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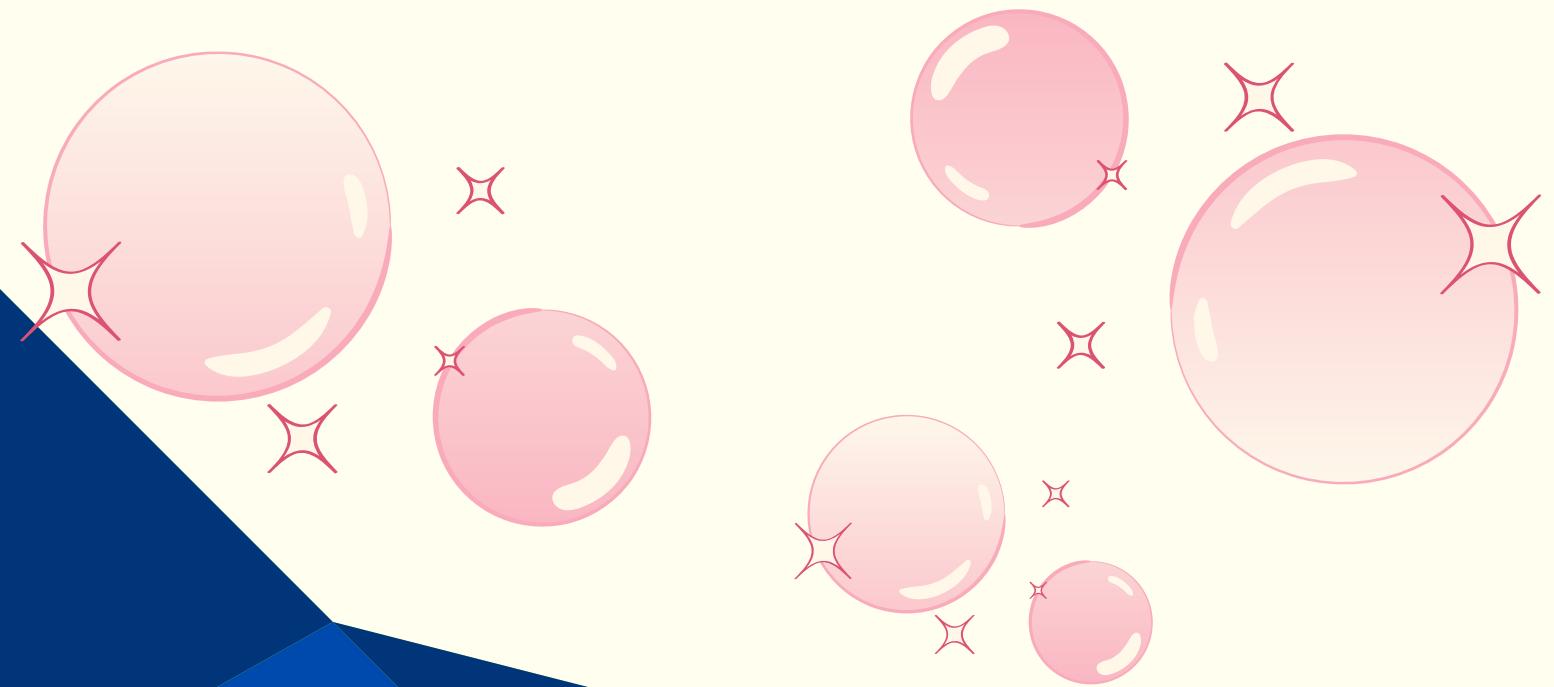
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MODEL FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: SELOLWE WARD UNVEILS NEW TRAINING CENTRE

Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Ketlhalefile F. C. Motshegwa, praised the Selolwe Ward Development Committee in Francistown for their determination to bringing the Selolwe Ward Training Center to life. Speaking at the official opening of the Center yesterday, Minister Motshegwa said the project stands as a powerful symbol of unity, vision and shared commitment to development.



The initiative commenced after the community received a donation of 17 domestic sewing machines and three industrial machines from Light and Courage, a local NGO, sparking the idea of establishing a training centre that would empower residents with practical skills.

The Selolwe Ward Development Committee (WDC) was applauded for funding the expansion of the project independently, an uncommon but commendable effort among ward and village committees, which often rely on councils for financial support. Their leadership was strengthened through a partnership with the Francistown College of Technical and Vocational Education (FCTVE), whose students provided labour from bricklaying to project completion. This collaboration not only reduced costs but also gave students valuable hands-on experience. Support also came from Panda Bricks, which donated concrete, river sand and 5,000 stock bricks, contributions that were instrumental in bringing the centre to completion.

Looking ahead, the City of Francistown Council pledged to provide sewing training through its Social and Community Development skills programmes, with the first intake of trainees expected in February 2026, empowering participants to design, sew and produce goods for sale, thereby improving their employability and entrepreneurial prospects.

Minister Motshegwa emphasized that the project stands as a model of what can be achieved when communities unite around a shared vision. He noted that such community-driven efforts are vital for building resilience and achieving inclusive, sustainable development.

He extended appreciation to everyone who contributed to the initiative and encouraged continued collaboration with the private sector, highlighting that this is the standard expected of WDCs and VDCs: to lead boldly, build independently, and empower communities for generations to come.



