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IN GABORONE'S PRIME LOCATIONS



The Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC), a statutory Corporation in Property Development and Estate Management business, invites citizens and majority citizen owned companies to apply to purchase properties from our newly developed Estates in Gaborone Village and Block 7 as follows:-

LOCATION	PROPERTY TYPE	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	GUIDE PRICE RANGE (VAT INCLUSIVE)	AVAILABLE UNITS
GABORONE VILLAGE	4 Bedrooms BHC House Type TH239	<p>Construction and Accommodation</p> <p>► Entrance porch ► Lounge ► Dining ► Open plan kitchen fitted with wood cupboards with granite worktops ► 4 bedrooms with floor-to-ceiling built-in wardrobes ► all bedrooms balconies ► 2 of the bedrooms with en-suites ► Guest toilet ► Drying Yard ► Common bathroom with bath tub, toilet and wash hand basin ► Attached maid's quarters with en-suite bathroom and fitted kitchenette ► Porcelain floor tiles (interior) and Ceramic floor tiles (Balconies and entrance porches) ► Plastered and painted walls with aluminium windows ► Concrete roof tiles with painted ceiling ► 150 litres hot water geyser ► Front yard ► Backyard with patio ► Integral Carport ► Interlocking pavers to carport, apron, sidewalk and driveway.</p> <p>■ Floor area approximately 239m².</p> <p>Security and Amenities</p> <p>► Brickwork boundary wall ► Guard house and single entry point ► 1200mm high palisade fence around each unit ► Large Children's Play Area provided</p>	P2,192,960.00	7
BLOCK 7, GABORONE	1 Bedroom BHC Flat Type A & B	<p>Construction and Accommodation</p> <p>► Lounge cum dining room ► 1 bedroom with built in wardrobes ► Kitchen fitted with wood cabinets ► Bath tub and toilet combined with hand wash basin ► Balcony ► Plastered and painted internal walls ► Face brick external walls ► Windows with burglar bars ► 150 litres hot water geyser. Floor area approximately 58/59m².</p>	P533,736.00 to P538,272.00	8
	2 Bedrooms BHC Flat Type C	<p>Construction and Accommodation</p> <p>► Lounge ► 2 bedroom with built in wardrobes ► Kitchen fitted with wood cabinets ► Bath tub with hand wash basin ► Separate toilet with hand wash basin ► Balcony ► Plastered and painted internal walls ► Face brick external walls ► Windows with burglar bars ► 150 litres hot water geyser. Floor area approximately 96m².</p> <p>Security and Amenities</p> <p>► Brickwork boundary wall with palisade fence ► Children's Play Area provided * Active Association with Managing Agent in place.</p>	P760,838.40	1

Requirements
1. Only citizens and citizen controlled companies shall be considered.
2. Applicants shall be treated on first come first serve basis.
3. BHC first time buyers shall be considered first. Applicants who have already purchased property from BHC, spouse jointly counted, shall only be considered where there would be no applications/offers from first time buyers.
4. Applicants are informed that the properties shall be sold strictly cash. Therefore, Applicants should arrange financing with Banks, their Employers and other reputable financing institutions.
5. Applicants who are indebted to BHC will not be eligible for consideration.
6. Applicants are informed that they need to pass BHC vetting processes in order to be considered.
7. Application Forms shall be obtained and completed at BHC Property Sales Office upon submission of documents referred to under Clause 1 above. The Office is located along Molosiwa Road, off Old Lobatse Road, near DCEC Offices.
8. Applicants shall be required to pay non-refundable administration fee of P672.00 (VAT inclusive) upon submission of Application Forms.
9. Applicants are informed that their applications shall be specifically for the project advertised and shall not held for other projects being sold by BHC, now and in the future.
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12. Applicants are informed that viewing of properties should be arranged with Mr Gothusang Machola or Miss Tsholofelo Motswagole at the offices referred to under Clause 8 above, and who can be contacted @ 3646800/820/852.
13. The closing date for this advertisement is Friday, 31 st October 2014 @ 15:00 Hours.
14. Terms and Conditions apply.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

APPLICANT	DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED ON APPLICATION
INDIVIDUALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Certified copies of Omang, for both applicant and spouse, if married. ii. Certified copy of Naturalization Certificate, if born outside Botswana iii. Certified copy of Marriage Certificate, if married or widowed, and/or copy of decree absolute, if divorced. iv. Letter from reputable Financier stating the maximum mortgage loan qualified for. v. Recent Bank statements as proof of sufficient funds, if self-financing. vi. Affidavit declaring that neither applicant nor spouse has purchased property directly from BHC before vii. Spouse's consent letter
COMPANIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Copy of company registration certificate certified by the Registrar of Companies. ii. Copies of share certificates and Identity Cards of shareholders certified. iii. Certified copies of Certificates of Naturalization, if shareholders were born outside Botswana. iv. Letter from reputable Financier stating the maximum mortgage loan qualified for. v. Recent Bank statements as proof of sufficient funds, if self-financing. vi. Affidavit declaring number of properties purchased directly from BHC before. vii. Company resolution to purchase property from BHC.



