Labour Laws and Community Based Organisations in Botswana

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Foreword

Most community organisations involved in CBNRM in Botswana are legally registered trusts. This means amongst other things that the Botswana labour laws (The Employment Act) apply. The “law” is not always easy to read and the Act and Regulations are generally difficult to understand. With this in mind the CBNRM Support Programme commissioned a study to explain the relevant labour legislation to the communities.

Kutlwane Modiakgotla and Sue Sainsbury made the attempt in the report that follows. They did not only explain the most relevant clauses of the Employment Act but used real-life examples and 3 case studies to make the legislation easier to understand and apply. While doing this they give advice to CBOs on how to improve the management of their projects and business ventures. For instance sample guidelines for hiring employees, sample job descriptions, sample Conditions of Service and sample contracts are annexed to the paper. We hope that the advice will contribute towards improved implementation of CBNRM in Botswana.

I would like to thank Kutlwane and Sue for a job well done and I am proud to publish their work in the CBNRM Support Programme Occasional Paper Series.

This document is the thirteenth in the Series of the IUCN/SNV CBNRM Support Programme. The papers intend to promote CBNRM in Botswana by providing information and documenting experiences and lessons learnt during the implementation of the concept by the practitioners in this field. Relevant CBNRM related information assists in bringing together all stakeholders who have an interest in what the concept stands for: social and economic empowerment of rural communities, and natural resources conservation. The Series is aimed therefore at all practitioners who work with CBNRM in Botswana, and is intended to provide information that assists in successfully applying the concept. This paper as well as all previous issues is also available on the web site of the CBNRM Support Programme: http://www.cbnrm.bw

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Introduction

The Aim of this Study

The aim of this publication is to provide clarification on the Botswana Labour Laws to community organisations (in nearly all cases legally registered trusts) most of which are involved in Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM). In general these trusts are village-based and non-profit organisations, governed and managed by largely unskilled people. They generally find it very hard to understand how the Labour Laws affect their operation.

Most community trusts have limited (and very fluctuating) income while the demands on that income are enormous. They have to finance their organisation (to ensure sustainable management of the natural resources), provide community employment, provide community services and in general accumulate wealth “for the benefit of the community”. In these particular circumstances, community trusts employ people.

The income in most cases is not steady. Income is derived from temporary donor contributions (project funds) and seasonal tourism activities (for example, in the six month hunting period.) In these cases trusts want to maximise employment (a community benefit) without necessarily being able to offer permanent employment and maximum employment benefits.

This paper seeks to explain the Employment Act of Botswana (usually referred to as the Labour Laws) and also offers advice on interpreting those laws from a community organisation perspective. Sample job descriptions and employment contracts are given which will help these organisations to formulate their own or adapt the examples given.

Three case studies were undertaken to illustrate different approaches from different trusts. The first, Gaing-o Community Trust is involved in an enterprise (operation and maintenance of campsites) and employs a small number of people. They are working towards getting their employment documents and policies to confirm to Botswana Labour Laws and good business practices. They have encountered some employment-related problems along the way. The Bukakhwe Cultural Conservation Trust, which owns Gudigwa Camp is the second case study. This trust was only registered in September 2000 and had NGO and private consultant assistance to formulate their employment policy. Their Policy and Procedures Manual encompassed current thinking on CBNRM and includes the fairly revolutionary concept of separating trust ownership of an enterprise from management of that enterprise. Case study 3, the Okavango Community Trust is one of the oldest trusts in Botswana. Its membership covers five villages and services about 7000 people. It was selected as an example of an older trust with a joint venture partner. It is involved in a number of enterprises as well as providing employees to camps in its two concession areas. Its Board of Trustees is intimately involved in labour relations with these employees on a day to day basis and this is seen to create many problems.

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Labour Issues in Community Based Organisations in Botswana

This chapter aims to highlight the most salient issues relating to Botswana Labour Laws relevant to the operations of Community Based Organisations (CBOs), according the experiences of the authors. An attempt is made hereby to offer practical advice on interpreting those laws from a community organisation perspective.

Legal Status of a Trust in relation to Labour Laws of Botswana
Community trusts have been operating for many years in Botswana and in this time it has been seen that they all seem to make similar mistakes in relation to their handling of employment. These include:

- Selection of employees based on family relationships, friendships and geographical location rather than on skill and suitability for the job;
- A reluctance to deal seriously with bad behaviour and ineptitude of employees;
- A tendency to overpay or underpay based on perceptions of what a job is worth rather than minimum wages or industry standards; and
- A lack of planning of employee numbers based on seasonal variation and how busy the business is.

A lot of these problems stem from lack of business experience and also from the perception that jobs are a right granted to trust members. This has been perpetuated by the fact that many trusts receive their incomes from concession areas and/or grants so they do not have to work for this money. If they start an enterprise and it is not successful, they may not worry too much if their money just keeps coming in anyway. The most successful community trusts in Botswana have been those who have started a business and have only received income from that business. There is a direct link between the amount of work done and the income. It has forced them to manage their business, including staffing levels and wages paid.

