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  - If carrying capacity exceeds 60 passengers - M350
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  - Where tare weight exceeds 3,500kg but does not exceed 11,000kg - M150
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  - If tare weight exceed 5,000kg - M150
- Documents:**
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  - Motor cycle not exceeding 350cc - M50
  - Other motor vehicle licenses - M100
- Application fees:**
- Learners license - M50
  - Theory test - M50
  - Driving test and re-test - M50
  - Public driving instructor's test - M100
  - Driving school permit - M150
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- Light duty - M200
  - Heavy duty - M250
  - Extra-heavy duty - M400
  - Driving instructor's certificate - M300
  - Public driving permit - M200
- Renewals of driver's licences:**
- Motor cycle not exceeding 350cc - M120
  - Learner's license - M50
  - Light duty - M200
  - Heavy duty - M250
  - Extra heavy duty - M400
  - Driving instructor's certificate - M300
  - Public driving permit - M200
  - Driving school permit - M420
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- Initial issuance - M200
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  - Supply of information from the records - M100
  - Duplicate of document - M300
  - Transfer of registration number (section I2(2) of the act) - M150
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  - Set of number plates - M400

# Remittances from South Africa to be further affected

## ...as Covid-19 continues to affect jobs for Basotho in SA

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**MASERU** - Remittance inflows from South Africa are expected to decline sharply this year due to the economic crises induced by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is largely due to a fall in the wages and employment of migrant workers, who tend to be more vulnerable to loss of employment and wages due to the economic crises caused by the pandemic, new reports have shown.

The projected decline further means a loss of a crucial financing lifeline for many vulnerable households in the country, particularly in rural areas where majority of households depend largely on remittances from the neighbouring South Africa.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has already reported that around 60, 000 workers returned to Lesotho before the borders were closed.

"The shut-down in South Africa, by far the largest source of remittances on which many families depend, and which have been running at close to a fifth of GDP resulted in the staggering number of workers returning home due to the pandemic," the IMF said in its latest report in July.

The projected fall in remittances has also been confirmed by the World Bank, revealing that globally, remittances are expected to decline by 20 per cent. The projected fall will be the sharpest decline in recent history.

In 2021, however, the World Bank estimates that remittances will recover and rise by 5.6 per cent.

For Lesotho, remittances have been a



Workers at a mine in South Africa

staple of the national economy for many years. The country has long depended on remittances from mining jobs in South Africa, but employment in the industry has recently declined.

The COVID-19 pandemic has further worsened the situation.

According to the Lesotho poverty assessment report released in 2019 by the World Bank Group in partnership with the government of Lesotho, the main reasons for decreasing remittances are mechanisation and stagnation in South Africa's gold mining industry and the country's shift towards the use of local labour.

The report examines progress and challenges in reducing poverty in Lesotho.

It was revealed in the report that close to 15 per cent of Lesotho's population still works in South Africa and their

remittances remain important to the economy.

The report discovered further that rural poverty, which currently stands at 60.7 per cent, would have been nearly 10 percentage points lower had remittances not declined since the year 2002.

"The transfers are strongly progressive, with significant impacts on poverty and inequality. Poor households use the money to buy necessities and invest in human capital," the report stated.

Urban households on the other hand are less reliant on remittances and urban poverty would have been only 2.7 percentage points lower if remittances had remained at the highest level.

Poor households, especially the less educated and rural residents are particularly likely to be dependent upon remittances, noted the report.

## Technology

### 3D-Printing environmentally friendly buildings using local soil



As an effort to address the growing need for repairing deteriorating buildings, bridges and roads, and building sustainable infrastructure that's not based on carbon-intensive concrete, researchers have recently introduced a new method of 3D-printing load-bearing structures using local soil.

According to Sarbajit Banerjee, Ph.D., the project's principal investigator, additive manufacturing has already reduced

the amount of waste generated by the construction industry, yet the materials used in the process are often not sustainable.

As an example, in addition to being responsible for approximately 7% of global carbon dioxide emissions, concrete is non-recyclable and has to be transported to the construction site, thereby increasing cost and environmental impact.

"Historically, humans used to build

with locally sourced materials, such as adobe, but the move to concrete has raised many environmental issues," said project co-author Aayushi Bajpayee. "Our thought was to turn the clock back and find a way to adapt materials from our own backyards as a potential replacement for concrete."

In the study, Banerjee and his team collected soil samples from a colleague's backyard and tailored the material with a new environmentally friendly additive to enable binding and facilitate extrusion through the 3D printer.

Given the geographic variation in soil composition, the team wanted to have a chemistry "toolkit" allowing for the transformation of any type of soil into a material suitable for 3D-printing mass structures.

Next, in order to improve the mixture's load-bearing capacity, the team sealed the microscopic layers on its surface to prevent it from absorbing water and expanding, which could otherwise compromise the printed structure.

In the near future, Banerjee and colleagues plan to analyse the data on sustainability they've collected during the project to make sure that the material is, in fact, sustainable, as well as to further improve its load-bearing capacity and get as close to replacing concrete as possible.

If successful, the team also has plans for exploring the technology's suitability for 3D-printing structures on other planets using local materials, which could eventually come in handy as humans progress to manned missions both within, and outside of, the solar system. [acs.org](http://acs.org)

51,266,374



There are so far 51,266,374 million cars produced this year, less than 58,264,852 that was produced in 2010. In 2016, for the first time in history, over 70 million cars passenger cars were produced in a single year.

A "car" refers to passenger cars, which are defined as motor vehicles with at least four wheels, used for the transport of passengers, and comprising no more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat. Cars (or automobiles) make up approximately 74% of the total motor vehicle annual production in the world.



### Depreciation

The value of any asset can be said to depreciate when it loses some of that value in increments over time. Depreciation occurs due to wear and tear. Various methods of depreciation are used by businesses to decrease the recorded value of assets.

### Cracks

#### God Is Missing

There were two little boys, 8 and 10 years old, very mischievous and naughty. They were always get into trouble and their parents knew that, if any mischief occurred in their city, their sons were probably involved.

They boy's mother heard that a clergyman in city had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The clergyman agreed, but asked to see them individually. So the mother sent her 8-year-old first, in the morning and 10-year-old in the afternoon to see the clergyman.

The clergyman, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?"

They boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there with his mouth hanging open, wide-eyed. So the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God!?" Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "WHERE IS GOD!?"

The boy screamed and bolted from the room, ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?"

The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time, dude. God is missing - and they think WE did it!"

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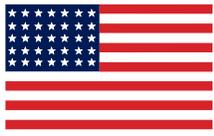
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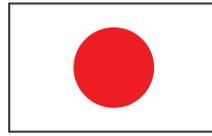
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Platinum	928.00
Silver	26.28
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Cabbage p/kg	M14.00	Milk (sour) p/litre	M20.00
Potatoes p/kg	M10.50	Rice p/kg	M30.00
Brown Bread p/loaf	M10.00	White Sugar p/kg	M22.00
White Bread p/loaf	M11.00	Brown Sugar p/kg	M25.00
Sorghum Meal p/kg	M25.00	Beef p/kg	M85.00
Brown Beans p/kg	M30.00	Mutton p/kg	M90.00
Tomato	M15.00		

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Unleaded 95 p/litre	M11.20
Diesel 50PPm p/litre	M12.00
500PPm p/litre	M11.95
Paraffin p/litre	M6.85
Water (Domestic) p/litre	M5.53
Water (Industrial) p/litre	M15.03
Electricity (Domestic) p/unit	M1.38
Electricity (Industrial) p/unit	M0.26
Gas p/kg	M20.00

# Letšeng mine recovers high quality stone

**KABELO MASOABI**

**MASERU** – The Letšeng Diamonds mine located in Mokhotlong has recovered another huge stone, a 442-carat high quality type II diamond.

“It is a beautiful, elongated white stone and is the first diamond of over 400 carats to be recovered at the mine since the recovery of the 910-carat Lesotho Legend in January 2018,” the mine said in a statement this week.

The 442-carat stone comes on the heels of other stones – a 163 carat yellow type I diamond recovered in June 2020, a 60-carat type I light yellow, an 87-carat type II D colour, a 66-carat type II D colour and a 23-carat type II D colour white diamond in April.

Commenting on the newest recovery, Letšeng Diamonds' chief executive officer Kelebone Leisanyane said: “Letšeng Diamonds

is grateful to the government of Lesotho for showing confidence in the mining industry during these difficult times of the COVID-19 pandemic and for having designated mining as an essential service in an effort to keep the wheels of the economy rolling”.

He added: “The recovery of this remarkable 442-carat diamond, one of the world's largest gem quality diamonds to be recovered this year, will contribute immensely to the fiscus in the form of taxes, royalties and dividends.”

Leisanyane said a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the diamond will also be used to fund a special community project, as agreed with the government in the new mining lease agreement.

“It is also important to note that Letšeng Diamonds will continue to maintain strict adherence to health and safety precautions

during the global COVID-19 pandemic,” he noted.

The mine processes ore from two kimberlite pipes, the ‘main’ and the ‘satellite’.

While both pipes bear extremely low-grade ore, averaging under two carats per hundred tonnes, Letšeng Diamonds is the highest dollar per carat kimberlite diamond mine in the world.

The mine is renowned for producing high quality white diamonds which are among the largest in the world. The discovery of a 910-carat diamond in 2018 was declared the fifth largest in the world.

The government of Lesotho holds 30% of shares while Gem Diamonds Limited which acquired the mine in 2006, holds 70%.

While it's hard to establish the price for such stones before cutters can evaluate them, it could sell for as much as \$18 million, Edward

Sterck, analyst at BMO Capital Markets, wrote.

The find comes as the global diamond industry has been brought to its knees by the pandemic. Jewelry stores have closed and India's cutting industry, which handles almost all of the world's stones, has come to a halt.

The miners that dominate the industry, De Beers and Russian rival Alrosa PJSC, have seen their rough diamond sales collapse.