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Editor's note

This is yet another installment of Mo Lwapeng, with a lot of exciting reads. I encourage you to grab a copy and familiarize yourself with the way we do business here at BHC. You will also enjoy a pictorial evidence of the many events we both hosted and attended in various places across the country. Of these, the most phenomenal is the SITTING TENANTS CAMPAIGN, which seems to be persistent in the effort to get 1528 buyers at the end of the campaign by April 2015.

Secondly, we are more than happy to have had a fruitful quarter characterized by lot of happenings,

both internally and externally. One such occurrence is the fervent preparations by various political parties for this year's national polls. We wish all those vying for political office luck in their endeavors.

Lastly, I thank all those who took part in the compilation of this newsletter for their invaluable contributions, le kamoso betsho.

Enjoy the read.
Be blessed.

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BHC OFFERS IT'S CLIENTELE PROSPECT TO SHOP, DISCOVER AND EXPLORE AT THE CONSUMER FAIR

BHC took on the inclusive platform of The Botswana Consumer fair and created an interactive face to face forum with its clientele.

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Looking fabulous in pink are the staffers who graced the event

The BHC has demonstrated an inclination towards promoting women health and general welfare issues, after two successful breakfast events that have since left many awe-struck and undoubtedly in the pink of health.

The two events saw female staffers take time off to secluded places, where they were enthralled by collaborative presentations on issues of health, personal development, etiquette everything feminine. The first event that set the ball rolling was in Francistown, where out of around 33 women, only less than half the number attended this rare occasion. This however would not deter the organizers from delivering on the 'pink intention.'

Held within the warmly and welcoming precincts of Tantabane Ranch-Tsamaya, on the 11th day of October 2014, the event was officially opened by Mr O. Segokgo, the Senior Estates Manager-North. The spiritual man, that He is, Mr Segokgo captivated his audience with a reading from the Book of Colossians 3:23, scripture

emphasizing that one should do whatever they do whole heartedly.

This indeed was a scripture more than relevant in the sense that, *"there is a close nexus between living well, working well and spiritual fulfilment,"* said Mr Segokgo who added that all these are encapsulated in the Word 'ATTITUDE' which when broken down in its component alphabets and read numerically add up to a 100%.

Following on the opening remarks that called for a positive attitude towards the substance of life, the same approach to sound health and work relationship was reinforced by the motivational speaker of the day, Mrs Matlhogonolo Mponang.

Mrs Mponang emphasized on the importance of knowing one's self and above all believing in one's self. She encouraged the ladies to, *"master the art of being self-starters, being disciplined, being enthusiastic and by remaining faithful at the roughest time when everyone bails out that is by hanging in season and out."*



The Deputy CEO - Support Services Mrs Serty Leburu giving the welcome remarks at the event



Finance Manager, Mrs Pascaline Sefawe giving a token of appreciation to the guest speaker, Mrs Matty Mponang

The next two speakers Dr Abale Mogorosi and Ms Kadimo Galeboe focused attention on health issues that included HIV AIDS, cervical and breast cancer.

A succeeding presentation by Ms Juliah Ratladi changed the complexion of the proceedings with a Beyoncé's 'WE RUN THE WORLD' tune, which set the house ablaze. From the health issues that could at times be somewhat depressing to something more relaxing and engaging, the ladies were reminded that they should never forget that they are ladies in their department when they come to work without necessarily over engaging in vanity.

Certainly, this was something the ladies never bargained for because the presentations elucidated a lot of breaches in the day to day appearance of a lady whether in career matters or just relaxed at home.

Subsequent to the wow event in Francistown, word travelled fast down south and this got the ladies here ready for their turn.

As promised, the event finally took place at the ever green and picturesque gardens of Gaborone Sun. The vibe was infectious! From the great looking audience dressed in bright colours and looking awesomely beautiful to the impressively guest speakers line up.

The Deputy CEO- Support Services, Mrs Serty Leburu hinted to the ladies that the moment was opportune for them to distress and laugh. She further noted that the event was sure evidence that BHC places a lot of

importance and is committed to promoting good health and wellness amongst its employees.

"It is for that reason that we have organized the breakfast seminar for our ladies, me being one of them. The fundamental objective of today's event is to motivate, sensitize and educate our lady employees on wellness issues," she said further reminding the ladies that October is the international Breast Cancer awareness month and these events align so well.

She concluded by sharing 2 important health tips where she urged ladies to go for a general health check every year and do Pap smear every year.

Dr Boitumelo Pule-Kitchin, General medical Practitioner, opened with a thorough presentation on cancer, specifically cervical and breast cancers.

Dr Pule-Kitchin said there are several national screenings that can save lives hence urged the need for ladies to do screening for early detection of cancer for treatment to be effective.

