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A LENTSWE LA GAGO LE UTLWALE!

Lekwalo dikgang la gago; Segoagoe le go laletsa go romela dikakanyo le ditshwaelo dingwe le dingwe tse o ka tswang o na le tsona go segoagoe@bafokeng.com, kgotsa wa di tliša ka namana kwa Bafokeng Civic Centre.

Ditshwaelo di letleletse go fitlha labotlhamo wa bobedi wa kgwedi ngwe le ngwe. Mokwadi o rotloediwa go kwala bokana ka mafoko a le 400, e seng go feta.

Ditshwaelo ka puo ya Setswana le ya Sekgoa di amogelesegile. O gakololwa go akaretša leina la gago, dinomoro tša mogala, le lefelo la bonno mo lekwalong la gago.

ELA TLHOKO: Botsamaisi bo na le thata ya go tšhophā makwalo a a siametseng go phasaladiwa.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD-SHARE YOUR VIEWS!

Segoagoe invites members of the community to forward their suggestions, comments and views about any issue that matters to them, to segoagoe@bafokeng.com or they can be hand delivered to Bafokeng Civic Center, every second Tuesday of the month.

Letters should not exceed 400 words and may be written in Setswana or English. Every letter should bear the name, telephone numbers and area of residence of the writer.

NB: The editorial team reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of articles submitted for publication.

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Bafokeng Express Respect for Madiba's Vision and Values

Amid our overwhelming sadness at this giant loss, the Bafokeng are thankful for Ntate Madiba's life of sacrifice for us all. Today we can also celebrate the life and legacy of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, a man who personified the values we seek to build in our community. In admiration and humility, and in light of his spirit of inclusiveness, we will always respect him, even as one of our own forbearers. We will seek to live and expand his legacy.

Despite his long and hard road, Madiba was a warm-hearted man of compassion, but also a practical man of planning and building: he had a long-term vision for South Africa that allowed him to see beyond the seemingly intractable challenges of the moment. He was able to gather others to believe in and support this vision, leading by the power of his convictions, his drive for equality and the spirit of reconciliation, rather than by focusing attention on himself. He was a principled yet humble leader and by expressing strong values and living by them consistently in his personal and professional life, he used his position to inspire those around him to think differently about themselves, their fellow citizens and their contributions to a collective future.

Madiba grew up in the context of a traditional community with traditional decision-making structures, and drew on the power of consultation and consensus throughout the course of his leadership. This made him all the more inclusive, approachable and influential. He shared the traditional understanding of the need to address the holistic person – the individual as a social and emotional being, linked into a wider community – which strengthened his ability to find common ground with former enemies and allies alike. When the shape of our current democratic state and society were being negotiated, Nelson Mandela insisted on the need to build on, not reject, our particularly African cultures and structures, culminating in the integration of traditional governance into our Constitutional dispensation.

In recognition of Madiba's legacy, we undertake to continue working towards a strong, mutually supportive and efficient partnership between traditional and municipal systems of governance, since we share the same aims: dignified and prosperous communities.

Go well, Ntate, you will always be with us.

Kgosi Leruo T Molotlegi,
on behalf of the Royal Bafokeng Nation



Photo by Shaun Harris

Puisano - Your views on Governance and Traditional Courts

This is the eighth in a series of articles reporting back to Morafe on the findings of a 2012 survey, called 'Puisano', which asked a representative sample of 700 RBN residents about their expectations, perceptions and levels of satisfaction with regard to services provided by the RBA and in the RBN area. In this edition, we will highlight what you told us about RBN governance.

Governance

Bafokeng have a high rate of satisfaction with RBN traditional governance systems. The Puisano survey showed that 16% of Bafokeng were very satisfied and 43% were very satisfied, for a total of 59% satisfaction. On the other hand, 6% were dissatisfied and only 4% were very dissatisfied. 13% said they were neither satisfied or dissatisfied and 18% said they did not know. This is consistent with the levels of satisfaction reported during the 2011 PULA survey, during which all households on RBN land were interviewed. In PULA, 92% trust their Kgosana to represent their interests, 91% trust their Bafokeng councillor to represent their interests and 91% said they trust Kgosi to represent their interests.

Knowledge of and participation in traditional governance processes is also high. According to the Puisano survey, 83% of Bafokeng know the name of their Kgosana (87% said the same in the PULA survey) and 98% know the name of their Kgosi. In the PULA survey, 74% of Bafokeng said they are members of a kgotla. Of those who are members, 92% said they use the kgotla system to gather information about the community and the nation and 85% said they bring disputes to kgotla for resolution.