“The recovery of this remarkable 442 carat diamond, one of the world's largest gem quality diamonds to be recovered this year, is a further confirmation of the caliber of the Letšeng mine and its ability to consistently produce large, high quality diamonds,” Clifford Elphick, Gem Diamonds' CEO, said in the statement.

Amid the COVID-19 nationwide lockdown, Letšeng reopened on April 27 guided by a full range of health and safety protocols.

# Gov't suspends issuance of new number plates



**STAFF REPORTER**

**MASERU** – The government through the Ministry of Public Transport has suspended the issuance of new vehicle registration number plates with immediate effect barely after two weeks of launching them.

This happened after the minister in charge, Tsoeu Mokeretla (pictured), noticed that they have erroneously issued the number plates without a hologram.

A hologram is a photograph of an interference pattern which, when suitably illuminated, produces a three-dimensional image.

It has to show features such as the names and location of the owner of the car.

Mokeretla said the hologram is one of the security features that the car has to bear.

He said the ministry has to fork out between M4 and 5 million to bring in the hologram.

He said the hologram has to be attached so that Lesotho's car registration numbers are harmonised with those of other regional and international communities.

The minister however said the problem was

with them, as the ministry, not the contractor who has been awarded the tender.

For those who have already been given the new number plates, Mokeretla said they will be recalled once they have addressed the problem while the registration process will still be going on so that there is no backlog.

He was hopeful that they would be done by September as the work on the new number plates only started this month.

“It is the requirement of the law to have the hologram as a package of the number plate,” Mokeretla said.

Meanwhile, taxi operators have dragged an issue of hiked prices for the number plates to the courts.

They argue that the new price is unreasonable. The price ballooned from M60 to M400.

The ministry said it increased the price so that some security features can be added to the number plate.

Also, the new number plate was an answer to the alphabets that have been exhausted at the ministry's database.

The ministry had jumped to S, M and R which are not within the law for registration of cars in the Maseru district.

Critics say the new number plates are mired in corruption and fraud because they do not even reflect a feature that they ought to have as per the law.

There is also a big concern from the public that they have since been charged M400 way back in 2017 before the new number plates were introduced.

At the time of going to print last night, the minister was not sure of the number of vehicles that have been issue the faulty number plates.

“I am not sure with the number but they are few,” Mokeretla said.



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## POLIHALI DAM AND TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION TO GO OUT TO OPEN TENDER

**Maseru, 18 August 2020.** The Lesotho Highlands Development Authority (LHDA) has cancelled the prequalification for the construction of the Polihali Dam and Polihali Transfer Tunnel initiated in 2019 and will shortly commence an open tender process for these Phase II water transfer main works.

This decision follows extensive consultation with key Project Authorities and the Lenders. This was after it was established that some of the Lenders' requirements were not adequately addressed in the prequalification process.

**Note,** the Lenders came on board after the prequalification exercise had already commenced.

The tenders will be advertised in local, international and regional media and on the LHDA and Lender's website. Interested parties are encouraged to participate.

# MMB welcomes new COVID-19 rules

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**MASERU** – The Maluti Mountain Brewery (MMB) has welcomed the government's decision to move the country to the purple level of the national restrictions, resulting in the official reopening of the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Under the latest Covid-19 regulations, liquor stores are allowed to operate at full capacity from 9am to 7pm with restricted quantities per person.

A person is allowed to purchase a maximum of one and half cases for one to 10 per cent alcohol

content and 6 litres for 11 to 20 per cent alcohol content and one litre for above 21 per cent alcohol content.

The decision comes at the time when the MMB and local liquor businesses were complaining and calling for the reopening of their facilities.

They also argued that their businesses were being threatened by the illegal trade of alcohol which had been taking place since the ban was imposed. Illegal operators were selling at ridiculously high prices, taking advantage of the high demand.

But thanks to the latest developments, the industry has now been allowed to operate at full capacity in line with the risk determination and mitigating measures for social activities set by government.

"We believe that opening up the economy and moving the country to the purple level is an important move for our economy. Lifting of the prohibition on the sale of alcohol has come as a welcome relief for our business and industry, and the thousands of livelihoods who depend on us.

"We fully understand that the situation requires vigilance and adherence to COVID-19 safety protocols, and we want to reassure our partners in government that we remain committed to supporting the national effort to curb the spread of this virus. We acknowledge and appreciate the balancing act," MMB country corporate affairs manager, Mathabang Fanyane said on Tuesday.

To ensure safety measures as prescribed by the authorities as well as keeping its commitment to working with government to prevent the spread, MMB will be supporting 1200 registered liquor outlets with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including face shields, face masks, sanitisers, gloves, floor stickers and COVID-19 educational posters.

"Almost 25 000 livelihoods depend on the alcohol industry's value chain. MMB as one of Lesotho's largest corporate citizens and economic engine drivers, we are looking forward to reinitiating the process of job creation and responsible growth for the industry, with an ultimate objective of returning confidence to ensure sustainability for all these livelihoods," Fanyane added.

She emphasised that MMB wants to play a leading role in this economic re-set and to proactively drive the acceleration of the nation's capability through planned localisation of production and local procurement interventions which are essential components to job creation.

A few weeks ago, MMB declared that the company was facing serious structural decline on output capacity as a result of countrywide restrictions that had prohibited the sale of and consumption of MMB products.

The company was on the verge of cancelling capital investments worth M70 million which were targeted at increasing the company's brewing capacity as well as depot expansion.

The company was stuck with M127 million worth of beer in its brewing house and depots that was supposed to be decanted if the ban continued.

Furthermore, during the ban, the Lesotho Revenue Authority (LRA) was losing M45 million in monthly taxes from MMB each time alcohol sales restrictions were put in place.

"We must now focus on economic recovery as we chart our way into the future. The resumption of responsible trade is essential, and we look forward to participating with our all social and economic partners, both small and large, in this essential redress for the benefit of our employees, all other stakeholders and our national economy," Fanyane further emphasized.

She said although times are challenging, MMB's purpose of bringing people together for a better world has not changed. The company, she said, is committed to further upscale on their consumer behavior education programmes to emphasise commitment to self-regulation.

## No salaries for teachers this month...! ...payments will be delayed by two or more weeks

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**MASERU** - Teachers are concerned about their delayed salaries for August, arguing it is now becoming the norm for government to defer their monthly wages unnecessarily.

The Minister of Education and Training Ntlhoi Motsamai (pictured) has said that the salaries will be delayed for this month due to the introduction of a new career and salary structure for teachers that also comes with a five per cent increment.

The revised teachers' career structure has been developed to guide career growth of teachers within the teaching service as well as accommodate new trends in the profession.

Some of the objectives of the new structure include the linking the teachers' career progression to their performance, qualifications and experience as well as enhance professionalism by recognizing the need for development of competence required for teaching and leadership positions.

It also allows for the provision of basic job description on the career ladder and improves staff motivation and retention within the teaching service.

Motsamai said the ministry is working directly with a South African based consultant to implement the new structure. But due to the COVID-19 shut down, the consultant is operating from SA through

online systems.

"This has been a difficult and sensitive work to complete. Progress was also interrupted by poor online systems, taking us longer than expected to bring this matter to finality," Motsamai said on Tuesday.

Teachers associations are however not satisfied with the ministry's statements, saying the delay has happened before.

They are therefore calling for the ministry to up its game sooner rather than later to avoid collapse of the local education system.

"We are completely disappointed by the announcement, particularly because we were only told on the same day that we were supposed to get paid. This is not the first time, and they always blame the consultant or the system for these interruptions," teachers' unions said in a statement on Tuesday.

The statement, which was co-signed by the four unions including Lesotho Teachers Trade Union (LTTU), Lesotho Association of Teachers (LAT), Progressive Association of Lesotho Teachers (PALT) and Lesotho Schools Principal Association (LESPA) went on to suggest to the ministry that teachers should be reimbursed their September 2019 salaries that were affected by the implementation of the "no work no pay" principle that was implemented as a punitive action by government following the teachers' strike.

In June, cabinet approved and ordered the

ministry to facilitate payment of all those who fell victims to the "no work no pay" rule. To date however, some teachers are still yet to receive such payments.

Since February last year, teachers across the country embarked on a series of protests demanding salary increase of eight per cent as well as improved working conditions.

In September the same year, government threatened and finally implemented a "no work no pay" principle following a fresh strike by teachers.

Government then embarked on random visits to schools and all teachers who were not present during that period are the ones who fell victim to the unfortunate incident.



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### ... In News



Deputy Prime Minister Mathibeli Mokhothu

Two South African army officers and two border officials were on Tuesday released on a MI 000 bail each by the Maseru Magistrate's Court. The quartet arrested last week Thursday for contravening the COVID-19 regulations and being in Lesotho without documentation was released following a visit of the top brass of the South African National Defence Force on Tuesday in Maseru.

Meanwhile Lesotho's delegation and special envoy spearheaded by Deputy Prime Minister Mathibeli Mokhothu was expected to meet its SA counterparts and President Cyril Ramaphosa on Wednesday afternoon in SA. The aim was to negotiate the release of two Lesotho's army officers who are also facing cross-border charges in the Mafatiele district, in South Africa. The duo has been locked behind bars, for over a month now and is due to appear in court again this week. The soldiers were allegedly ambushed and arrested as they tried to help Basotho livestock farmers to recover their stolen cattle on the South African side of the border.

Lesotho and SA army officials are reported to have agreed to resume joint training sessions and border campaigns as a way of restoring good relations between the two countries. The agreement was said to have been a direct order from the commanders, which is expected to start as soon as possible. The diplomatic spat caused by the arrests on both sides, with Lesotho accused of arresting the SA officials in retaliation, has already raised tensions on both sides of the security forces.

### ... In Politics



'MaAmandla 'Musa

Intra party conflicts within the ruling ABC have seen more of its supporters defect to other parties as the new coalition partners attempt to sieve elements in the service departments and political jobs on offer.

ABC's staunch supporter, 'MaAmandla 'Musa, famously known as Mofumahali oa Teyateyaneng le Mathoko, is the latest defector after she joined the chief collating partners, the Democratic Congress (DC).