"As ladies, you should know your breasts because knowing what your breast looks and feels like, with a measure of regular checking can and will help detect anomalies," she said further demonstrating how to self-check the breasts.

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BHC EDUCATES BATSWANA ABOUT ITS MANDATE AT THE GHANZI AGRICULTURAL SHOW



Keithusitse Ookeditse educating the youth about the BHC mandate



Part of the 206 BHC medium and low income houses recently completed in Ghanzi

The Botswana Housing Corporation recently took part at the Annual 2014 Ghanzi Agricultural Show with a view to educate Batswana about its broader mandate which now covers all Government housing programmes including the construction of the Self Help Housing Agency (SHHA) Turnkey Projects and the Public Officers Housing Initiative (POHI). In addition the Corporation used this platform to interact with Batswana and create awareness about its products and services. Botswana Housing Corporation recently completed a total of 206 medium and low income houses some of which are on offer for sale to qualifying Batswana.

According to the Corporate Communications Manager at BHC, Mr Tebogo Mmokele, this is the third time the Corporation has taken part in the show to showcase products and service.

“The show offers us an opportunity to interact with our stakeholders to educate them about our mandate as well as to market our products and services”, said Mmokele.

He further pointed out that they have a number of houses available in Ghanzi which are on offer for sale and that they used this platform to disseminate

information about their availability. When quizzed about the number of people they interacted with at the show, Mmokele shared that this year they have experienced quite a large number of people who visited their stall some of who were eager to learn about the SHHA Turnkey Development which are now being done under the auspices of the Botswana Housing Corporation.

“In 2010 a Presidential Cabinet Directive CAB20 (B) was issued in respect to the implementation of all housing programmes to be moved to the Corporation,” he said adding that they have recently completed and handed over SHHA Turnkey houses in the North East District while others are at various stages of completion. He also shared that the Corporation is currently in the process of identifying plots to prepare for the implementation of the Public Officers Housing Initiative, which will address shortage of accommodation among Public Officers stationed at various locations around the Country.

Mmokele stated that the show was a huge success compared to the past ones as many people who came through their stall were eager to learn about the Corporation’s mandate as well as inquire about the products and services on offer.



Keithusitse Ookeditse assisting a visitor with a survey



Tumo Kgatlwane (L) assisting a visitor at the BHC stall



Balomeletsi Bafedile and Betsi Thamane from BHC interacting with a visitor at the BHC stall

our service and the information we share with stakeholders," he declared.

Botswana Housing Corporation plans to utilize similar opportunities to spread its gospel regarding its mandate to Batswana. Mmokele said that they were also in the process of finalizing preparations for the Ngamiland International Trade Expo billed for Maun in August 2014. Other activities lined up which the Corporation will participate in, include the Annual Consumer Fair and Home Exposition in Gaborone during the month of August and November 2014 respectively and the Vision 2016 Awareness Commemoration in August 2014 in Kalkfontein and the World Habitat Day Commemoration in Masunga in October 2014.

"We were happy to interact with Batswana and explain our mandate as more often than not, some people do not know what the Corporation does as evidenced by the Customer Satisfaction Index survey we conduct periodically as part of our efforts to try and enhance

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BHC HOLDS ITS FIRST DRAW FOR ITS “SITTING TENANTS CAMPAIGN” IN FRANCISTOWN



BHC Property Sales Manager, Gaotlhobogwe Baleseng presenting a customer with a token of appreciation after they won a crossword puzzle draw

In line with its mission of providing affordable housing to the nation through appropriate solutions, the Corporation took its home ownership drive to another level on July 26, 2014. The Corporation mingled and interacted with sitting clients in Francistown in a bid to enlighten them about the *“sitting tenants campaign”*

Launched on March 13 this year, the promotion is expected to run for the whole year until March 13, 2015 and its primary aim is to encourage Batswana to own the houses they have been leasing for years. The Corporation’s Marketing Manager, Pinkie Tau said the Corporation has taken it upon itself to ensure that every tenant who is currently leasing a BHC house has got the knowledge about the ongoing promotion in order to seize the opportunity and buy the house they are currently leasing.

“Home ownership is the best investment ever,” said Tau, adding that BHC understands the importance

of owning a house very well and the many benefits associated with it. She said it is against this backdrop that BHC is doing everything within its power to urge its tenants to purchase their houses.

Furthermore, Tau said BHC has entered into partnerships with almost all the commercial banks in the country to provide mortgage loans to their sitting tenants in order to provide financial assistance and literacy needed when one prepares to purchase their house. As much as the commercial banks are in business, Tau revealed that the financial institutions have agreed offer incentives by reducing their interest rates on mortgage loans obtained by the BHC sitting tenants.

Besides entering into partnerships with commercial banks, BHC has entered into agreements with building products and service providers across the country for purchasing tenants to enjoy discounts when they decide to renovate their houses.

As if that is not enticing enough, Tau said BHC has also included promotion benefits codenamed 'OUR PICK AXE – PRICING PROMOTION.'