Traditional Courts

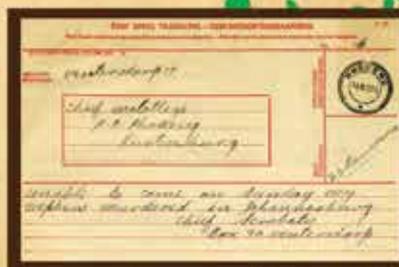
32% of Puisano survey respondents had no opinion on the Traditional Courts, suggesting they had not used them. Of those with a view, 62% were satisfied or very satisfied and 18% were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied, with 20% saying they were neither nor. For those who perceive the RBA to be the service provider for the traditional courts, satisfaction levels were even higher with 68% being satisfied or very satisfied and only 12% being dissatisfied. For those who see kgotla as being the service providers, satisfaction levels are at 58% and dissatisfaction at 26%.



For further information about Puisano, please contact or call the Research & Knowledge Management Department on 014 566 1484.



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BOTSETSE "Re tllile go dumedisa mfikwane, Moeng goroga ka pula!"

Botsetse ke fa mosadi yo a fetsang go tshola ngwana a le mo ntlong ka fa tlase ga tlhokomelo kapa leitlho le lentšhotšho la bommaagwe kgotsa basadibagolo. Basadibagolo ba, ba fa motsetse melao yotlhe e a tlhokang go e itse, ka jaanong a tsene mo seemong sa bosadi a sa tlhole a le ngwana.

Go ne go bewa mopakwana kgotsa mfikwane fa mojakong kgotsa fa kgorong go lemotsha batho gore ntlo eo ke ya motsetse ga e tsenwe. Go ne go tsena mmaagwe le bana ba bannye ba lelwapa le bangwe ba masika fela. Mogatse le ene o ne a sa letlelelwa go tsena.

Motsetse ga a letlelelwe go bua le batho ba ba kwa ntle, o tshwanetse go nna a ipipile sefatlhego ka tukwi gore a se ke a bonwa ke batho. Fa a tswela kwa ntle go ya ntlwaneng, o ne a ikhurumetsa ka kobo, a ipipile sefatlhego. O ne a nna dikgwedi di le tharo a bo a tswa ka ya bone.

Ngwana ene o ne a sala mo ntlong a bo a ntshiwa a setse a le dikgwedi di le thataro e bile a itse go nna. Ka letsatsi la mantsho a ngwana go ne go tlhabiwa kgomo go itumelela ngwana yo moša. E bo e le gona batho ba ka bonang ngwana le go bolelelwa leina la gagwe. Ka nako eo ngwana le mmaagwe ba tla a bo ba itekanetse ba otlebile.

Go na le mefuta e le mebedi ya botsetse go ya ka ngwao ya rona ya Setswana. Mefuta e e amana le basadi. Mo ngwaong ya Setswana mosadi o tshwanetse go kopana le mefuta e ka bobedi. Mofuta wa ntlha ke wa botsetse ba go rafola kgotsa go itlhalaga. Fa mosetsana a bona setswalo la ntlha, o bewa mo ntlong lobaka la beke, go bo go twe o motsetse e tswa a sena ngwana. Fa a le mo ntlong o rutwa ka se se mo diragalelang a bo a bolelelwa gore o tla nna a bona setswalo kgwedi le kgwedi. Gape o ne a rutwa gore a itshware jang fa a le mo setswalong.

Wa bobedi ke wa botsetse jwa go tshola ngwana. Botsetse jwa go tshola ngwana jone, ke fa mme a beilwe mo ntlong lobaka lo lo rileng morago ga go tshola ngwana. Tsamaiso ya mofuta o wa botsetse ke yone e tlhalositsweng fa godimo.

MEFUTA E YOTLHE YA BOTSETSI E NA LE KA FA E ILELWANG KA TENG.