Mofumahali has said her decision emanated from unending wrestling in the ABC structures, which were a result of the 2018 election conference which went sour.

## MoneyMatters make it count

GLEND A OOSTHUIZEN

Despite much progress on many fronts, women still have work to do when it comes to achieving financial security. The truth is that sound personal finances are the foundation of anyone's freedom. While women have made great strides in the workplace, in access to reproductive health and in numerous other areas, the average woman still finds herself in a relatively precarious position financially.

The massive changes triggered by Covid-19 and the measures to combat it have again highlighted just how financially vulnerable women across society actually are – but also, how resilient they are. Though the lockdowns have affected everyone, there has been extra pressure on women. Not only are they overrepresented among frontline health care workers, they are prominent in service industries where workers have been either furloughed or retrenched. In addition, they continue to earn less than their male peers. At the same time, their share of unpaid work – childcare, shopping, cooking and so on – has become more onerous, especially with schools being closed. Balancing the roles of employee or boss, full-time teacher, domestic goddess and parental caregiver is no sinecure. Women have seamlessly adapted to this multifaceted role – as they always do.

In the process, though, many have learned a lot about themselves and their finances. Many have realised that whatever havoc it has wreaked, lockdown has highlighted both the need to become more financially resilient and that it is possible to change even seemingly ingrained habits.

Based on my conversations with clients during this period, women have become aware of some important financial truths over this period:

One is that it's important not to prioritise the immediate needs of their family above saving, simply because it seems like there is no alternative. One needs to take the long view because, guess what, curve balls like Covid-19 could come your way without notice.

A second important lesson is that we do not need to spend as much we used to. Although not a popular thought, we could thank lockdown for showing us that we can, in fact, make substantial cuts to expenses we previously thought were essential – and redirect them more effectively. Transport costs (petrol, taxis, Uber, even insurance) have been cut dramatically, daily coffee stops are a thing of the past and those 'must-have' hair and nail appointments are no longer in our diaries. And,

# Women must take control of their financial futures



now that we have learned to live without them, or at least reduce them, we must learn how to invest any spare cash.

If there is any advice I can give a woman, no matter her stage of life, it is to set goals and then create a sound financial plan to help achieve them. The good news is that she does not have to do it alone. For the first timer, the thought of financial planning can be daunting. I have found that many women often feel more comfortable speaking to a female financial advisor. Women understand women and are more likely to empathise with how they think and feel, which is critical on such an important and personal journey.

Another barrier to starting down the investment path is fear. Putting your money in the bank is a sure way to miss out on a comfortable future, so if investing in the stock market makes you nervous, start off with unit trusts: they make excellent medium- to long-term solutions for growing your wealth, and they show you the incredible benefits

of compound interest. Additionally, in these cash-strapped times, it is also really important to know that financial advice will not cost you a cent as the advisor will, most-often, receive a fee from the Product Provider.

A good advisor will tell you to have a minimum of three months of savings in case of an emergency, such as the one we are experiencing right now. While it may sound unattainable, if you invest 15% to 20% of your earnings each and every month, you will achieve that goal and also grow your retirement nest egg.

A final, important point is that women must educate themselves about the various financial products and how they work, and they must insist on being fully in the loop if they have a partner who is "in charge of the money". The 21st Century is one of great change, and it is time for women to take ownership of their finances, and thus, of their futures too.

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## Out of The Ordinary

# Buying wedding dress before engagement



... Woman brutally mocked for buying wedding dress before she's engaged to 'get ahead'

The woman took to Facebook to share the good news that her boyfriend had bought her a promise ring, and to celebrate she had purchased herself a wedding dress - but she was mocked.

A woman who purchased her wedding dress before her boyfriend had even proposed to her has been brutally mocked online.

The wannabe bride explained that her partner had surprised her with a gorgeous promise ring out of the blue.

# Metro HEALTHY Living

## Cancer clinic to cost M18 Million

KABELO MASOABI

**MASERU** – Lesotho has been awarded M18 million for the establishment of the first cancer treatment clinic in the country.

The project funded by Bristol Meyer Squib Foundation (BMSF), is spearheaded by the National University of Lesotho (NUL) and Senkatana Centre of Excellence.

According to Dr 'Maseabata Ramathebane, from the NUL Faculty of Health Sciences, who is leading the project from the university side, the clinic will apply chemotherapy along with awareness campaigns and screening to encourage early diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

She said the refurbished building along with state-of-the-art chemotherapy equipment will be installed soon. The Oncology Clinic will be called Senkatana Oncology Centre.

Again, the funding Ramathebane said will assist NUL to introduce new courses in Oncology under the science department to deal with prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer. The future students of this course will do practical lessons at the Senkatana Centre of Excellence.

Ramathebane said cancer is becoming another head-ache in Lesotho, adding it urgently needs to be uprooted from the society.

“But when you are diagnosed with cancer here, chances are you might end up in Bloemfontein and or India. That is because Lesotho has no cancer treatment facilities whatsoever except for a limited capacity for screening and diagnoses.

“If you are taken to India, that means Lesotho will have to pay for your air-ticket and that of a nurse who goes along with you, your accommodation and your treatment there, where you might spend as long as three months.

“That is no small amount of money to be paid for each cancer patient. So if you are paying such astronomical amounts of money as a country, it's common sense to want to reduce the costs by creating your own clinic for cancer treatment,” she said.

A report has showed that NUL led by Dr Ramathebane along with the Senkatana team, worked tirelessly to develop the idea of a cancer treatment clinic. BMSF itself went as far as



sending experts to assist with the development of proposals.

According to the statement, this is how the clinic will operate:

“Even before you are screened, let alone diagnosed, the clinic will increase your knowledge and understanding of cancer and why early screening is good. The nature of cancer is such that if you treat it early, you have higher chances of success. Aside from

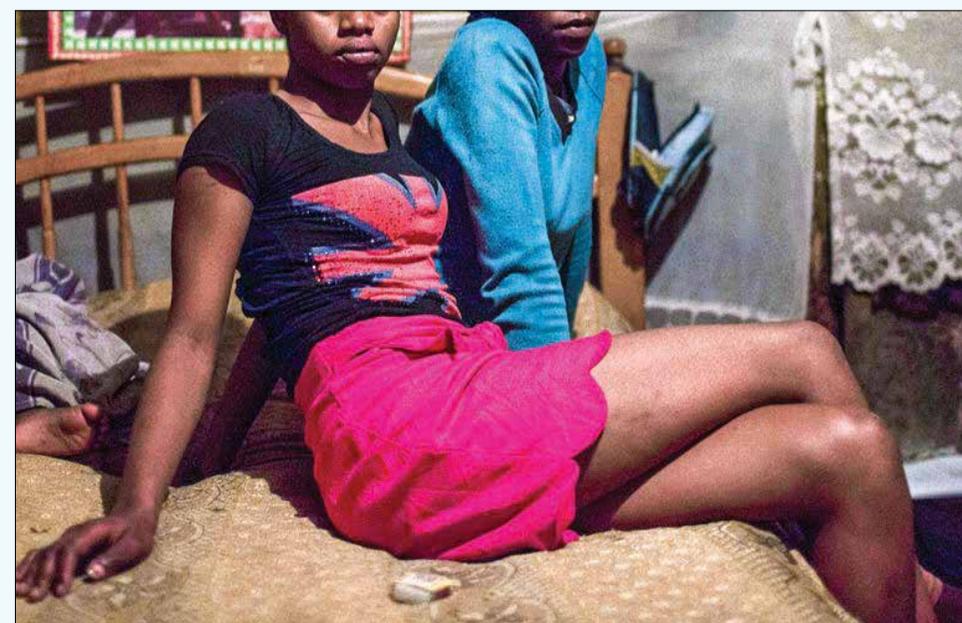
encouraging people to test, the clinic will also have capacity to do screening for potential cancer patients. At this point, the idea is to see if you might have cancer or not.

Once the screening is done, there may be a need for diagnosis, which is where the presence of the disease is confirmed. Although Queen 'Mamohato Memorial Hospital (Tšepong) has some capacity to diagnose, it is not a full capacity so some diagnosis will still

need to be done in South Africa.

Whereas the new clinic will not do diagnoses, once patients are diagnosed, they will be accepted here for chemotherapy treatment instead of being shipped abroad. Only chemotherapy will be done here, those who need radiation will still have to go out, until further notice—another opportunity for the country to start doing cost-benefit analysis.”

## KAPAL reaches out to sex workers



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**MASERU** - Key Affected Population Alliance of Lesotho (KAPAL) has received a small grant from Frontline AIDS through its Rapid Response Fund.

The fund will help sex workers and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBTI) people affected by COVID-19 in terms of accommodation, food and health services.

KAPAL as the first and only sex workers organisation in Lesotho will hand out food parcels to 12 sex workers and rental contributions to another group of 12 sex workers.

The coordinator from KAPAL, Lepheana Mosooane, noted that when the government declared a state of emergency earlier this year, they had to come up with a solution to help these people to be able to live even in these hard times.

He said the challenges that these people had included not having transport to go to work and since clients were few they did not make enough money to pay their rent, buy food and transport money to go to clinics for services and medication that they take in their everyday lives.

Mosooane said they also thought of hygiene kits which include menstrual products, but in this initiative, he noted that will not be catered for.

The response will however also hand out masks, condoms, lubricants and HIV self-tests to all the 24 beneficiaries.

As KAPAL is a new self-funded organisation, the People's Matrix Association has provided it with office space and all the beneficiaries will receive their items at Matrix office on Saturday.

The initiative is expected to last for three months and all are called on to help after the three-month period is over.

## Rack your brain to keep it active

Just like other parts of body your brain also need some exercise, not physical but a mental one. Solving crosswords challenge the memory and language areas of your brain, while jigsaw puzzles exercise the parietal lobes. So, keep playing mental games to sharpen your brain power.

## Runner's Knee

Runner's knee - also known as patellofemoral pain syndrome - is a painful condition that occurs when tendons, joint lining (synovia), and/or other soft tissues of the knee become irritated. Overuse can cause runner's knee. So can a misaligned kneecap. In addition to pain, runner's knee may lead to popping and cracking.