"For those buying low cost houses will get a 5.5 percent discount. Purchase of medium cost houses will result in a buyer getting a 3.5 percent discount while 2 percent will be discounted to those buying high cost houses," explained Tau.

Tau further added that every quarter, two lucky buyers stand a glorious chance of winning P10 000 as the first prize and P5 000 as a second prize. In the last draw to

be held during the last quarter of the 2014/15 financial year, those that would have purchased during the campaign would stand a chance to win a grand prize of P40 000. At the first ever Sitting tenants Campaign draw, 34-year-old Atlarelang Nkwe of Tlokweng walked away P10 000 richer while Barakanye Ramogale won P5 000 second prize in absentia.

In his vote of thanks, BHC Marketing and Research Manager, Mookodi Seisa thanked tenants for taking time out of their busy weekend schedule and heeded the Corporation's call to come and learn more about the many offers this campaign has.



BHC Deputy CEO- Operations, Nkaelang Matenge (L) handing a P10,000.00 cheque to Atlarelang Nkwe, winner of the Sitting Tenants Campaign first draw



Many tenants who thronged the BHC Sitting Tenants Campaign in Francistown were eager to know more about the benefits the campaign offered



Senior Estates Officer, Goitseone Sebege (L) assisting a tenant at the BHC Sitting Tenants event in Francistown



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BHC PARTICIPATES AT THE VISION 2016 AWARENESS LAUNCH IN KALFONTEIN



Minister of Finance Mr. K Mathambo



BHC PR Practitioner Tefo Kebabope Showing Mr. Mathambo and his entourage around the renovated Pre School Class



Some of the Primary class students admiring some of the teaching aids donated to the Pre School



Part of the donation given to Kalfontein Pre School

In an effort to create awareness about the establishment of BHC as a single housing authority, SHHA issues, Public Officers Housing Initiatives and the on-going sitting tenants' campaign, the corporation recently took part at the Vision 2016 awareness month launch at Kalkfontein village in Ghanzi District.

The Vision Awareness month has been commemorated for the past 8 years in different parts of the country as a way of reminding citizens of the vision for the actualisation of its ideals. This year's Vision 2016

awareness month was **'Living the Vision: Yame Le Wena'**

In his official launch address, the Minister of Finance and Development Planning, Hon. Kenneth Mathambo divulged that theme for this year's Vision 2016 awareness month is relevant and appropriate to the country's current social, cultural, economic, political and religious circumstances. He said that it calls all stakeholders to strive to live the vision ideals in the remaining years to 2016.

The Minister shared that a national Vision is a necessary long term strategy for any country to guide its developmental process. He revealed that since 1996 Botswana has been operating on the basis of medium-term National Development Plans which he says the nation saw it fit to be complemented with a long term national vision.

“NDPs are designed to be medium-term and the nation decided to complement a long term national vision with a banner ‘a long-term vision for Botswana: towards prosperity for all.’”

He declared that vision 2016 was a deliberate effort to call upon Batswana to marshal their energies towards a common goal for national socio-economic progress. Mr Mathambo also urged stakeholders to re-double their efforts to live the Vision more than ever before adding that if the objectives of the vision are achieved all should be proud to be a part of a winning team. He said that failure to achieve the objectives should not be a hindrance to the country’s development plan.

“Inversely, if we don’t, we should not waste time by pointing fingers at others. Rather, we should draw lessons and soldier on with the journey geared towards the fulfilment of the next long-term vision,” the Minister said.

Mr Mathambo revealed that there is ample evidence that Botswana has done a lot in the achievement of development targets emanating from the national vision adding that the score-card on every pillar is almost near satisfactory. Just to mention a few the Minister disclosed that Electricity connectivity has increased from 63% to about 70% between 2011 and 2013, access to safe drinking water increased from 77% of the population in 1996 to about 96% in 2011 and lastly poverty level has dropped from 47% in 1993 to about 19% in 2013.

Despite the progress made since the inception of vision 2016, they are still some challenges facing the country, which if not addressed will derail the nation from achieving the goals of the vision, Mr Mathambo has said.

“There is high unemployment among youth, escalating costs in HIV/AIDS prevention strategies and provision of ARVs which are estimated at P1 billion annually, moral decay, alcohol and substance abuse and increasing rates of road accidents, lack of respect for the elderly and poor work ethic which adversely affects investment and economic growth,” he revealed.

On government programmes such as Integrated Support Programme for Arable Agricultural Development (ISPAAD), Livestock Management and Infrastructure Development (LIMID) the Minister encouraged Batswana to take advantage of them. He said that the programmes are meant to empower citizens to contribute towards economic development and create jobs. He also advised them to visit institutions such as CEDA, LEA and National Food Technology Research Centre to learn about the services they offer and seek professional advice in establishing businesses.