FRANCISTOWN EDITION NATIONAL CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

The State of the Nation Address (SONA) 2025 declared the second Saturday of every month, a national clean-up day in alignment with the words of President Gideon D. Boko, "Batswana betsho, we acknowledge that our waste management efforts are inadequate. This is evidenced by the poor state of our environment and habitats. In response, I have taken a decision to institute a national clean-up campaign. In this regard, the second Saturday of every month has been designated as a clean-up day. Every community member will take part in cleaning their respective environment. I call upon businesses, institutions and the informal sector to keep their immediate and greater surroundings clean at all times. Community leaders are particularly important in enforcing this new culture of cleanliness."

It is on this backdrop that on the 12th December 2025, His Worship the Mayor of Francistown, Hon. Gaone Majere, launched the Francistown version of the National Clean-Up Campaign at the Francistown Bus Rank. Hon. Majere highlighted that is pertinent that every individual in the Francistown community should uphold the essence of cleanliness to ensure a clean environment in all zones of the City. He further said investors are drawn in by a clean space and urged those working in public spaces refraining from littering.

The National Clean Up initiative is geared to mobilizing communities, businesses, and institutions to tackle litter and improve waste management for a cleaner, healthier nation. The initiative calls for collective action, involving everyone from households to public spaces, and aims to foster a new culture of environmental responsibility to make Botswana shine.



TSWANA SHOES & ACCESSORIES DONATES SCHOOL SHOES



The City of Francistown Council (COFC) has received 20 pairs of high quality school shoes, from Tswana Shoes & Accessories (PTY) LTD.

The donor sights that the donation is part of their long-term vision to supporting Botswana's communities, in alignment to their commitment to the welfare of children, under the theme "Every step protected, every mind empowered."

The 20 pairs of brand new school shoes, will go a long way in assisting 20 needy students under the custodian of the COFC, come January 2026 when schools reopen, the beneficiaries will be walking on sunshine, stepping to school with pride and high self-esteem.

We thank you tons Tswana Shoes & Accessories for being a beacon of light!



MORUPULE CHARITY SPECTACULAR DELEGATION PAYS COURTESY CALL TO MAYOR

His Worship the Mayor of Francistown, Hon. Gaone Majere, and the Acting Town Clerk, Mr Molapisi Morapedi, officially welcomed Morupule Charity Spectacular Delegation, ahead of a major charity football tournament which took place on the 12th December 2025, at Obed Itani Chilume Stadium.

The purpose of the visit was to officially invite the leadership of the City of Francistown Council to attend and support the event.

His Worship welcomed the initiative and expressed the city's commitment to using sports as a tool for economic and social development, especially as Francistown works to rebuild, following the closure of major mines in the region. He encouraged that more events of this nature be hosted in the city to promote tourism, support small businesses and strengthen community engagement.

The Project Coordinator, Mr Bennett Mamelodi, highlighted that the tournament is a charity football event, aiming to raise funds for a charitable cause, to unite communities and promote youth development and a healthy lifestyle, as well as to position Francistown as a hub for major sporting events.

The City of Francistown encouraged all residents to come out in numbers to support this noble initiative. Let us unite through sport, celebrate our City, and show hospitality to our visiting teams. Your support makes a difference in the love of sport and community.

MORUPULE CHARITY SPECTACULAR FIXTURES

Game	Team 1	Team 2	Time
1	SUA FLAMINGOES	MAMELODI SUNDOWNS	1000 HOURS
2	MORUPULE WANDERERS	TAFIC FC	1200 HOURS
3	TAFIC FC	SUA FLAMINGOES	1400HRS 1600HRS - LUNCH & ENTERTAINMENT
4	MORUPULE WANDERERS	MAMELODI SUNDOWNS	1700 HOURS
5	MORUPULE WANDERERS	MAMELODI SUNDOWNS	2000 HOURS

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- CHOPPIES BLUE JACKET
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- LIQUORAMA GALO
- LIQUORAMA VILLAGE
- LIQUORAMA MARANG

PALAPYE

- CHOPPIES MAKWAPA MALL
- CHOPPIES OLD MALL
- LIQUORAMA MAM
- LIQUORAMA RIVERVIEW

TONOTA

- CHOPPIES TONOTA
- LIQUORAMA TONOTA

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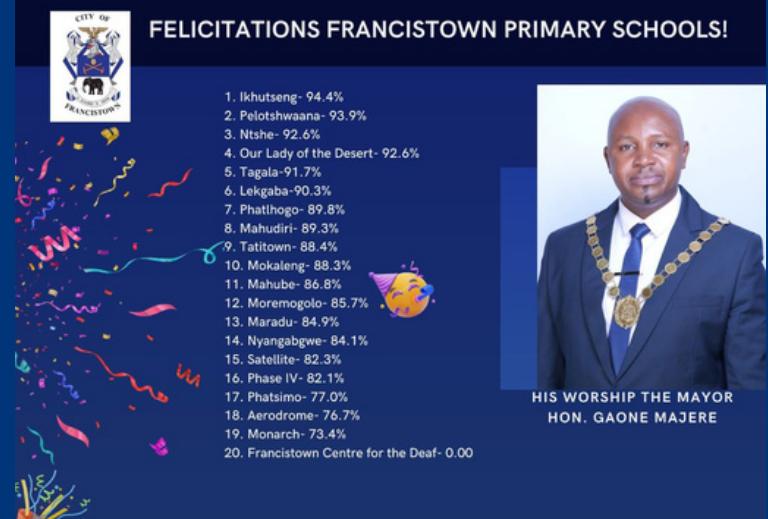
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