## Nervous System Function

The nervous system allows us to sense stimuli such as light, sound, smell, and touch from our environment. It also allows rapid communication of stimuli within our body, such as sensations of pain, illness, and wellness. It also gives us the brain. The last important function of the nervous system is to allow our brain to send signals to back to our body, enabling us to respond to environmental stimuli.

## TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

# Forgotten areas to disinfect against Coronavirus and other germs

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Part of the new normal should be

regularly cleaning surfaces and objects that people touch the most, but sometimes we take things for granted especially on things we mostly share.

The discovery of the novel Coronavirus has many people rushing to disinfect their homes and offices.

According to the National COVID-19 Secretariat (NACOSEC), COVID-19 can spread from touching contaminated surfaces and objects such as doors, knobs, mobile devices, laptops, pens and elevator buttons among others.

NACOSEC further indicates that COVID-19 mainly spreads from person to person, but it can be left on objects and surfaces. If one touches something contaminated and then touches their face, or another's face, they might all fall ill.

Many of these high-touch items are

well known, however, there are many objects people may not think of - such as shared phones, pens and other electronic pads, car and office/home keys and many other items, as well as bathrooms.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is said to be mainly spread by respiratory droplets. When someone infected with COVID-19 coughs or sneezes, respiratory droplets that contain the virus are expelled and can be breathed in by someone nearby.

Although the virus cannot enter the body through the skin, the respiratory droplets carrying the virus can get into the airways or mucous membranes of the

eyes, nose, or mouth to infect the next person.

The virus can also be spread if one touches a surface contaminated with virus and then touches their eyes, nose or mouth.

NACOSEC further states that routine cleaning and disinfecting is key to maintaining a safe environment.

It says removing dirt and germs through washing with soap and running water is one of the most important measures of fighting the spread of the virus.

Disinfection kills most germs, depending on the chemicals used.

# Lesotho receives more equipment from UN



UN resident coordinator in Lesotho Salvatore Niyonzima

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MASERU - The United Nations (UN) resident coordinator Salvatore Niyonzima has called on all hands to come together if Lesotho is to win against COVID-19.

He said the pandemic represents the most difficult challenge to human life and livelihoods which started as a health crisis before turning into a social as well as economic crisis.

To prevent and take precaution against the spread of the disease, Lesotho went into lockdown in March.

Long before the first case was recorded in the country, people were already feeling its negative impact on many fronts including the negative effects on business and trade.

Niyonzima commended the government for being proactive and taking early measures to contain the spread of the virus in Lesotho.

He however also noted that in

reality, the pandemic is far from over. Since Lesotho recorded its COVID-19 first case in May, the country has, to date, registered 1 015 cases, 526 recoveries and 31 deaths.

With new cases still rising in the country, this is the time for all to work closely together, Niyonzima appealed.

"This is the time when we need all hands on deck to respond to the health crisis and also to plan recovery together," he noted at the handing over ceremony of the new equipment and PPE in Maseru on Tuesday.

He said the UN, the World Bank and many other partners have been working hand in hand with the Lesotho government to respond to the crisis.

He added: "We are here to witness the type of cooperation and solidarity which should take place within and between countries and organisations. Today we are delighted to hand over COVID-19 diagnostics equipment, personal protective equipment and critical

care equipment from various UN agencies. I am pleased to be here with my colleagues from the UN."

This collective contribution comes from WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, the UN Technology Bank, and the World Bank. It comprises two PCR machines, two laboratory glove safety boxes, 54 oxygen concentrators and PPEs for an estimated value of \$500,000 (approximately M8.4 million).

WHO and the UN provided 54 oxygen concentrators; the UN Technology Bank facilitated a donation of 100,000 face masks from the World Eco-Design Conference, the World Bank and UNFPA provided PPEs; and UNICEF facilitated the procurement and clearing of the consignments.

Niyonzima said as the number of COVID-19 patients increases, the need for critical care equipment has also risen in the hospitals.

He said the above equipment will allow for critical care to be provided in the ICU centers and in district facilities, while also helping to

alleviate challenges encountered in the management of people with life-threatening medical problems.

The PCR machines will enable more testing for the diseases to be done in Lesotho without having to send samples abroad and ensure that individuals get their test results in good time.

The PCR machines are capable of testing COVID-19 including other pathogens which can adversely impact the health of the population, Niyonzima also explained.

On behalf of the government, the Minister of Health Motlatsi Maqelepo thanked all partners involved in getting the essential equipment for the government.

He said the contribution will go a long way in ensuring that Lesotho is well placed to adequately respond to COVID-19, adding he was certain that the equipment will ease the load and save a lot of lives.

UN aims at providing commodities to assist in the equipping of health facilities and laboratories for the benefit of the Basotho. In the longer term, the UN system in Lesotho hopes this will help strengthen the country's capacity to respond to future public health emergencies, working together with the government on all fronts.

# Sekhametsi helps police fight crime

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MASERU - The Sekhametsi Investment Consortium has donated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to the police patrol unit to help fight rampant corruption in Maseru.

The donation in the form of riding equipment is targeted to specifically curb corruption within the Maseru city and on the outskirts of town.

The handing over ceremony was held on August 21 in Maseru.

Receiving the donation on behalf of the bikers, the Commissioner of Police, Holomo Molibeli, acknowledged that corruption existed in all its forms, adding police

were ready to uproot at all costs.

Despite its unique importance in the riders' life, like protecting them from injury and keeping them safe in case of accidents, Holomo said the equipment will be used to respond to the alarming rate of corruption throughout the country.

"With the use of this equipment, I believe the worrying reports of crime will be reduced substantially," he also said.

He said the 30 riders within the police patrol unit will use the equipment at traffic check-points and speed-humps, where he noted that people get robbed and mugged at gunpoint.

"Within the patrol unit, there are those who will use motorcycles

and we are now in the process of buying bicycles to respond to other challenges," he said.

The team, he also said will ensure that traffic runs smoothly on the metro routes at all times.

"It is however always a challenge to respond to traffic emergencies because most of the time the officers have to walk to and from such places due to lack of transport. But now that we have the essential equipment, our work will be much easier," Molibeli said.

Leboela Lebeta chairperson of the Sekhametsi Investment Consortium said the equipment will help the police to perform their duties better.

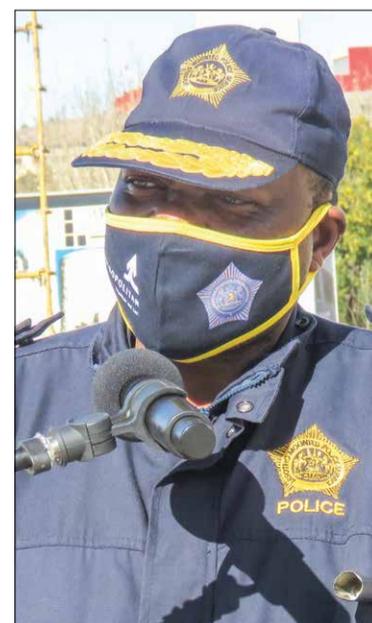
"After all, this is what they do

best, they have been dealing with such emergencies for years and with the right equipment in their hands, their work will be much easier," he said.

He said they are not helping the police because they were affected by the on-going global pandemic than other groups of the society, but because they believe that safety comes first for every Mosotho.

"We therefore believe that with this kind of help, the police will be able to intervene with less challenges," Lebeta said.

He appealed to other local companies to come to the aid of the police in all their needs to ensure they do everything possible to work and protect the nation.



APPRECIATIVE: Police Commissioner Holomo Molibeli



# Airlink expands routes, frequencies

Airlink will reintroduce five routes in its expanded Level 2 network.

The airline will commence flights between Johannesburg and Pietermaritzburg on September 7 with a twice-daily service, early-morning and late-afternoon same-day return flights, every day except Saturdays.

It will also introduce a midday Johannesburg-Mthatha service on September 7, which will operate daily except Saturdays.

A Johannesburg-Hoedspruit service, from September 7, will initially operate one flight per day on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays in the late morning. Hoedspruit is the gateway to

Timbavati, Thornybush, Klaserie and Manyeleti, and Phalaborwa and the Northern Kruger National Park via the

Phalaborwa gate.

Johannesburg-Skukuza lunchtime flights will commence on September 14, operating on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays. This services the Kruger National Park and the Sabi Sands Game Reserve collective of private game reserves.

Skukuza Airport is also accessible from Cape Town via Johannesburg on Airlink with a short airport transit connection of one hour 15 minutes for the direct Johannesburg-Skukuza flight.

The Cape Town-Upington once-daily service starts on September 7 and will operate on Mondays and Fridays.

Simultaneously, Airlink will increase frequencies on two routes currently operating. Cape Town-George: from September 7 the reinstated early-morning flight will

depart Cape Town at 06h40 arriving in George at 07h35, departing George at 08h00 and arriving Cape Town at 09h00 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The existing afternoon flights depart Cape Town at 15h40, arriving in George at 16h35, and departs George at 17h00, arriving in Cape Town at 18h00. The current afternoon flights operate on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays but from September 8 will also operate on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

Cape Town-Port Elizabeth: a second early-morning flight has been added on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It will depart Cape Town at 07h10, arriving in PE at 08h15. The return flight departs PE 08h50 and arrives in Cape Town 10h15.

Travel news

## Recipe Of The Week

# Oven Baked Crispy Parmesan Garlic Shrimp

### Ingredients

- 1 lb raw shrimp
- 2 eggs
- 2 cloves of garlic pressed salt
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder salt
- 1/2 cup dry Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup Panko
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tbsp dry basil salt

### Dipping sauce:

- 1/2 cup your favorite ranch dressing
- 1 large garlic clove pressed
- 2 tbsp dry Parmesan cheese

### Instructions

Preheat oven to 425 and lightly grease a baking sheet.

Prepare three shallow but wide bowls for coating the shrimp.

In one bowl, combine eggs, pressed garlic, and salt. Whisk well.