Inspecting various projects that were initiated to help communities in Gantsi district, the Minister acknowledged and expressed gratitude to Botswana Housing Corporation for having the spirit of living the vision and making an incredible contribution to Kalkfontein Primary School. The corporation had earlier donated 8 tables, 32 chairs, colouring books, toys and a large carpet to a pre-school classroom at Kalkfontein Primary School in Kalkfontein in support of ‘a Compassionate, Just and Caring Nation Vision 2016 pillar.

In his closing remarks, the Council Chairman Mr Director Tlharisi commended Gantsi District for putting together an incredible team of representatives who ensured that the event was a success. Mr Tlharisi thanked the vision council for bringing the commemoration to their remote district saying that it will also help them live the vision. He also urged Batswana to continue working together as a team in order to achieve the objectives of the Vision.

BHC DONATES TO TLAPALAKOMA PRIMARY SCHOOL



Senior Estate Officer Phikwe giving the Keynote address



Parents and the general public attending the ceremony

BHC recently donated a sum of P10, 000.00 to Tlapalakoma Primary School towards the school's Prize Giving Ceremony which was held on Thursday 16th October 2014 in Mmadinare. The event was well attended by key community stakeholders ranging from council authorities, school heads of local schools, parents, parastatals, parent teacher child association representatives, private banking sector and the general public at large. The theme for the Prize Giving Ceremony was dubbed *"Lifting the education pillars to reach the target of excellency, accountability, innovation and team work within an organization"*.

Senior Estate Officer Phikwe, Mr. Tikologo Phillipho highlighted that the aim of the awards ceremony was to honor appreciate and recognize students who have shown excellence in their school work. He further noted that the recipients of the awards are individuals who have demonstrated dedication, determination and perseverance in their school work.

"To teach and prepare these young men and women into mature, knowledgeable and responsible citizens is not an easy task. We applaud you teachers for your devotion and continuous efforts to ensure that quality

education prevail at all times despite the conditions and challenges you often find yourselves working under."

He advised parents to continuously provide support to their children to ensure that children develop and are motivated to learn at school.

Tlapalakoma Primary School has a student complement of 650. A total of 76 pupils received awards and certificates for outstanding performances. The Prize Giving categories entailed Best Overall Performers, Best Performers in Subjects and Appreciation Certificates to Staff members from the School Head. In his closing remarks Mr. Phillipho highlighted that the Corporation provides accommodation and housing to teachers through various government interventions in almost all big villages and towns. He further advised and encouraged teachers to consider purchasing and owning BHC houses to cater for their housing needs.

The day was full of lively entertainment from various local artists, dancers and a drama presentation by the Mmadinare Theatre Group. The day turned out to be a vibrant, interactive day which was complemented with scrumptious traditional lunch.

BHC KICK STARTS SHHA TURNKEY PROJECT IN GHANZI, MAUN AND CHOBE CONSTITUENCIES

Self Help Housing Agency Turnkey Projects have been kick started in Ghanzi, Maun and Chobe with 68 houses to be built by Botswana Housing Corporation in the next couple of weeks in Ngamiland.



Batawana's Assistant to the Deputy Paramount Chief Bringle Dithapo welcoming guests in Maun, NWD



Official Address by BHC's CEO Reginald Motswaiso

Speaking during the official commencement of the project in Maun, BHC's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Reginald Motswaiso explained that the long awaited project was delayed by extensive consultations with the concerned stakeholders, including district councillors on the new process and how the programme was to be rolled out. He said that they have since managed to deliver SHHA Turnkey Houses in the North East Constituency while several others are at various stages of completion in a number of constituencies in the country.

Motswaiso said they were looking at constructing a total of 68 SHHA Turnkey houses which comprise of 34 houses in Maun, 17 houses in Maun East and 17 houses in Maun West Constituencies and an additional 17 houses in Ngami and 17 houses in Okavango Constituencies to be completed in 16 to 24 weeks. Motswaiso said that in terms of their Corporation's role in the implementation of the SHHA Turnkey Housing

Development programme in the Northwest District, Government has committed more than twice the funds it initially availed for the construction of the houses in various constituencies around the country.

He said that in constituencies closer to cities and towns, the cost of every SHHA house was estimated at P60 000, but it was found that in areas such as Maun, Okavango, Ngami, Ghanzi and Chobe the prices for materials and transportation were quite high and hence the decision to construct them at around P136 000 per house. He said the increase in cost does not or will not apply to beneficiaries as they are still expected to pay back the loans at P60 000.

BHC will also be constructing additional SHHA Turnkey houses in other constituencies such as Ghanzi North and South, which will comprise of 17 houses each while a further 17 will be built in the Chobe Constituency.

He further mentioned that several local contractors in the the PPADB category B have been appointed to construct these houses in various constituencies adding that previously they had experienced challenges where contractors failed to deliver projects due to various reasons. Motswaiso pleaded with all including the Councils, Contractors and beneficiaries to work together and ensure that SHHA Turnkey projects are delivered on time and in budget. He said that upon completion of these projects there will be a six months defects liability period which will allow the beneficiary to report all maintenance defects to be attended to. He pleaded with beneficiaries to occupy the houses immediately after they have been handed over to observe all defects with the aim to report them while the defects liability period is still in effect.