MEILA YA BOTSETSE JWA GO RAFOLA KANA GO ITLHALEGA

Mosetsana o ne a rutwa meila yotlhe ya mosadi a le mo setswalong. Meila e, e mentsinyana mme mengwe ya yona ke:

- Mosetsana o ne a sa tshwanela go tlhapa bosigo mme go twe a ka bona setswalo bosigo mme a senye dikobo. Moila o o ne o rotloetsa bophepa mo basetsaneng. Kana fa a ka nna motshegare otlhe a sa tlhape, o ka nka. Setswalo le sona se ka senya diaparo tsa gagwe ka di tla bo di kolobile thata.
- O ne gape a sa tshwanela go nna ditilo tsa banna go twe o tla ba kgaetsa. Tota se se ne se direlelwa gore mosetsana a seka a tloga a tshasa ditilo leswe ka banna ba ka tloga ba se tseege sentle fa ba bona setswalo seo.
- Mosetsana yo o motsetse o ne a sa letlelelwe go ja ka seatla go twe o ka ija a bo a nna seso kgotsa sehema. Go tewa gore o ka ja leswe la gagwe la setswalo a bo a sa itekanele sentle mo tlhologanyong. Fa a sa ntse a le mo botsetseng o ne a sa tlhape go fitlhelela setswalo se ema ka go twe ba ka tlhapa o tla tsaya lebaka le lelele mo setswalong.
- Ga go letlelelwe ope go tsena mo ntlong ya botsetse kwa ntle ga babei ba motsetse le bana ba bannye fela. Go ne go twe makgarebe le makau ba dinao di bolelo mme ba ka okama ngwana ka ba tlhakanela dikobo.
- Baimana, basadi ba ba mo setswalong le batlhologadi ba ba santseng ba routse ba ne ba sa letlelelwe go tsena mo motsetseng ka gotwe ba la emisa phogwana ya ngwana mme a tsenwe ke bolwetse.
- Motsetse ga a tlhakanele dijana le batho ba bangwe, dijana tsa gagwe di a tlhaolwa ka go twe fa batho ba di dirisa khujwana ya ngwana ga e kake ya fola ka pele.

- Dijo tse di saditsweng ke motsetse e bong sepho di ne sa jewe ke mongwe le mongwe kwa ntle ga mosadimogolo yo a mmeileng le bana ba bannye.
- Motsetse o ne a sa tshwanela go bonwa sefatlhego ka go ne go twe o tla bopama.

Fa mosadi yo o tshotseng ngwana a sena go tswa mo ntlong o ne a sa tshwanela go kopanela dikobo le monna wa gagwe ka bogologolo go ne go sena ditsompelo tsa katoloso tsholo jaaka gompiano. Se se ne se direlwa gore mosadi a seka a tloga a ima ngwana a sa le monnye. Fa se se ka diragala ene e le matlhabisa-ditlhong, mme mosadi wa go nna jalo go twe o rathetse ngwana. Monna o ne a tshwanelwa go ya go nna kwa morakeng go thibelwa boatla jo bo ka ba tlhagelang.

MAELE LE DIANE TSA BOTSETSE

- Setsetse se bolawa ke namane; Seane se se supa gore motho o ka nna a swa fa a belega mme se tlhalosa motho o tsennngwa mo mathateng ke ngwana wa gagwe.

- Korwe ga ke je, ke bapalela tsetse; se se raya gore motho yo nang le bana ga a jele dijo kwa nageng. Sejo se a se boneng o se isa gae go ja le bana.
- Go dumedisa mfikwana; go tewa go bona le go dumedisa mme yo o sa tswang go tshola le go mo akgola le gammogo le go mo eleletsa masego ka ngwana yo moša.
- Motho yo o pelokgale go a twe o ka baya tau botsetse; se se raya gore motho yoo ga a boi o ka dira tse batho ba bangwe ba ka boifang go di dira.

Re ka lemoga fa botsetse tota bo tseelwa kwa godimo mo ngwaong ya Setswana mme bo batla motho yo o pelotelele yo o senang mesepele e mentsi.

Mokwadi: Onicca Mmeisi Moeng

**Motswedi wa seikokotlelo: Kelapile et.al, (2009)
Makhubu 1: Setswana sa Mephato ya Magare,
Medi Publishing, Gaborone, Botswana**

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Nursing School

Health Care Worker course, which, once passed with 75%, qualifies the student to register for Auxiliary Nursing and thereafter Enrolled Nursing. The duration of each of the three levels is 12 months.

To be registered for the Health Care Worker Course with the school, applicants need to have passed Grade 12 with an APS score of at least 20, excluding Life Orientation, if they need to be financially assisted with a student loan. Non-Bafokeng applicants and Bafokeng applicants who do not meet the set criteria but have a Grade 12 Certificate are self-paying. The Registration Fee is R3000, which is subject to annual change.