In another bowl, combine flour, garlic powder, and salt. Mix until evenly incorporated.

In the third bowl, combine Panko, dry Parmesan cheese, dry basil, garlic powder, and salt. Mix until evenly incorporated.

Rinse shelled shrimp (you can leave tails on) and pat them dry with a paper towel. Batter

each shrimp by first dredging it in flour mixture, then dipping it into egg mixture, and last, rolling it in Panko mixture. Press coating onto the shrimp gently and lay it on the prepared baking sheet.

Repeat with all the shrimp. (If using small shrimp, you can save time by coating a few at a time.)

Bake for 7-9 minutes. (Please note that jumbo shrimp might take a couple more minutes.)

For dipping sauce, simply mix ranch, pressed garlic, and dry Parmesan cheese together.



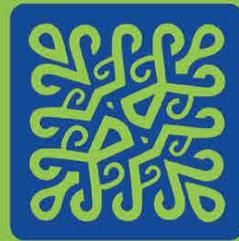
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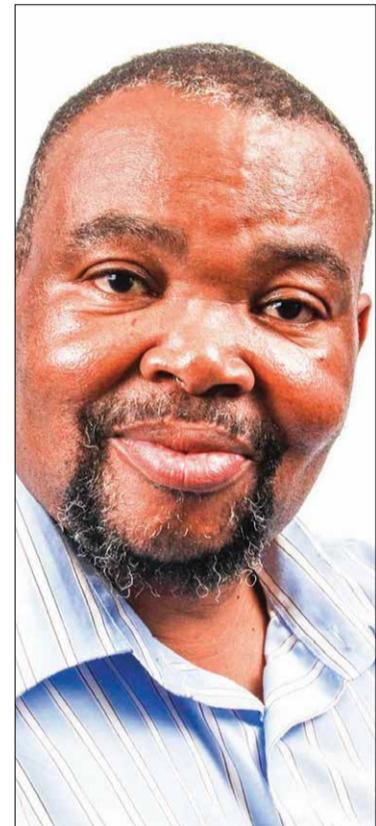


# Metro OBITUARIES + IN MEMORIAM

Tributes to family and friends

## Sbusiso Mseleku

### The gentle sport giant laid to rest in Durban



Press' sports editor a year and a half ago.

He had recently started his online

company S'busiso Mseleku Sports, also using the Facebook platform.

His friend, Duma Ndlovo who

is the creator of TV soapies -

Muvhango and Uzalo said he had lost a dear friend, a brother and a cousin.

adding the family is still trying to come to terms with Mseleku's passing.

DIED 59, Sbusiso Mseleku legendary South African sports journalist died on Monday August 17 at the Midvaal Private Hospital in Vereeniging from a COVID-19 related illness.

The former City Press veteran sports editor was laid to rest last Sunday in Durban.

Family spokesperson Vincent Magwenya confirmed that Mseleku died from a corona virus related illness.

Several figures from including among others the media and the football fraternity sent their condolences to the family on his passing.

South African Football Journalists Association (Safja) described Mseleku as a "gentle giant, an absolute legend, an amazing soul, a real mentor and a level headed guy, a humble soul. There was never a dull moment when he was around".

Veteran journalist Tim Modise expressed sadness over Mseleku's passing while extending sympathies to his family.

Renowned sportscaster Robert Marawa said Mseleku was inspiring.

The award-winning sports writer whose career spanned over three decades will always be remembered as an inspiring and hardworking member of the press.

He is survived by his wife and five children.

He delivered sports insights as an analyst at the SABC and also worked at various news outlets including The Sowetan, DRUM Magazine.

Mseleku was born in eMagabeni, a small township south of Durban in KwaZulu-Natal.

He came to Johannesburg in the eighties after cutting his teeth in the journalism fraternity in Durban when he had worked briefly for Ilanga lase Natali.

He retired as Joburg weekly City

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  - Provide daily monitoring of all activity and conversion measurements, identifying negative variances and actioning same accordingly.
  - Maintain detailed records of all activation and conversion data as well as of all interventions on underperforming agents and team leaders.
  - Provide daily reports, i.r.o. activity and conversion statistics and interventions as well as on general operational items, to line management, in the prescribed format and at the prescribed times.
  - Identify, analyze and report on new trends in microfinance in the region.
  - Interact and maintain key client relationships with employers and third parties.
- Collections:**
  - Ensure that service levels in branches and satellite offices under your control meet the required standards.
  - Ensure that visitors' registers and complaints' registers in branches and satellite offices are strictly maintained and audited.
  - Conduct daily, weekly and monthly meetings with your sales team(s) discussing the previous period's work and the following period's planned activities.
  - Prepare and submit weekly plans at the end of each week detailing activities for the following week.
- Ensure collection of byproducts from Ministries, Counties and other cost centres within your region to meet the set deadline every month.**
- Ensure that feedback on byproduct status and collection is provided to Collections Manager and Country Head daily.**
- Ensure that payments from ministries, Counties and other cost centres within your region are promptly followed up with and collected.**
- Ensure that feedback on payments status and collection is provided to Collections Manager and Country Head daily.**
- Ensure that any dropped accounts and/or uploads, as informed by the Collections Manager, are promptly notified to the relevant Ministry, County or cost centre and are promptly followed up with in accordance with deadlines as provided from time to time.**
- Ensure monthly mismatches are lodged at respective payrolls and feedback provided within the set deadlines.**
- Partial Performing Arrears Rollover Campaigns, as allocated to each Regional Manager monthly, to**

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be actioned daily (calling – appointment – rollover) and reported on daily to the Collections Manager and Country Head.

h. Calling, tracing and visiting of next of kin on deceased client matters to obtain death certificates for submission to the Collections Manager to conclude deceased claims via the relevant credit life insurer. Reporting on these daily to the Collections Manager and Country Head.

### 3. Housekeeping:

- Carry out regional monthly internal audits as set out in the audit templates, to the standard and in accordance with the deadlines set, to ensure compliance with Standard Operating Procedures ("SOPs").
- Ensure adequate and proper control and management of all assets in your care, including but not limited to vehicles, electronic devices such as tablets, mobile phones, laptops, desktop, printers, copiers etc., furniture, fixtures and fittings, kitchen appliances, safety deposit boxes and/or safes, stationery, cash, vouchers etc. and ensure that proper records of all are maintained and that all are properly cared for and serviced/maintained in accordance with the manufacturers specifications.
- Ensure that the Select Group values, as defined from time to time, are shared with all staff, and actively propagated through induction sessions for all new staff and regular communication sessions with all existing staff, as well as actively practicing same and setting the example.

### Qualification Requirement

A Degree in Business Studies, Business Management or Business Administration is essential.

### Experience / Background Preference

- The company will only look at candidates who have no less than 3 years' relevant experience in a financial services institution in Lesotho.
- Previous Microfinance experience will be highly advantageous.
- Previous managerial experience is essential.
- Must be able to work flexible hours.
- Must be highly computer literate.
- Must be in possession of a valid, clean drivers licence.

### Personnel Competencies

- A self-starter who is performance driven and is able to handle the responsibilities associated with the position, with honesty and integrity.
- A team player who is approachable and receptive to ideas/feedback from others.
- Ability to communicate clearly both verbally and in writing.
- A logical thinker who has a clear, focused and methodical approach to work.
- Results orientated - strongly motivated to achieve results, adhere to deadlines.
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- Tough-minded, rarely upset by criticism and able to retain optimism despite setbacks.
- Must have strong customer service skills.

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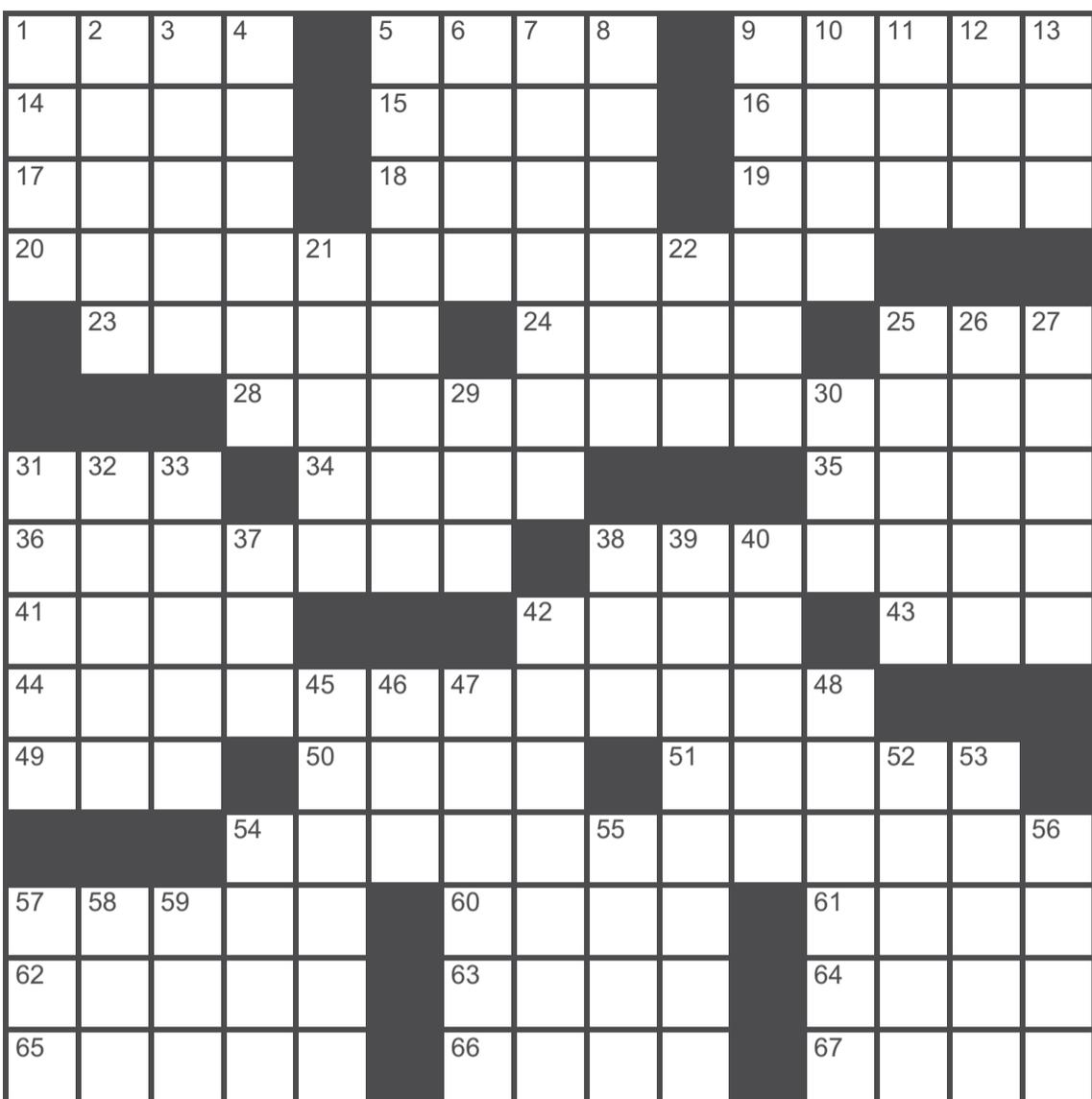
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### ACROSS