“If for whatever reason you report those after the period has elapsed it would be very difficult for the contractor to come back and attend to those, so it is imperative

that you report any defects within the stipulated six months”; he cautioned.

Motswaiso declared that BHC subscribes to quality standards in the construction of houses for its customers and hence they ensure close monitoring and supervision during the construction of all SHHA Turnkey houses. He asked beneficiaries to work hand in hand with contractors to ensure that their houses are constructed to the right and agreed specification. He said beneficiaries are allowed to approach BHC building inspectors and the Council SHHA Officers should they have any queries during the construction of their houses to avoid leaving everything until completion and start complaining.

The ground breaking ceremonies in all the above mentioned constituencies attracted Councillors, District Administration and Tribal Administration officials and beneficiaries.



Kgosi Babitseng welcoming guests to the village of Kazungula in Chobe during the ground breaking (L), BHC CEO, Mr Reginald Motswaiso officially performing the ground breaking in Maun (Top right) and Chobe District Council Chairman, Hon. Mwanota Phillimon Kachana delivered a vote of thanks in Chobe (Bottom right)



BHC IN PICTURE

“ENJOY PICTURE MOMENT”

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BHC LADIES BREAKFAST SEMINAR



HEAD OFFICE WELLNESS TALK



BHC HOST MEDIA WORKSHOP

AT GABORONE SUN CONFERENCE CENTRE



Minister of Lands & Housing, Hon. L Mokalake officiating at the media workshop

As part of its strategy to promote and enhance property reporting, literacy and increase awareness in issues of property ownership and investment in Botswana, the Corporation recently hosted a media workshop at Gaborone Sun Conference Centre. The event which was graced by Members of the media fraternity and representatives of various institutions was intended to encourage and educate Botswana through media the importance of property investment looking at the current favourable economic state. The Corporation also used the opportunity to drive awareness not only on its products and services but also on its wider mandate.

Speaking during the event, the Minister of Lands and Housing Hon. Lebonaamang Mokalake revealed that the media plays a significant role in keeping the public up to date with government policies and initiatives. He indicated that the media is, quite simply, one of the most powerful forces on earth today which can help shape the way people think with regard to accommodation

and homeownership.

"It is in this regard that this workshop was organized for you as an important stakeholder to accumulate knowledge on issues surrounding the property market and disseminate essential information on the same to the public," He said.

Minister Mokalake said that the government of Botswana and his Ministry recognizes housing as a basic need and a prerequisite for national socio-economic development adding that it promotes dignity and improves quality of life. He further revealed that anything to do with housing including access to housing information is sacrosanct.

Mr Mokalake pointed out that the media can attest to the fact that Homeownership has always been a strong component of housing and housing policy in the country adding that unless and until the media could project owning a home as an important social

and economic indicator, as well as a symbol of having a stake in society and contributing to the stability of the community, many Batswana would be left behind, and our efforts would not reach desired levels.

He highlighted that the majority of government resources are channelled to the low income housing programme to cater for the needy, the elderly and the youth.

“Housing provision remains a great challenge due to the growing demand coupled with insufficient resources to produce the requisite housing units,” he said.

The Minister said that households with modest means need safe, suitable housing that they can afford adding that when housing is affordable, low- and moderate income families are able to put nutritious food on the table, receive necessary medical care, and provide reliable daycare for their children.

He stated that research worldwide has shown that the stability of an affordable mortgage or rent can have profound effects on childhood development and school performance and can improve health outcomes for families and individuals.

“The development of affordable housing consequently increases spending and employment in the economy, acts as an important source of revenue for local governments, and reduces the likelihood of foreclosure and its associated costs.”

The Government has come up with initiatives to facilitate first time home buyers, especially to make

it easy for the youth. This, the Minister has said, was done after it was realized that buying a home was typically the largest and most complicated financial commitment most households ever make.

BHC Chief Executive Officer, Mr Reginald Motswaiso stated that the media has a fundamental role of informing the public about property ownership and investment issues adding that doing so is vital for the socio-economic development of Botswana.

Mr Motswaiso highlighted that strengthening and channelling the flow of information between the public and the corporation will ensure consistency, accountability and above all transparency when communicating about property development and investment issues.

“This workshop is one of our outreach efforts to increase understanding and reporting on property ownership and investment issues for the benefit of the public.”

He said the Corporation notes the role of property/housing as not only a form of shelter provision but as a pre-requisite to one’s dignity and quality of life adding that consumer education goes a long way in ensuring that Batswana access the very tools of empowerment that is in the corporation’s mandate which is to investment in property and homeownership.

He further revealed that in March 2014 the Corporation launched the year - long “Sitting Tenants Campaign” with a view to encourage homeownership among Batswana who have been renting BHC houses for years without buying.