THE PROGRAMME OFFERS AND REQUIREMENTS

Health Care Worker – 12 month programme

- Learners of this programme should be competent in Communication in English at NQF 3
- Academic Grade 12 or equivalent NQF Level 4 qualification

Auxiliary Nursing – 12 month programme

- Health Care Worker pass of 75%

Enrolled Nursing – 12 month programme

- Auxiliary Nursing pass of 75%

ACCREDITATION

All RBI Nursing School Students are registered with an accredited training service provider:

- HealthNicon Nursing
- College (Pretoria).

RBI aims to be accredited with the South African Nursing Council by end 2014.

Contact us at 014 566 1400 (RBI)



School of Hospitality

Be part of the world's fastest growing Industry

The Hospitality and Tourism Industry has grown over the past few years. It is said that this Industry will be the end of the economic crisis the world has faced in recent years. The popularity of travelling to other countries has excelled due to business trips, holidays or students wanting to take a gap year.

The RBI School of Hospitality trains and develop excellence in Culinary and Hospitality studies which would lead to employment or the establishment of SMMEs such as small B&Bs, catering businesses and restaurants. The school, established in 2011 is fully accredited and delivered its first City & Guilds certificated students in 2012. On completion students are registered with the South African Chefs Association (SACA).

The Campus located in Direpotsane Street, Phokeng, has a fully equipped kitchen where on-site practical learning and assessment can be conducted.

Other facilities include a Boardroom; three lecture rooms; a modern, air-conditioned Resource Centre which offers students learning and research space; a simulation kitchen; a simulation bedroom; and a laundry room for experiential learning.

Students from the school are involved in catering and serving at various functions where they get "hands-on" experience of the world of work.

Students are placed for workplace experience with Sun City, Kedar Hotel and other lodges and hotels in the greater Rustenburg area; Host Employers always comment on the excellent work ethic and good manners of the students.

PROGRAMMES OFFERED:

- Food & Beverage Services
- Food Preparation & Culinary Arts
- Reception Services
- Accommodation Services

These programmes are presented at

- Certificate level (Level 1)
- Diploma level (Level 2)
- Advanced Diploma level (Level 3)

Registration requirements

- Senior Certificate (Grade 12) with an AP Score of 20 minimum
- Competence in English at NQF Level 3
- Interest in a career in the hospitality industry
- Show great endurance (as the hours sometimes become very long, as is typical of the industry)

Contact us at 014 566 1400 (RBI)

Visit the campus in Direpotsane Street, Phokeng (old Post Office)



Construction School

The RBI Construction School was established to combat unemployment and the shortage of skilled labour. The School is being accredited by the Construction Education and Training Authority (CETA) and a partnership has been established between RBI and Wilson Baily Holmes-Ovcon [WBHO], the building giant.

Maile Construction School currently offers the following programmes:

Community House Builder Learnerships (CHB)

(1 year; from July 2013 to July 2014) at NQF L2 which encompasses seven short programmes in the following trades: Bricklaying; Painting; Carpentry; Electrical; Plumbing; Tiling; and Plastering.

Apprenticeship Programme

Duration (3 years; from July 2012 to July 2014) for specialisation in a trade. Students are required to complete theory and practical sessions.

More than 300 local students applied at Maile of which only 256 students were accepted after the Pre-Assessment; currently the school has 240 learners. CHB students are currently writing the Fundamental Phase examination and will start with trade training in January 2014. Apprenticeship students have been doing practical training in bricklaying, painting and carpentry. The Apprentice group has also been the workforce for planting the school gardens, renovating and painting the old school building and building benches and covered rest areas on the campus.

The extension building to the school was completed by end October 2013 after 5 months of hard work. The new building provides four large classrooms (40 learners), 2 store rooms, 4 offices and 4 very large workshop areas.

Next Intake for CHB is in January 2015.

During February – May 2014, short skills courses will be presented at Maile Campus for any individual interested in the building and construction trades.

Contact us at 014 566 1400 (RBI)

Thankgololo ya Kapari ya Diphiri



Diphiri ke diphologolo tse di itsegeng ka go tsamaya bosigo thata. Bangwe ba di amanya le ditiro tsa baloi. Tiro ya go epa mabitla e ne e tlwaelesegile thata go dirwa bosigo. Ene e dirwa ke makawana a motse bosigo mme go sena yo o ba bonang. Batho ba ne ba bona fela lebitla le epilwe, ka jalo gotwe le epilwe ke diphiri ka ke tsone di tsamayang bosigo. Jaanong leina la diphiri le tswa gone fa.

Le mo nakong ya gompiano diphiri di santse di le teng e bile di ntse di dira tiro e ntle e ya go epa mabitla le go totobatsa thulaganyo e e tsepameng ya phitlho.