- 1. Barbershop sound
- 5. They may provide relief
- 9. Shenanigan
- 14. Opera set in Egypt
- 15. Aid and \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Egypt's capital
- 17. Break off
- 18. Eye drop
- 19. Turn red, perhaps
- 20. Neutral spirits
- 23. Romanian dance
- 24. Eastern ties
- 25. Not at home
- 28. Untouchable
- 31. Fitting
- 34. Understand

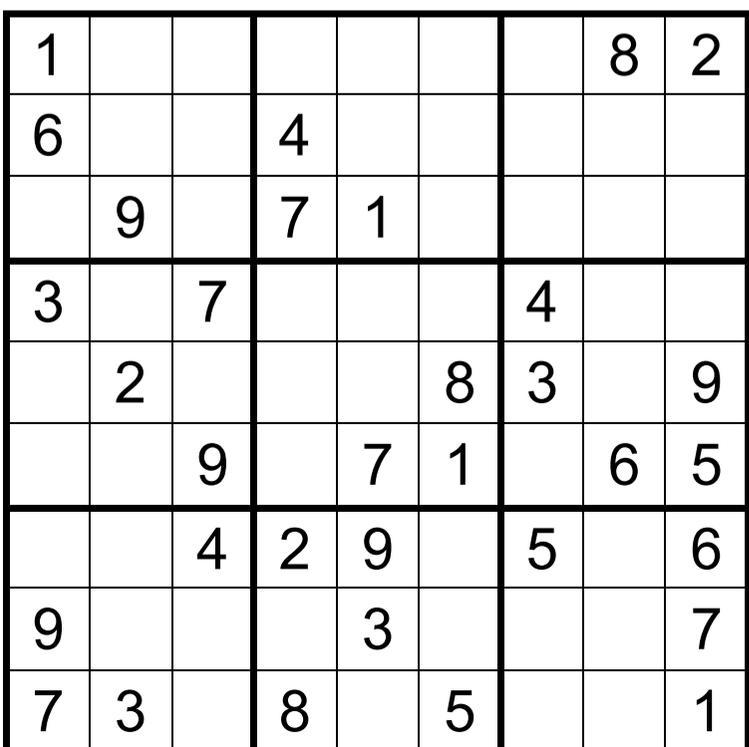
- 35. Sawbucks
- 36. Overabundance
- 38. Unfathomable
- 41. Thick slice
- 42. Chills and fever
- 43. Historic period
- 44. Ambitious
- 49. Sycophant's response
- 50. False god
- 51. Drudgery
- 54. Hurricane lamp
- 57. "Farewell, mon ami"
- 60. Navy commando
- 61. Threesome
- 62. Sanskrit rule or aphorism
- 63. Able to see right through
- 64. All square

- 65. Step on it
- 66. Dish cooked in a pot
- 67. Completely fix

### DOWN

- 1. Cause
- 2. Beethoven's "Choral" Symphony
- 3. Sun Valley locale
- 4. Egyptian paper reeds
- 5. German spy
- 6. Brother of Cain
- 7. Proud foul
- 8. Flash
- 9. Straddling
- 10. It gets hit on the head
- 11. Service award
- 12. Intense anger

## Sudoku Puzzle



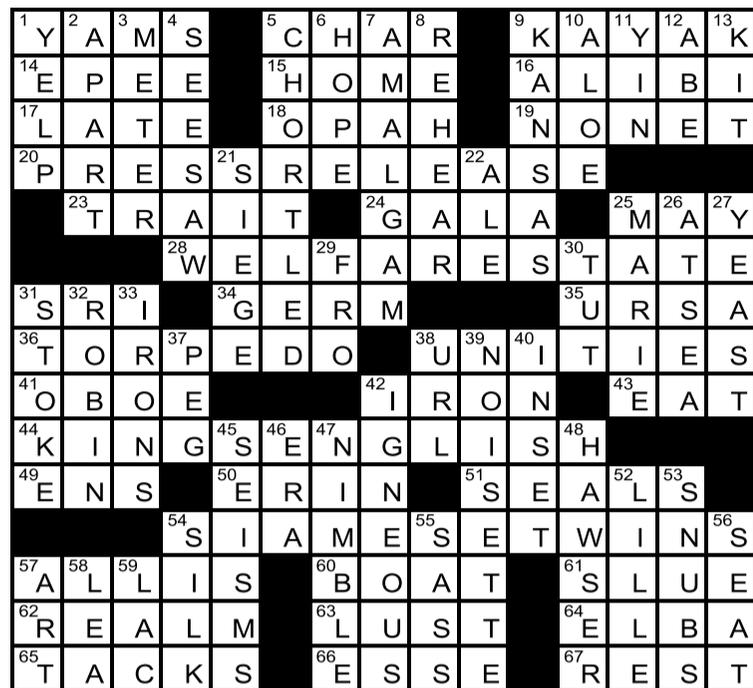
Fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, each column and each 3x3 square contain all the from 1-9

This is the Quick Sudoku for the solver in a hurr: target time, ten minutes.

### Last Week's Solution

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8	9	3	2	5	1	7	4	6
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5	3	7	6	1	2	8	9	4
6	4	9	3	8	7	5	2	1
7	5	2	1	4	9	6	8	3
3	8	1	5	2	6	4	7	9

## Last Week's Solution



- 13. Hoodwink
- 21. "Tootsie" Oscar winner
- 22. Old what's-\_\_\_\_ - name
- 25. Way too weighty
- 26. Of an arm bone
- 27. Electrical pioneer Nikola
- 29. Bunk
- 30. "\_\_\_\_ De-Lovely"
- 31. Analyze
- 32. Throb
- 33. Snares
- 37. J. Edgar Hoover's org.
- 38. Long
- 39. Cottage
- 40. Pine
- 42. Disorder
- 45. Rite
- 46. "MuchAbout Nothing"
- 47. Trunks
- 48. Refuse
- 52. Chutzpah
- 53. Preserved, in a way
- 54. "Buona\_\_\_\_\_" (Italian greeting)
- 55. After curfew
- 56. Faux pas
- 57. Cleo's undoing
- 58. Expected
- 59. "\_\_\_\_ better be good!"

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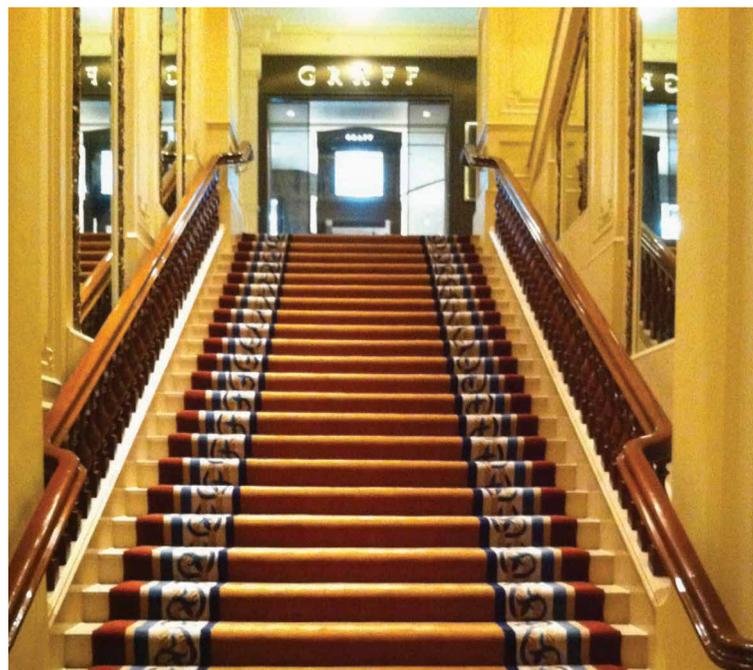
### Question (Answer next week)

These words have had their vowels removed. Can you replace the vowels to make some vegetables:

- cbbg,
- clflwr,
- ccmbr,
- crgtt,
- crrt,
- clrc



## Last Week's Answer



Upstairs, downstairs.



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### Protect the interior of your car

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Having a clean and nice looking car will feel more comfortable. You will feel better and have pride of ownership. Cleaning doesn't have to be a chore either. For many, it's about keeping up a schedule of doing a little at a time.

When I make it a priority, I am always able to fit in the time to clean my car's interior. I feel nice to being in a nice looking car and feel good when others can feel comfortable in it also.

The best way to maintain the interior is to do a quick cleaning of any trash each time you exit the car and then schedule in a date and time to vacuum and doing other cleaning needed.

Keeping all the necessary

gear in one place will help expedite your cleaning and make thing easier.

Maintaining your car is a good idea for your wallet, your time, and peace of mind. It might seem like a bother at times, but the effort is worth it over time.