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She also encouraged the ladies to be extra cautious about any suspicious occurrence in their bodies and to always see the doctor when they see anything irregular. A young cancer survivor, Onneetse Isaiah, shared her story with the rest of the ladies on how she took a brave but life-saving decision to amputate her leg after doctors warned the disease could spread.

Hers was a testimony that there is life after cancer if it was detected early and she kept on repeating that indeed there is a beautiful life after cancer if only we could screen as early as possible.

Next on the speakers’ menu was an encore by Mrs Matlhogonolo Mponang, a motivational speaker who reiterated the need for women to know themselves better and treat self with the esteem that would promote them as self-starters, who are disciplined and enthusiastic about life.

“You are who you are. The earlier in life you accept this and get on with it, the easier and sweeter you shall live out your days.” She said.



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BHC DONATES TO CHILD CARE TRUST AT GAMODUBU



BHC Property Sales Manager, Mr Gaotlhobogwe Baleseng(L) being acknowledged by the Gamodubu VDC chairperson; Mr Tina Diamond(R)

As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility which is aligned to the Vision 2016 ideals and principles, predominantly the building of a 'Compassionate, Just and Caring Nation pillar', the Corporation recently donated items estimated at a cost of P12 000 to Gamodubu Child Care Trust at Gamodubu Village.

Goods donated included a four-burner industrial stove, a top loading washing machine, 24 kids chairs, 5 kids tables, eight blankets and 6 cases of assorted juices and snacks. The Corporation also donated eight blankets and clothes collected from staff.

Handing over the donations on behalf of the Corporation, BHC Property Sales Manager Mr Gaotlhobogwe Baleseng stated that the Corporation build houses as well as the lives of the people therefore the Corporate Social Responsibility Committee saw it fit to abscond the time for work and donate to the children. Mr Baleseng said that the BHC staff played a key role in helping the trust as they assisted by donating clothes

and other necessities. He expressed his gratitude to the employees noting that it takes a person with a heart to help one another.

The manager also pointed out that the corporation will continue carrying out assessment in the future to determine other areas where it could possibly help.

"It's upon corporates to retort to such requests as that will warrant that the Country's future leaders are nurtured into responsible adults that can drive this country forward," he said.

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SLUM ISSUES MUST BE ADDRESSED ADEQUATELY-MOKALAKE



Hon. Mokalake as the guest speaker at the occasion



The Senior Estates Manager for the Northern Region, Rre O. Segokgo seated with guests at the commemoration of the WORLD HABITAT DAY in Matsioloje recently.

The Minister of Lands and Housing, Lebonaamang Mokalake says the government has made concerted efforts to upgrade areas that have characteristics of slums, visible in most developing cities around the world.

Speaking at this year's commemorations of **WORLD HABITAT DAY**, Hon. Mokalake says priority has been given to the provision of water, sewerage services,

electricity, road infrastructure and issuance of land certificates and title deeds to secure ownership of property.

The commemoration of the day under the theme, **VOICES FROM SLUMS**, was meant to raise awareness on the need to improve living conditions in slums, and understand that people living in slums have voices that need ne listened to.



Hon. Mokalake and the Permanent Secretary Min. of Lands & Housing Thato Raphaka at the BHC stall



The Customer Care Officer Thato Makanya interacting with member of the public who throred the BHC stall

"It also seeks to demonstrate through real stories that slum upgrading programs can achieve better life conditions as well as greater economic and social impacts for slum dwellers," said Mokalake.

The UN-Habitat defines slums as households living under the same roof, lacking durable housing of a permanent nature that protects against extreme climatic conditions, lack of living space, lack of access to clean and safe drinking water.

According to Mokalake, some of the problems associated with slums include, *"lack of access to adequate sanitation in the form of a private or public toilet shared by a reasonable number of people and security of tenure that would prevent forced evictions."*

The 2011 Population and Housing Census revealed that about 25% of households live in one roomed houses and shacks in Botswana. The quality of materials normally used for these structures is below standard and such poses a great risk to the inhabitants in the form of excessively strong winds, heavy rainstorms and earthquakes.

In the past, incidences of households affected by natural disasters, particularly in the North East District, including Matsiloje (where the event was hosted) and Matopi were recorded.

As to how slums come about, the Hon Minister, says, *"These are perpetuated by a number of forces which include rapid rural-to-urban migration, increasing urban poverty and inequality, lack of proactive planning, proper land management and insecure tenure,"* who added that any policy intervention aimed at slums should therefore be geared towards addressing these issues adequately.

It has been observed that sustainable solutions to the slum problem can only be achieved if governments, international aid agencies and civic organizations engage slum dwellers, as to agree with them on a common approach to improving living conditions. Giving an overview of the district earlier, the North East District vice Council Chairperson, Hon Florah Mpetsane had observed that their district has been benefited immensely from the National Settlement Policy, which helped in declaring most settlements as recognized villages.