Go lebogela thuso ya diphiri kwa Mamerotse, kgosana Titus Moekeletsi o ne a neela Diphiri tsa motse wa gagwe kapari e e neng e le dikatso go tswa go SM Mooketeletsi Attorneys.

Baetapele ba dikutle ba ne ba le teng ga mmogo le Kgosana Rapetsana. Moletlo o ne o tshwere ka la 24 Ngwanatsele 2013 go neela diphiri kapari le go ba apesa.

Kgosana Rapetsana o ile a ema diphiri ka lefoko, o ne a ba akgolela kapari eo le gore ba tsewele go dirisana le kgosana.



Caring for the elderly

The Royal Bafokeng's HSDS celebrated the International Day for Older persons, on 25 October 2013, by placing a particular focus on the mental health and wellbeing for the elderly community members. Some of the ailments that the health and care workers from HSDS treated include Dementia, Alzheimer's and chronic diseases.

contributions of older persons and examining issues that affect their lives. RBA HSDS has fifteen luncheon clubs for older persons. These are clubs where elderly people meet, socialise and are able to address their health and wellbeing needs.

The International Day of Older Persons is a United Nation's intervention and is celebrated annually, on the 1 October, with the aim of recognising the

There are more programmes within the HSDS that benefit the elderly and for more information on these, please contact Mamakie Mothiba on 014 566 1200.

RBA CALL CENTRE

The Royal Bafokeng Administration has set up a Call Centre to receive the emergency reports on the following:

- Water pipe bursts
- Sewer blockages
- Electricity faults
- Damage to the road infrastructure (hazardous to traffic)
- Traffic accidents
- Fire to buildings
- Crime
- Land invasion (squatting)
- Storms
- Veld fires
- Emergencies at schools

Should you experience any of the above, please call, Toll-free number: 0800 56 2020 or e-mail to callcentre@bafokeng.com

Bullying is a **BIG** problem which affects lots of children. It can make them feel hurt, scared, sick, lonely, embarrassed and sad.

Phokeng Trauma Centre
...care and support U need.

(Satelites: Phokeng, Boitekong, Mfidike)

VICTIM EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

SUPPORTING SURVIVORS OF RAPE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AND TRAUMA

RELATED INCIDENTS:

- Trauma related stress (counselling and therapy)
- Community awareness campaigns
- School presentations
- Education and victim support
- Trauma related training
- Referral services
- Overnight shelter for survivors of rape, domestic violence and child neglect

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DON'T LOOK AWAY

ACT AGAINST ABUSE



16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

FROM PEACE IN THE HOME TO PEACE IN THE WORLD:
THE PROLIFERATION OF SMALL ARMS AND THEIR
ROLE IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Phokeng Trauma Centre with their partners South African Police Services and RBA Health and Social Development continued with their campaign peace begins at home.

Their campaigns aim to empower women to take charge of their lives and break the silence against any form of abuse against them. They do not only focus on women but also raise awareness with men and encourage them to talk against abuse.

Every year the United Nations declares the period from 25 November to 10 December, as the 16 Days of No Violence Against Women around the world. The global theme for the Sixteen Days of Activism 2013 Campaign is From peace in the Home to Peace in the World: Let's Challenge Militarism and End Violence against Women!

Women and Men are encouraged to seek help and services for intervention offered by Phokeng Trauma centres listed below.

Phokeng Satellite - Phokeng Police Station - 014 566 1722

Boitekong Satellite - Boitekong Police Station - 082 491 7055

Mfidikwe Satellite - Mfidikwe Clinic - 082 733 1929

Thutuzela Satellite - JST Hospital - 072 352 1357

Website: www.phokengtc.co.za

MEDICAL MALE CIRCUMCISION, HIGH VOLUME SITE LAUNCH



The North West MEC of Health Dr Magome Masike launched Phokeng Health Centre as High Volume site for Medical Male Circumcision (MMC) on 28 November 2013.

The Centre will provide free high quality male circumcision for men from the age 10 years and older. Phokeng Health Center was chosen by the Provincial and District Department of Health, as Rustenburg had high prevalence of HIV AIDS which is 4% of the national statistics.

CHAPS is the partner for the extension of the programme in Phokeng Health Centre and also at Bapong Community Centre. The government has provided mobile services for easy access of MMC at other Municipalities and Mogwase and Rustenburg prisons.