You'll have pride of ownership when you keep a regular schedule of maintenance from a service center or by yourself. You can do a better job than some professional because you can take your time and not have to rush as you can do your inspections and repairs of your choosing.

Best of all your improving the condition of your car one step at a time.



# Suzuki outgrows its South African home



Suzuki Auto South Africa will soon vacate its well-known head office and warehouse facility in Johannesburg for a much larger building nearby. The complete move to the new premises will be complete by 1

September 2020.

The announcement comes shortly after the brand reported 1213 new vehicle sales in July, with 1200 of these sold through its dealer network to customers across South

Africa. Among the top performing Suzuki models were the newly introduced S-Presso, which was delivered to 325 customers in July, the Swift (323 new units sold) and the Jimny with 150 units sold.

The new Suzuki head office and warehouse facility is located at 52 Saturn Crescent, in the Linbro Business Park in Johannesburg, which gives Suzuki direct access to the N3, N1 and M1 main arteries in and out of Gauteng, and it allows for a highly efficient receipt and distribution of parts.

"We are moving to a new facility to better serve to our fast-growing South African customer base. Since breaking the 1 000 units a month barrier in August 2017, we have broken our own sales record multiple times, necessitating the move to a larger facility that can hold more parts and more efficiently support

the larger car parc," says André Venter, divisional manager for sales and marketing at Suzuki Auto South Africa.

The new warehouse facility is joined to Suzuki's new corporate head office and now offers 1 600 m2 of floorspace. This is an increase of 42% over the previous warehouse facility, and it features a mezzanine level that adds an additional 655 m2 of floorspace.

"We have tasked our engineers to design the warehouse for the most efficient storage of parts and components, so they have increased the rack height by 20% to add additional storage space. With this extra space, we were able to consolidate all our national warehousing space into this one facility for more efficient and more cost-effective storage," says Venter.

Suzuki has also increased the

design of its receiving area by a third and more than doubled the dispatch area for the faster loading and dispatching of parts.

The high-density storage and large dispatch area will allow Suzuki to contain the cost of its repair and service parts and offer 24-hour turnaround times on most orders. This philosophy is behind Suzuki's recent recognition by Malcolm Kinsey in the AA Kinsey Report and Cars.co.za in the Cars.co.za Consumer Awards, powered by WesBank, singled Suzuki out for its low cost of ownership and exceptional customer support.

"With the new facility, we are able to dispatch parts orders to dealers every day. We have also introduced an order-and-pick-up service to dealers in Gauteng, which makes the parts available in 24 hours or less.

# Jaguar Classic will celebrate 60 years of E-Type

Jaguar Classic will create six matched pairs of E-types to celebrate the iconic sports car's 60th anniversary in 2021: the E-type 60 Collection.

Each pair of E-type 60 Edition cars pay tribute to two of the oldest and most famous Jaguar E-types of all: '9600 HP' and '77 RW', which played pivotal roles in the unveiling of the car at its world debut in Geneva, Switzerland in March 1961.

An Opalescent Gunmetal Grey 3.8-litre Fixed-Head Coupe registered '9600 HP' was one of the first two E-types unveiled to specially-invited guests at the Parc des Eaux Vives. Driven 'flat out' to Switzerland from Coventry the night before the launch, public relations manager Bob Berry arrived with minutes to spare for demonstration drives.

With an outstanding reaction to the E-type resulting in overwhelming

demand for drives with Berry, legendary Jaguar Test and Development Engineer Norman Dewis was told to 'drop everything' and drive a British Racing Green 3.8-litre roadster registered '77 RW' overnight from Coventry to Geneva.

Both cars were also used for media road tests, which proved the car's sensational performance – including its 241km/h top speed – matched its jet aircraft-inspired lines honed in a wind tunnel by aerodynamicist Malcolm Sayer.

Every E-type 60 Edition built by the team at Jaguar's Classic Works facility in Warwickshire will be an existing 1960s 3.8-litre E-type fully-restored to exclusive 60th anniversary tribute specification.

Each E-type 60 Collection pair will include one Flat Out Grey '9600 HP' coupe and one Drop Everything



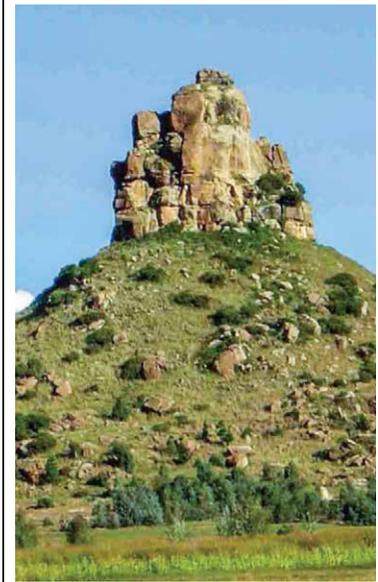
Green '77 RW' roadster, with unique paint formulations exclusively reserved for these cars. Each E-type 60 Edition will feature a number of 60th anniversary commemorative design details created in conjunction with Jaguar Design Director Julian

Thomson.

Synonymous with the revolutionary zeitgeist of the Swinging Sixties, E-types were owned by celebrities including Steve McQueen, Brigitte Bardot, Frank Sinatra, George Harrison, Tony

Curtis and Britt Ekland. And, thanks to the beauty of its sculptural forms, its functionality and its impact on design, an E-type became only the third car to join The Museum of Modern Art's design collection in 1996.

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News in Sports

Matlama FC have confirmed the signing of top A Division striker Paseka Pita from Thaba-Bosiu-based side Machokha FC. Pita penned a three-year deal with Tse-Putsoa. During his spell with Machokha, Pita scored a total of 15 goals in 16 matches in the just ended 2019/2020 season.

As the international competition gradually opens, Lesotho's top cyclist Tumelo Makae alongside South African Cherie Redecker on Monday rode the Swiss Epic for pumpforpeace and took the win at the mixed team field. As part of the pumpforpeace team, the duo represented Velosolutions that aims to give children from underprivileged families a chance to ride bicycles and become better people. The first pump track set by pumpforpeace was in Lesotho. Makae is one of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Scholarship for Athletes beneficiaries and is currently based in Switzerland where he is training at the World Cycling Centre while Redecker is based in Germany.

The construction of a technical centre is progressing at a speedy rate at the Lesotho Football Association (LeFA) headquarters at the Bambatha Tšita Sports Arena, Maseru. The construction will see LeFA build a centre inclusive of a



gymnasium. As of Tuesday, the external and internal walls were already up, while the flooring is totally complete. This construction was last week at the electrical and plumbing installations stage.

Meanwhile, LeFA will later on extend the construction to the installation of an artificial pitch and spectator seating at one of Bambatha Tšita playing grounds. "The ground construction will be done by a company from Holland. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, they were not able to travel with ease. We are busy working on their work permits and they are expected to arrive soon for quarantine and begin to work," LeFA secretary general Mokhosi Mohapi said. The construction is done through funding from the Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA) Forward Project and is expected to be completed in 2021.

The Chess Federation of Lesotho has announced that some of Lesotho's qualified chess coaches have ventured on an initiative of teaching chess through the internet. The trio of Naleli Mcpherson, Sechaba Khalema and Mphetole Mona has embarked on a journey of uploading chess tutorials on a Youtube platform launched by McPherson.

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# Linare target Teboho Moloji for head coach

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**MASERU** - Former South Africa's Orlando Pirates playmaker and technical assistant, Teboho Moloji, has been linked to the Leribe-based premier league side Linare FC as the team seeks to employ a head coach to lead the squad into the new season.

Linare publicist, Lebeso Molati, confirmed that the club is currently seeking a head coach and will be excited if Moloji agrees to join them.

He said Moloji (pictured) has been working with the team since last year under voluntary basis, holding training sessions while Moses Ramafole was in charge during the matches.

"Moloji was even available in Mantšonyane during the Matekane Group of Companies (MGC) Top 4 Cup, but he was not on the bench," he added.

"Moloji has been assisting us since former coach Freeze Ntene's departure and he held our training sessions while Ramafole was on the bench during the matches as procedural. We have had very good work

relations with him," he said.

He showed that Linare are still seeking a head coach who will be assisted by Ramafole.

"This is because Ramafole's coaching qualifications do not allow him to become a premier league team head coach, but he can only work as an assistant coach or an A Division team head coach," he added.

Molati said if Ramafole qualified for the vacant position, the club would not be seeking the service of another coach because he has all the qualities that Tse-Tala require in a head coach.

Premier league head coaches should at least hold CAF A Licence Certificate and Ramafole holds a CAF B License which only allows him to be assistant coach in the premier league or an A Division club head coach.



# LeFA trains match assessors

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**MASERU** - The Lesotho Football Association (LeFA) in collaboration with the Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA) will hold a three-day virtual course for match assessors scheduled for 26 to 28 August.

LeFA referees' coordinator Mohau Sentšo told Metro News that the course will now be held for three days not four days as was the initial plan.

He said the course will cover several components such as how to assess referees and talk to them during and after the match.

He said the course will be attended by 25 match assessors, who include two female participants.

Sentšo said the female assessors are Selloane Mphuthing and Puseletso Mokhosi who are also in the CAF match assessors' panel.

Lesotho currently has five internationally recognised match assessors who are in CAF panel.

"We have Rethusitsoe Lebaka, Moeti Mpopo, Mohau Sentšo, Puseletso Mokhosi and Selloane Mphuthing as CAF match assessors," Sentšo added.

This course was held physically last year but it is held virtually this



LeFA referees' coordinator Mohau Sentšo

year due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

FIFA instructor Ali Arkhmart from Somalia will facilitate at the training and is expected to cover only the technical lessons as match assessors unlike referees do not do

physical lessons, Sentšo also said.

Last year at a similar course which was held at the Bambatha Tšita Sports Arena, South African instructor Jerome Dehon facilitated and in attendance were 25 match

assessors.

"The number of match assessors cannot easily increase due to the fact that we consider retired referees for match assessors' duty, so if there are no retired referees, the number stays

the same or declines as some match assessors retire," Sentšo said.

