appearance on the show would potentially bring his workplace in to disrepute. What archaic thinking in 2021, I thought to myself.

The LGBTG community is growing in the country and on the continent. Gay pride parades and marches of the sort are going to become more and more part of the norm. A society that takes its self seriously and views its self as democratic will have to not only make peace with that, but actually ensure the safety of this minority community. Any bigotry sponsored by the state will prove beyond any doubt that our leadership is disconnected from the realities of the world.

There's a case in Namibia- where homosexuality continues to be illegal- of a married gay couple who have had children via surrogacy in neighbouring South Africa where bigotry has been fought and defeated (constitutionally at least). This family is being torn apart because the Namibian government refuses to grant the twins born in South Africa legal documents to cross the border. Home affairs of Namibia now demand a DNA test that will prove the kids are biologically those of the couple.

The first time I read the story I wondered what kind of deep hatred had to be in the hearts and minds of those drafting laws like that. I was reminded of the apartheid government putting together the "sobukwe clause" to ensure the continued detention of Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe. It is only hate that can sustain laws like that.

Many of us have gay colleagues, relatives, friends and acquaintances and we either choose to accept them or we choose the bigoted path sanctioned by a non progressive state or a misinterpreted religious belief, either way we as people who make up the society make a choice daily how we're going to engage the community. We laud so much power over said community that it's actually awkward. The only reason the power dynamic exists is because they're a minority. Rather than give them a platform to just exist comfortably the way every other member of the community exists we instead judge them for a choice not of their choosing. This bigoted approach is what is going to ensure myopic thinking of lawmakers. As a society we must choose to do better; for the sake of our legacy!

I'm aware that even penning this column in support of the community will call in to question my sexuality. Those who continue to be bigoted will wonder out loud and to their friends why anyone who isn't in the community would support them, but it's those of us outside the community who need to offer our loud and unbiased support! We need to advocate for our brothers and sisters and create a safe open society that will cease the judgement, and bullying online. Let's accept the community in our hearts and minds, and let's stand up to the bigotry they face daily.

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# New dawn for Miss Lesotho pageant



By **Neo Kolane**  
Junior Reporter

The countdown to the much awaited Miss Lesotho 2020/21 pageant that was postponed last year on account of the COVID-19 restrictions, has finally begun.

The Miss Lesotho beauty pageant strives to create opportunities for young women by giving them a platform and empowering them to become ambassadors. The pageant also unlocks potential and promotes peace, health and tourism.

Preparations resumed in early April 2021.

Speaking with theReporter, the national director for Miss Lesotho, Molulela Monyake stated that after getting crowned, the winner of the pageant will receive the crown, the title, the responsibility that comes with being Miss Lesotho which

possibly entails going to represent Lesotho at Miss World.

The winner will walk away with a M10, 000 cash prize.

Molulela said there are prizes sponsored by Pere DSTV Agency, Ndebele leather works, MAMI intimates, RCT designs, MIP, MCT entertainment, Thuso financial services, RISE International Ymetunes as well as the main sponsor being, the Lesotho Revenue Authority.

“Everyone is coming on board differently with different packages. They are partnering with us for community service projects, and we will be doing awareness for intellectual disability and autism. We will be involved in quite a lot after Miss Lesotho, the sponsorship is not for the event only but the journey of winner from that day onwards.

The alumnus of Miss Lesotho being the first princess in 2015 stated that the pageant is trying to branch out into a

new era of bringing a different perspective to pageantry in Lesotho.

“I am hoping to get Miss Lesotho at the same level or close to as our international counterpart pageants like Miss South Africa, Miss Philippines, Miss Venezuela, all those big pageants,” he remarked

“For now Miss Lesotho is a positive growth for our young ladies that participate to work in communities.

“Registrations began last year and over 50 people have registered. Then it was cut down to semifinal phase which was top 26, then brought down to 15 and eventually to 11 finalists.

“The girls are both excited and nervous. Our team is too. But we are hoping to deliver a great production as our first Miss Lesotho,” Molulela urged.

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# LSFW partners with Jet



By **Neo Kolane**  
Junior Reporter

In the latest of a series of partnerships celebrating fashion on the African continent, JET officially joined forces with Lesotho Fashion Week (LSFW) on April 23, as the exclusive retail sponsor for the launch of a brand new fashion, beauty and lifestyle television show called Fashion Corner.

The founder of LSFW, Mahali Granier told theReporter that this is by far the most significant partnership in Lesotho, that is aimed at connecting the vast network of Basotho creatives to global markets that care about authentic African styles.

Granier revealed that Fashion Corner is a brainchild of LSFW and explained that it is a business of fashion television show that is the ultimate gold standard of fashion in Lesotho.

She added that it brought together the movers, shakers and trailblazers of the local fashion industry and unites them with the big thinkers, entrepreneurs and inspiring people who are shaping the world of fashion globally.

She explained that the partnership between LSFW and JET is driven by her passion for Lesotho, its people and its creative talents.

“Working hand in hand will allow us to showcase the wealth of our country’s talent to international audiences,

thus contributing to our creative capital and job creation for economic growth.

“The partnership will not only shift the way in which people currently view and perceive Lesotho’s fashion industry but a partnerships with big a brand like JET stimulates sales of local fashion brands.

“There’s always going to be someone that has something that you don’t – why not work with them? JET and LSFW understand the value of sharing resources and innovative ideas,” she said.

She revealed that the two brands realized that by joining forces, the partnership will allow them to further their customer reach, save money and create something magical by leveraging off each other’s unique skills and expertise.

However, she stated that every week, the show dives deep into a hot and trending topic around the business of fashion.

“The show also explores current and future styles and trends. It touches on everything from the rise of the super-model phenomenon to the booming fashion industry in Lesotho,” she explained.

The show also features a starry lineup of local fashion pioneers. Fashion Corner is the number one window into the country’s ins and outs of the fashion industry.

Granier specified that the show’s duration is 45 minutes with the first season will having 24 episodes. It airs weekly on Fridays from 2:00pm to 3:00pm on YouTube, Facebook-

Watch and InstagramTV.

She also indicated that the show is structured to have four segments; being the fashion show, where it will show the news headlines in Fashion this week. The second segment is all about fashion goals like the feature from JET as well as from local designers.

“The presenters and guest models will wear the featured looks and do a mini runway show and take turns discussing and analyzing each look while simultaneously giving listeners styling tips and advice on what to wear this winter.

“The third segment will feature an interview with a celebrity guest, and influencer or a prominent individual, and the guests will spill contents of their bag and share what’s inside. This is called what’s in my bag. Surely one would never know what to find in one’s bag, be it accessories, designer labels or makeup.

“The last segment is all about business fashion where the presenters dive deep into a hot and trending topic around The Business of Fashion.

“The first episode of Fashion Corner airs on Friday June 4 this year at 2:00pm,” Granier stated.

Fashion Corner will be presented by the following young Basotho; Lineo Seboholi who is 19 years old, Jeremiah Jabavu, a 20-year old student and the current face of LFSFW, Charlene McPherson.



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