"The policy has been used to manage and control the proliferation of settlements and has facilitated the provision of services and facilities to various recognized settlements," said Hon Mpetsane.

She further noted that the effort has resulted in well planned settlement patterns with satisfactory basic services such as the supply of portable water.

Notwithstanding the above achievements, Mpetsane says the districts still faces challenges that affect human settlement and if not well attended might lead to slums.

High on the list of such challenges is shortage of land, which according to Hon Mpetsane, has led to congestion mainly of land use activities in some settlements, *"and this has made land servicing very difficult and expensive due already built-up areas."*

For the past ten years, Botswana has commemorated the **WORLD HABITAT DAY** annually, every first week of October with a specific focus on the achievements hitherto made in improving human settlements. It is also a day used to raise awareness on challenges that affect human habitat as well as to emphasize that everyone has the power and responsibility to improve the state of our settlements.

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BHC Property Sales Manager, Mr Gaotlhobogwe(L) presenting the donation to the trust founder Ms. Shirley Modikwe(R)



The founder of the Trust Ms. Shirley Modikwe giving a word of appreciation for the donations

Upon receiving the donations, the founder of Gamodubu Child Care Trust Ms. Shirley Madikwe was booming with excitement. She highly praised the Corporation for making such a huge contribution to the trust.

"This massive gesture was made possible by the good Lord who always pull us through in spite of the trials and tribulations our organisation encounters. We are really happy that BHC came through for us," She bellowed.

She said that despite the challenges they have faced over the years their organisation continues to grow tremendously adding that it's thrilling that BHC will always be part of that testimony because of its fulfilling donation.

The Village Development Committee Chairman, Mr Tina Diamond applauded the Corporation for its support. He says the donations are a pure indication that the Corporation's focus is not only in gaining earnings but also to give back to the community.



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BHC OFFERS IT'S CLIENTELE PROSPECT TO SHOP, DISCOVER AND EXPLORE AT THE CONSUMER FAIR

BHC took on the inclusive platform of The Botswana Consumer fair and created an interactive face to face forum with its clientele. The Corporation had the opportunity to get in touch with the majority of the public who attended the fair in mass and continue to sensitize them on the importance of buying their rented BHC Leased Houses (SITTING TENANT CAMPAIGN).



The outdoor setup at the consumer fair



Bhc staff interacting with customers at the fair

The turn up was satisfactory as the BHC stall saw a large number of people coming in to get the information about the campaign, as well as to enquire and get clarity on the issues around the mandate. Through this campaign BHC is giving valid leased tenant the chance to own property in prime land excluding town houses and flats.

The Corporation had also strategically put proposition in place which embrace the discount on the valuation price, a P7 500 renovation voucher, zero administration fees and a draw that prospective buyer enters automatically upon purchase to motivate the tenants. Partnership of the Corporation and the banking institutions which currently offers special for this promotion, being First National Bank, Stanbic bank,

Standard Chartered, BancABC, Building Society and National Development Bank is a way of making it easy for the tenants to buy the houses.

Upon the busy day of interacting with the clients, the Corporation ran the cross word and puzzle draws as a way of pulling in the crowd to impart and test their knowledge about BHC.

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Kabelo Gobe Maposa joins BHC as a caretaker at Maun Office. Born and bred in Maun, Maposa previously worked temporarily at BHC. When he needs to relax he enjoys football. He is blessed with only one child. Maposa joins the corporation because of its outstanding vision and value and he believes the challenges will uplift his experience.



Obakeng Sukube joins BHC as a Customer Care Officer in the Marketing and Research Department. He was previously employed at Statistics Botswana as a Corporate Communications Officer. Sukube hails from Lobatse and his interest is soccer. He joins the Corporation because of its ideal working environment.



Edwin Dintle joins BHC as an Estate Officer in the Property Sales Department. He previously worked temporarily in the Corporation as a Land Registration and Estate Officer. Dintle is from Gaborone and he enjoys football and reading during his spare time. He is married with four kids. He joins BHC to venture in property industry.



Kefentse Mbaiwa joins BHC as a Customer Care Officer in the Marketing and Research Department. Born and raised in Mahalapye, the recently hired Customer Care Officer previously worked as a Public Relations Officer at the Ministry of Health. He is married and blessed with two kids. Mbaiwa enjoys softball during his spare time. He joins BHC to explore the available opportunities.



Neo Mmopa hails from Serowe and is currently working as an intern in Finance Department- Accounts Payable. She joined BHC because of its outstanding Corporate Culture. Mmopa completed a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting and Finance at Botswana Accountancy College. Her hobbies include Camping and reading.



Banyana Mabe is a Botswana Accountancy College Graduate, she completed a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting and Finance. Mabe hails from Mahalapye and recently joined the BHC family through the National Internship Programme. She is undergoing her internship with the Finance Department- Capital. She enjoys singing and travelling and she joins the Corporation because of the available opportunities and the friendly working environment.



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