He further mentioned that after one of the assessors Naleli Sello retired last year, they welcomed Moabi Makara who retired from refereeing the same year hence, the number of match assessors is still 25.

For her part, Mokhosi said this will be the second time that she participates in the course.

She further mentioned that this course is important as it equips assessors with knowledge on how to understand the laws of the game better and treat referees accordingly.

"The last edition of the course helped me to fully understand the new laws for 2020/2021 and adapt to the new technology VAR used in football. It also taught me how to learn to encourage referees," Mokhosi added.

Sentšo said one of Lesotho's top referees, Retšelisitsoe Molise who is also in the FIFA panel, participated in the CAF Young Talent Referees Video Assistant Referee (VAR) course, which ended on 26 August.

He said the course was held virtually and Molise is the second Mosotho to undergo this course after Souru Phatšoane attended a similar one last year in South Africa.

"CAF trains referees to have knowledge of VAR so that they will either officiate in their home countries where this technology is used or at CAF competitions," Sentšo said.

# A well-established sports businessman, Taabe



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**MASERU** - Being raised by a single parent is quite challenging, but Tumisang Taabe is one of a few people who managed to survive those awkward circumstances and scaled to the top.

The 38 years old Taabe was born and bred in Khubetsoana, on the outskirts of the capital Maseru to the late Matumisang. He is the third child in a family of five.

His love for bicycle goes a long way. As a young boy growing up on the dusty streets of Khubetsoana, he used hire bicycles from his peers to ride because his own mother could not afford to buy him one.

That however, did not interrupt his love for cycling; instead he actually fell in love with bicycles the minute he was able to ride comfortably.

During his days at Hoohlo primary where he did his primary school education, he rode less because he had limited access to bicycles.

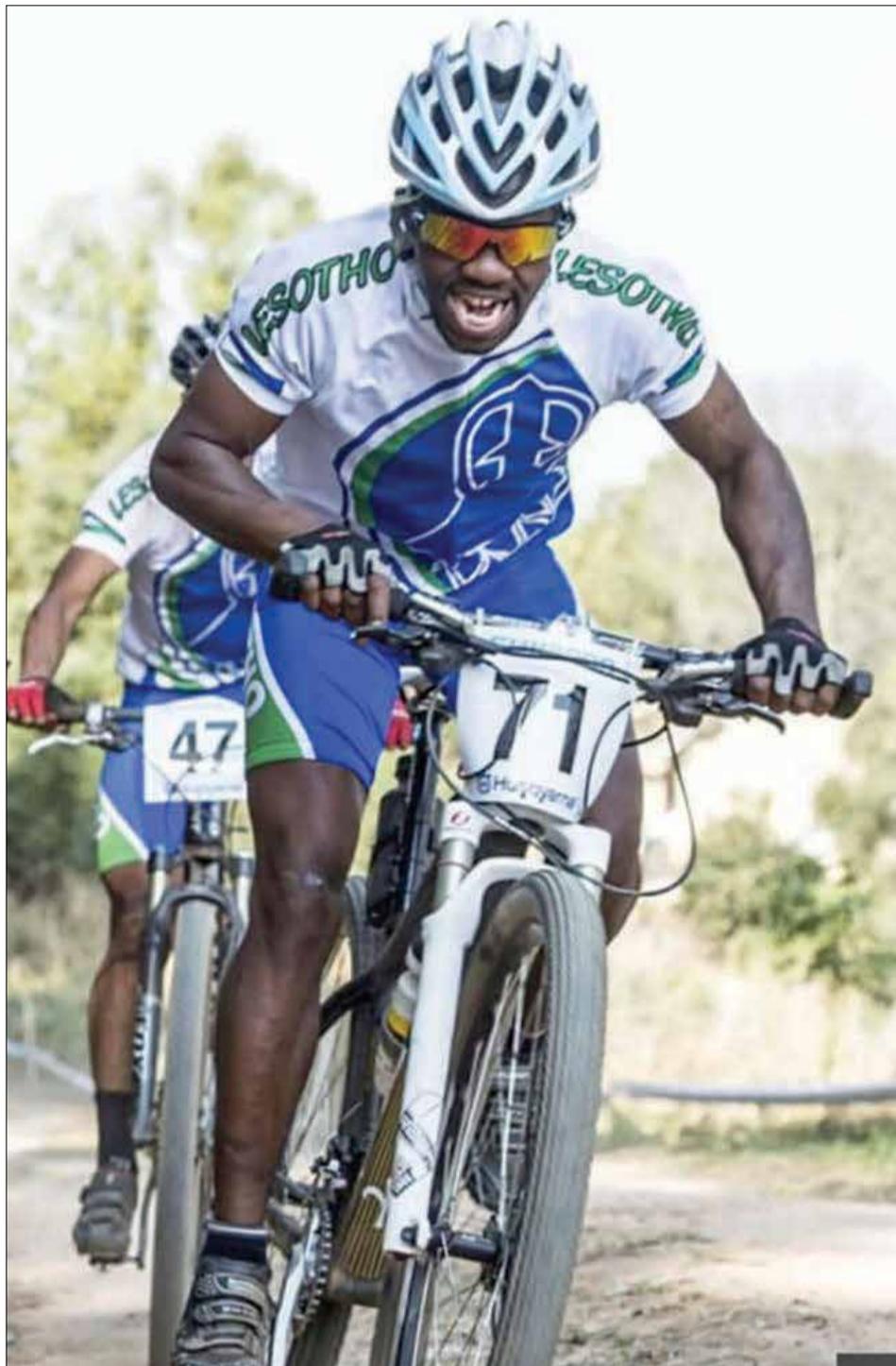
He however started to ride competitively in 1997 while he was pursuing his high school education at Khubetsoana High School.

As his cycling skills improved, he entered many local youth competitions and started winning medals and trophies in numbers.

He then competed in several international races across the border in South Africa where he brought back a lot of silverware.

Taabe became the national champion five years running and later represented Lesotho at the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, Australia alongside fellow countrymen like Poloko Makara, Khotso Ntsema and Moeketsi Makatle amongst others, even though he did not complete his race.

He is the former president of the Lesotho Cycling Association currently known as the



Federation of Cycling Lesotho (FCL).

Taabe, who is now a well-known sports businessman has established three bicycle shops in Maseru where he repairs and sells bicycles.

Through community engagement, he has so far donated about 3 800 bicycles to various people in the nine districts of Lesotho and is only left with Thaba-Tseka.

"I donate bicycles because I realised that they are a scarce commodity in Lesotho and I also want to remove kids from the streets," he says.

Some of the donated bicycles are from Tumi's Bikes' friends - Mike's Bikes based in the United States of America (USA). Others were donated by the American Peace Corps, who

once served in Lesotho working on projects in both the education and health sectors.

Taabe has not only been a rider and a competitor, but he is shrewd businessman who saw an opportunity to turn his passion into a sustainable business.

His now famous business called Tumi's Bikes was established in 2006.

He started coaching children and adults how to ride bicycles in 2008. As a coach, he has trained among others police officers, ministers, teachers, school children and soldiers to properly ride and take care of their bicycles. Some of his learners also include elderly people.

Taabe recently received a \$1000 US dollars' appreciation award from an overseas organisation called Lara Lee Organisation for

the good community service he does.

Taabe formed various cycling clubs such as KTA cycling club, Tumi cycling club and 'Nelese cycling club.

He also trained several well-known cyclists even though lack of financial support hinders most of the cyclists' progress.

"Lack of financial support is still a challenge to some cyclists," he says.

Taabe who is still an avid cyclist is not planning to retire anytime soon as he wants to encourage his trainees through demonstrating how to ride for victory during competitions.

He has trained children from various schools such as Maseru Preparatory School, American International School and Kaycee as well as Living and Loving English Medium in Ha Foso.

Over the years, Taabe has competed in several races - for instance in 2008, he finished fifth in the National Championship Elite Road race and upgraded to the third position the following year.

He finished second in the Tour de Lesotho in 2010 and also appeared in third position in the National Championship Elite Road race.

In 2011, he finished fourth in the National Championship Elite Road race and then won first position in stage 1 at the Lesotho Sky Mountain bike Stage Race held in Malealea, Mafeteng.

He also appeared second at the Lesotho Sky stage 2 Mountain bike Race in 2011 before winning the stage 3 of the same competition in Roma.

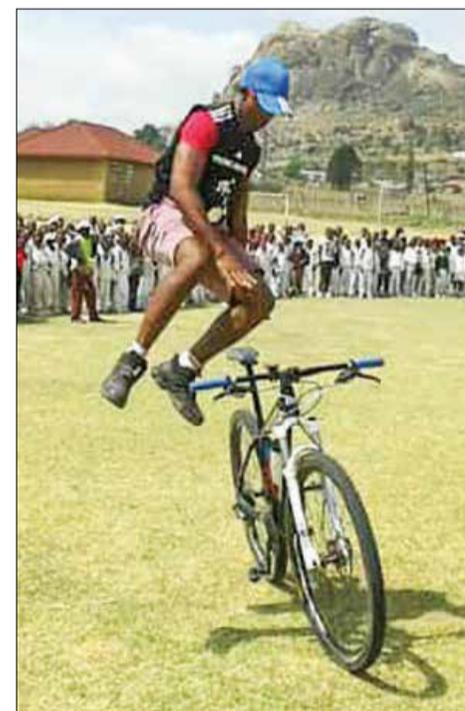
He finished second in the Lesotho Sky stage 4 Mountain bike Race in 2011 and also won the Lesotho Sky stage 5 Mountain bike race the same year.

He finished second in the Lesotho Sky Stage Mountain bike stage 1 race in 2011. He then finished fourth in the Lesotho Sky mountain bike race in 2012.

Taabe is married to two wives and has three children.

His successful bicycle repair and sales shop is located in Mapeleng, Ha Mabote in Maseru.

The diminutive rider might not have brought a major gold for Lesotho in premium competitions, but to many cyclists, he is a true legend and an inspiration to most young talent; that's why they call him "Tata Mk'hulu".



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