

BDC 53 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE: SHOES AND SOCKS TO HELP CHILDREN WALK CONFIDENTLY TOWARDS THEIR FUTURE

Gaborone – The learning journey continues as 52 students in MmaMoagi Settlement receive brand new school shoes from the Botswana Development Corporation (BDC), as part of the Corporation's '53 Hours of Community Service' initiative. This initiative was formed to encourage each staff member of the Corporation to spend 53 hours of their personal time doing community work. BDC staff identified projects aligned with values of innovation, inclusivity, and relevance, focusing on aiding different communities.

Through its Corporate Social Responsibility mandate, BDC is dedicated to support education and lifelong learning, among other things. This initiative underscores BDC's dedication to impactful benevolent activities aligned with Botswana's developmental goals, aiming to create a knowledge-based economy for Botswana in effort to transform the country to a high-income economy.

The Corporation acknowledges that an important aspect of moving Botswana forward resides in citizen inclusion and empowerment and that there is no better way of investing in the future than investing in children. One such investment involved equipping the next generation with the tools that they need to thrive in and out of the classroom, hence the donation of proper school shoes for students in Mmamoagi Settlement in the Kweneng District. These school shoes will go beyond aesthetics; they will play a significant role in the students' wellbeing and overall learning experiences especially during the winter season.

As BDC continues its journey of economic transformation and inclusion, it acknowledges the expectation to contribute not only to wealth generation but also to addressing pressing societal challenges. The "53 Hours of Community Service" initiative exemplifies BDC's commitment to engaging its staff in giving back to communities in need.

As the Government's main investment arm, BDC firmly believes in contributing significantly to the communities it operates within. The Corporation's CSR mandate is focused on initiatives that promote and support entrepreneurship, advocate for the inclusion of people living with disabilities, showcase local talent through music, arts, and cultural activities, and champion impactful benevolent activities. **–Ends –**

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ABOUT BDC

Botswana Development Corporation Limited, or 'BDC,' is the country's main agency for commercial and industrial development. Established in 1970, under the Companies Act, BDC is a company limited by shares and fully owned by the Government of Botswana. BDC is mandated to provide, facilitate, and support funding of commercially viable enterprises that contribute towards building a sustainable and diversified Botswana economy; stimulate the growth of the private sector; to invest in the region and internationally; whilst generating wealth for the Shareholder.

The Corporation invests in commercially viable projects across all sectors of the economy except large-scale diamond mining. These include Manufacturing, Services, Tourism & Hospitality, Energy, Property, Innovation and Technology as well as Agriculture locally.

Throughout, BDC intends to promote best practices in business, governance and environmental standards in the funds or companies they choose to invest in. BDC conducts its business on a commercial basis and exercises special care and regard to economic and commercial merits.