The issues raised in this paper will hopefully assist trusts in understanding and obeying the Labour Laws of Botswana and also encourage them to view their businesses as money-making enterprises that must be managed efficiently to keep them viable. This may involve hiring less staff, paying them less money or only employing people when there is work available.

Legal Status of a CBO in relation to Labour Laws
A community trust is exactly the same as any other employer and must conform to the Labour Laws of Botswana. Each trust must act as a responsible employer and adopt the use of:

- Contracts;
- Conditions of service;
- Job descriptions;
- Workmen’s compensation; and
- Wages register, etc.

One of the more serious dilemmas facing CBOs operating their own business is the balance between supporting the community and running a viable business. Many difficult decisions will need to be made by the management and the Board of Trustees to ensure that all employment issues are dealt with fairly but also under sound business principles.

Who is Responsible for the Workers?
Probably the first thing any CBO will need to decide is the division of authority between managers and Boards of Trustees. Experience has shown that in many CBO enterprises there is a lot of confusion and conflict because the areas of responsibility are not clearly defined. In order to manage a business effectively, the manager must have authority over the workers. In many cases we have seen board members interfering in the day to day disciplining of the employees.
This undermines the authority of the management team and confuses the workers. Community members need to make a business plan that clearly shows the chain of command and organisational structure of the business. The following is an example of an organisational structure developed by a trust involved in a tourism enterprise.

Example of an organisational structure developed by a trust involved in a tourism enterprise

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The Community

The Trust

Board of Trustees

Enterprise Management Committee (7 members)
  Chairman of trust (or representative)
  Board member of trust
  3 business people
  NGO Representative
  Accountant

Camp Manager

Assistant Manager (Guest Relations)  Assistant Manager (Administration)

Chef  Cooks  Waiters  Guides  Entertainers  Driver  Maintenance  Cleaners  Watchmen

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In the above example, this trust has established an Enterprise Management Committee (EMC) to run their business for them. They have recognised that they don’t have the experience or expertise to run such an enterprise on their own and have enlisted advice from experienced local businessmen and an NGO. They retain their link with the business and the vital flow of information between the business and the community by having two Trustees on this committee. This system requires the community to relinquish their hands-on, day to day association with the business. It therefore must also include provision for continuing financial education and business training for the community members so they can eventually play a bigger role in the actual business.

You will notice that the arrows between the structures go both ways, allowing input to and from each level. There is no direct link between the workers and the board but there is a link between the management and the Enterprise Management Committee. Two board members are on this committee and, in practice, would be the first consulted in matters of labour disputes, etc.
Number of Jobs created
Most CBOs rush into providing as many jobs as they can - at attractive rates of pay. Obviously, one of the many benefits of a community owning their own business is the creation of jobs. But such jobs must be able to be supported by the income. Also, the jobs created should only be those reasonably expected for a similar type of business in the private sector. It is not good business practice to employ an excessive number of people regardless of cost and the ultimate efficiency of the organisation.

Seasonal variation must also be taken into account. This is especially true for businesses involved in tourism, hunting and associated industries. When your business is busy, you can hire the maximum number of employees but when it is not busy you should only retain those staff who are absolutely necessary to keep the business operating. This can be done by giving different contracts of employment. Some might have a twelve month contract whilst others might only be hired for six or eight months.

Another example is a restaurant or bar. The best practice is to hire the people you need to run the operation but when you can see it is going to be busy, you hire casuals. For example, you own a restaurant and you have a booking for a large group. You might hire an extra person to help in the kitchen that night, two more waiters and maybe an extra cleaner for the next day. These people would only be casuals and would be paid for the days or hours they have worked. You would not have to employ these people permanently and pay their wages when you are not busy.

Joint Ventures
Similarly, some CBOs in a joint venture partnership insist on the creation of an excessive number of jobs. This creates huge problems for the management of the business (financially and logistically) and ultimately teaches people that they don’t have to work hard to get paid. CBOs need to realise that job creation is only one of the objects of the trust. Perhaps the money saved on unnecessary employment could be directed into worthwhile community projects that will benefit a larger number of people – especially those less educated people who do not have access to the jobs.

Joint venture partners must be considered as partners – not employers or benefactors who should be milked for all they can give. More equitable contracts and on-going training in financial understanding for the community members should help to change some of the present attitudes.

Recruitment and Selection of Employees
Each Community Based Organisation (CBO) should publicly affirm that it believes in equal opportunities for all its members – regardless of tribe, gender or family associations. There is a need for each CBO to formulate a document outlining agreed guidelines on employing staff for that particular CBO. This document would try to ensure the even distribution of jobs among families, wards, church groups, and even political groups if that is an issue within that community.