Male circumcision is a very old practice, traditionally undertaken as a mark of cultural identity or because of religious importance; however the spread of HIV/AIDS has prompted the government to use it as the strategy to reduce rates of new infections in men and women. Studies had proven that male circumcision could reduce the rate of new infections

by 60%. Men who want to access the service they are ensured that the procedure is safe, free and effective and the government ensure cultural and religious sensitivity when dealing with male circumcision, said the MEC.

The MEC said that "the Medical Male Circumcision does not in any way replace the preventative strategies, abstain, condomise and keep to one partner. Male circumcision should be part of a comprehensive HIV-prevention approach: This will include the following

- o The provision of HIV testing and counselling services;
- o Treatment for sexually transmitted diseases;
- o The promotion of safer sex practices; and
- o Provision of male and female condoms and promotion of their correct and consistent use".

What are the reasons why circumcision is good for men's health

Evidence shows that the inner skin of the foreskin is more likely to absorb HIV than any other skin as it is more prone to small tears during sex.

Within the foreskin, there are cells called Langerhans and other receptor cells that attract the HI virus.

Men who are not circumcised are also more likely to get other STIs such as genital ulcers (esp. Chancroid and Balanitis) that increases the risk for HIV infection.

Benefits of Male Circumcision

When the foreskin has been completely removed under medical conditions, from the head of the penis:

- It is easier to keep clean.
- It eliminates bruising and tearing during sex, which makes sex more enjoyable for men and women.
- Cells that attract HIV have been removed.
- It reduces the risk of HIV infection but there is still a 40% chance that circumcised men can get HIV.
- Lower risk of STIs and diseases.
- It provides health benefits for sexual partners - Medical male circumcision (MMC) is good for a women's health too as it reduces her risk to cervical cancer by removing the human papilloma virus that is often carried in the foreskin.

"Circumcised men should still **use a condom** every time you have sex, keep to one, sexual partner and test for HIV to know your status so that you can make the best decision for your health".

CRIME REPORT



TWO MAJOR RECENT SUCCESSES ACHIEVED BY VARIOUS PROTECTIVE SERVICES CRIME FIGHTING STAFF



Copper cable theft

Three men were arrested for possession of copper cables weighing 700 kg to the street value of R20 000 in Phokeng last month. The three are suspected to be part of organised house breaking syndicate in the RBN area. Various house breaking tools were also found in their possession.

DRUG BUST BY NARCOTIC UNIT

Police have confiscated dagga weighing of 87.550kg and street value of R218 875.00 at a house in Mfidikwe. One man was arrested for conducting his business in Mfidikwe, Photsaneng and Kanana. He only used cellphone to transact and only supply super 1st grade namely "Skankafor" at R1000 5 kg and 1st grade for R600 per 5Kg. The Dagga arrests were made in partnership with Boitekong South African Police Services

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Platinum Stars fixture list for the 2013/14 PSL season

DATE	COMP	KO	VS	VENUE
16/12/13	League	18:00	Orlando Pirates	Royal Bafokeng Stadium
20/12/13	League	20:00	Ajax Cape Town	Athlone Stadium
23/01/14	League	19:30	BidVest Wits	BidVest Stadium
27/01/14	League	19:30	Mamelodi Sundowns	Royal Bafokeng Stadium
04/02/14	League	19:30	Polokwane City	TBC
08/02/14	League	15:30	Free State Stars	Royal Bafokeng Stadium
15/02/14	League	20:15	University of Pretoria	Tuks Stadium
02/03/14	League	15:30	Kaizer Chiefs	Royal Bafokeng Stadium
08/03/14	League	15:30	Mpumalanga Black Aces	TBC
12/03/14	League	19:30	Moroka Swallows	Royal Bafokeng Stadium
19/03/14	League	19:30	SuperSport United	Lucas Moripe Stadium
29/03/14	League	15:30	Maritzburg United	Royal Bafokeng Stadium
06/04/14	League	15:00	Bloemfontein Celtic	Free State Stadium
16/04/14	League	19:30	AmaZulu	Royal Bafokeng Stadium
19/04/14	League	15:00	Lamontville Golden Arrows	Royal Bafokeng Stadium
26/04/14	League	15:00	Orlando Pirates	Orlando Stadium
10/05/14	League	15:00	Ajax Cape Town	Royal Bafokeng Stadium

Platinum Stars' Absa Premiership fixture against Bloemfontein Celtic scheduled for Wednesday 11 December 13, has been postponed.

This after the Premier Soccer League announced that all fixtures in the top three divisions in South Africa this week would be played at a later date due to the availability of venues.

With so many memorial services to former president Nelson Mandela scheduled for this week, a number of stadia are no longer available for football.

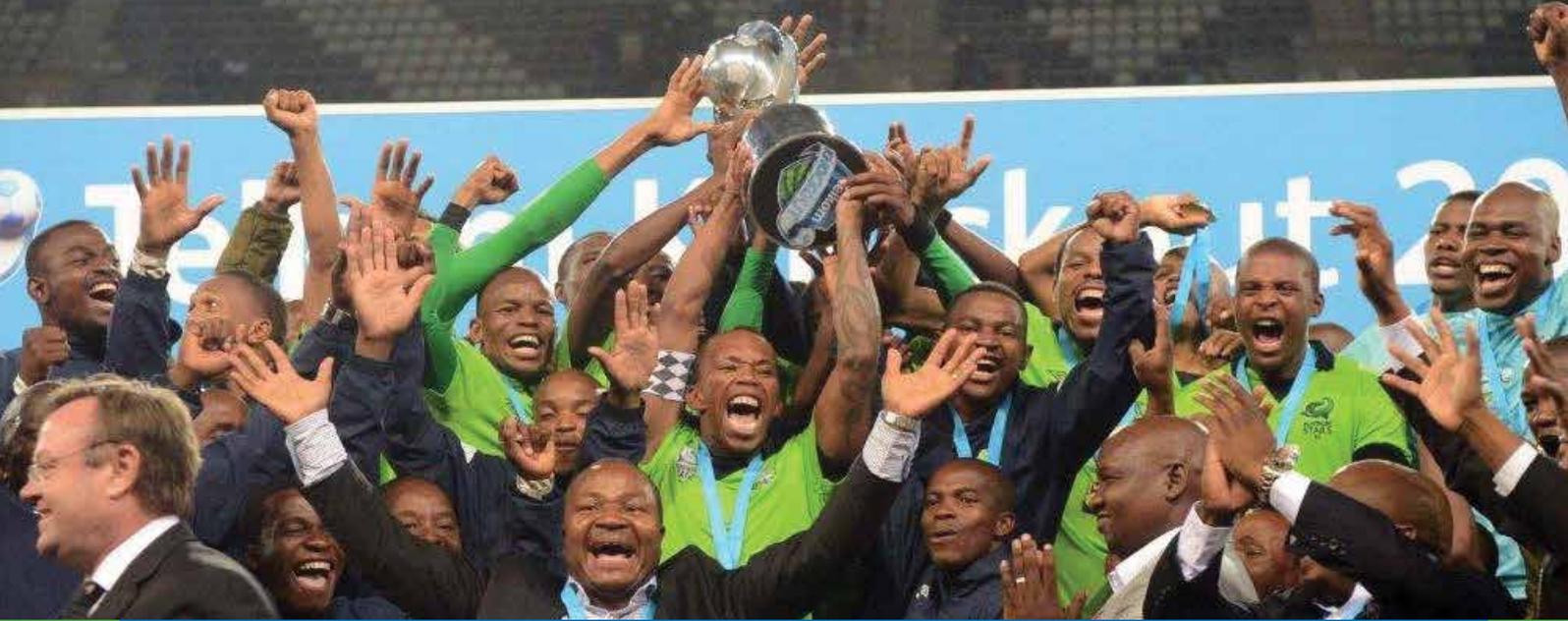
"Stadiums that were going to host some of our fixtures have been confirmed as venues to host memorial services and other gatherings to pay special respect to Madiba," PSL CEO Brand de Villiers said.

"We therefore took a decision that due to logistical challenges faced by the League and the clubs, we should postpone the fixtures scheduled for mid-week and the weekend."

No new date had yet been set for the Celtic clash and it means that Dikwena's next fixture will be at home to Orlando Pirates in an Absa Premiership clash at the Royal Bafokeng Sports Palace on Monday, December 16 (kick-off 18h00), the Day of reconciliation public holiday.

Tickets for this match are now on sale at Computicket and Shoprite/Checkers. These are priced at R40 for adults and R20 for children under 12 years of age.

Stars claim TKO title as Ngele nets fantastic brace!



Platinum Stars have won a second domestic knockout trophy of the season after a 2-1 victory over Orlando Pirates in the final of the Telkom Knockout in Mbombela on Saturday night.

Mogakolodi Ngele came off the bench to score twice and help Dikwena come back from a goal down to claim the trophy. It is a repeat of their MTN8 triumph over the selfsame Pirates side.

Lucky Lekgwathi had put The Buccaneers ahead in the first half, but Stars showed their fighting spirit to keep plugging away and eventually come out on top thanks to a magnificent winner from the Botswana international Ngele.

Allan Freese side received a boost before kick-off when skipper Vuyo Mere was passed fit to play, taking his place at right-back.

And Stars made the brighter start, Solomon Mathe scuffing his shot after being brilliantly set-up by Luvolwethu Mpeta.

But they were punished from a set-piece on 29 minutes when Daine Klate swung in a free-kick and Lekgwathi glanced his header home.

Siyabonga Mpontshane denied Pirates a second early in the second half when he made a brilliant one-handed save as Mpeta turned the ball towards his own goal.

But the game was changed when Ngele came on for Issa Sarr midway through the second period. First he burst into the penalty area and chipped the ball over Senzo Meyiwa in the Pirates goal to make it 1-1.

And then with two minutes remaining he scored a magnificent winner, side-footing home from 30 yards with minimal back-lift and leaving Meyiwa with no chance.

"At halftime we went into the change room and spoke about the mistakes we had made," Stars coach Allan Freese said. "We said let's get the ball up to Henrico [Botes] so he can hold it up, let's support him. We had to be more positive to go forward."

"That was a beautiful goal from Ngele. Henrico was brilliant up front, it was wonderful to see."

"I am very happy for the players, for the support staff that we have and for everybody involved with the Bafokeng Nation that supports the team."





The Man

Who Wears the Captain's Arm Band

Vuyo Mere is a dedicated Platinum Stars player and always goes out of his way to leave a smile on the faces of all he comes across. He cuts a bold figure on the field and as the Captain of Dikwena, Vuyo's shows complete responsibility. Here, we take a bit of time to get to know the man who wears the Captain's arm band at Dikwena.

Q: You have been a part of the team for how long?

VM: I joined Platinum Stars in the 2011/2012 season, which makes this my third season with the team.

Q: You have grown from a young boy to a responsible player in the league, won a trophy and finished second in the league after all this time; your take on that?

VM: Having played in the league at an early age really was a blessing for me as I have achieved so much in the game. I managed to win so many trophies and represent my country at an early age. My experience has pulled me through in achieving what I have accomplished thus far. Being Captain of the team and leading it to the MTN 8 victory was just a blessing from God for all the hard work

I have put in. Thanks to my teammates and the technical team for helping in all aspects of my game.

Q: You seem like a friendly person, and you get along very well with other players, your secret?

VM: Creating a friendly and stress free environment around me is the way to go for me. I love being around happy faces and motivating others when they are not at their best. I pray every day that God purifies and blesses me with a loving heart and I guess my prayers are being answered at this time.

Q: What motivates you in life?

VM: There are so many things that motivate me in life but there are a couple that stand out: Firstly, I am blessed with two handsome sons and they are the reason why I wake up in the morning and look forward to working hard to provide for them. Secondly, I was raised by two loving parents who only want the best for me and my little brother Siphon, whom I love dearly; they have done so much for me that I can't let them down. Thank God for blessing me with this happy family.

Q: You are a family man, how do you juggle this with your "not predictable" job?

VM: Well, my family comes first then my job, simply because my family mean the world to me, they are the reason why I work so hard and they give me all the support I need, so they really play a pivotal role in my success.

Q: Platinum Stars is currently winning the hearts of many. The style of football the team plays, the approach and all that you guys do. What keeps you going?

VM: The belief and hunger from everybody really keep us going. As Platinum Stars we decided to put God first in everything we do and our God is blessing us abundantly. We know He has so many things in store for us, so faith is a key factor at Platinum Stars.

Q: Vuyo Mere, emotions run in people's expressions whenever they talk about you, what is it that you think people love about you?

VM: God has blessed me with a pure heart and I love interacting with everybody. As a leader in my team and the way I was brought up, I guess it's important that my conduct and attitude reflects that and that's not so difficult. My parents have helped me to be grounded, besides all the success I have had in my career, and I think that's what people like about me.

Q: Every game you play is different in terms of support, which you are now receiving from your loyal supporters. What do you have to say to the supporters?

VM: It's really motivating to see that slowly but surely we are able to fill more seats at the Stadium, than our past games, which really shows that we are doing a great job on and off the field. We must not forget that Platinum Stars is a developing brand which is working its way up to the top to compete with other leading teams in the country, so I'm really happy with the outcome.

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