It is highly recommended that the CBO conduct a workshop with the community to formulate these guidelines (perhaps with the assistance of an NGO). They need to discuss:
1. What are the particular issues within their community in regards to hiring employees?
2. Are the jobs / Board positions / decision-making distributed evenly?
3. Is there gender equality or at least representation of women? and
4. The issue of “conflict of interest” needs to be explained and understood.

There needs to be community agreement on:
1. Interview / selection procedures
   - How is a job advertised?
   - How are applications done?
   - Who records the applications?
   - What provisions are made for non-literate applicants?
   - Who is on the interviewing committee?
• Who makes recommendations?
• Who makes the final selection?
• How are the community involved / informed?

2. How are wages / salary determined?
• Is this a position where the rate of pay is dictated by the Government?
• If not, what is a fair rate of pay?
• What do other similar businesses pay?

3. What type of employment will be the best?
• Part-time?
• Casual/temporary?
• Permanent?

4. Community agreement and monitoring
• Is it feasible to have the community vote on appointments?
• Who will monitor the selection process (kgosi, NGO, other?)

5. Conflict of Interest
If a member of the selection committee is related to an applicant or has a vested interest in their appointment, this must be declared. This might disqualify that committee member from participating in that particular appointment but the other committee members may also feel that it is not a problem. The declaration should be noted in the minutes of the meeting. This brings up the point that all such meetings should be recorded and those minutes should be available for other community members and interested parties to see.

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Sample of guidelines for hiring staff for a camp

The example used here is derived from the enterprise initiated by the Bukakhwe Cultural Conservation Trust (BCCT). BCCT is a community organisation and will give priority to members of the community when employment opportunities arise (for the organisational structure of BCCT, see the previous box). The way this is done is as follows:

• All jobs will be advertised through a notice in the Kgolla and at the Trust Office. Present staff will also be told when there is a vacancy;
• Written applications will be received by the Camp Manager who will give them to the Board when a vacancy occurs;
• The Trust Board will interview candidates and select a maximum of three that they recommend for the position;
• The Camp Management Team consisting of the Camp Manager and two Assistant Managers will then interview these candidates;
• The Enterprise Management Committee (EMC) actually hires employees but it may delegate such authority to the Camp Manager;
• All appointments to the position of Camp Manager will be made by the EMC. Short-listed candidates identified by the EMC will be interviewed by the BCCT Board who will forward their recommendations to the EMC; and
• The Management Team will have authority to engage or contract temporary casual labourers or skilled technicians so long as such appointments are within their approved budget.

When choosing the best candidate for the job, the following must be taken into consideration:

• Qualifications;
• Previous experience;
• Employment record; and
• Balance of staff from the village(s) – it is important that all community members feel they are being fairly represented by the Board. Therefore, it would not be desirable to have an imbalance in the number of employees from each ward, family, or church, etc.

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Rates of Pay

There are only a few occupations that have clearly stated minimum rates of pay determined by the Minimum Wages Advisory Board. These minimum wages are for unskilled employees. You are not allowed to pay less than the minimum wage for those jobs. For skilled workers, wages are negotiated between employer and employee.

The current minimum wages are (with effect from the 1st April 2002):

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How to calculate wages based on the minimum rate?

Example:
An employee in the tourism sector works six days a week, 8 hours a day, therefore a month’s wages are based on working 26 days a month.
P2.40 (per hour) times 8 (hours per day) times 26 (days per month): P2.40 X 8 X 26 = P499.20 per month. The daily wage would be P2.40 X 8 = P19.20 per day.

It is best to start at or near the minimum wage for most positions. This way, there is always opportunity to increase wages later or to reward good work or to give a bonus at the end of a successful season.

It is not a legal requirement to increase wages every year. Good business practice is to look at how profitable the business has been the previous year and also compare your wages with others in the same industry. Each employee’s performance should also be taken into consideration when increasing wages or allocating bonuses. Those employees who are hardworking and reliable should have their efforts recognised.

Night Watchmen

Be very careful with the payment of wages to night watchmen. You will see that there is a minimum wage for this job. You must also be aware that after the first eight hours these night watchmen must be paid overtime (at 1.5 times their normal rate) and that they are not allowed to work more than twelve hours in any one day.

Workers cannot give away their Rights

This brings up another interesting point. Even if your employees agree to work for less money and to do more hours, you may still be liable to compensate them for this. The Labour Laws are made to protect the worker and he or she cannot make agreements that contravene these rights. You might also find that although a worker agrees to certain conditions or rates of pay, when a Labour Officer visits, they might still complain to that officer. It is better to make sure everything is done “by the book” from the beginning.

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Every employee should be given a:

- Contract;
- Clear and detailed job description; and
- Summary of the Labour Laws.

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Wages Register
The employer must keep an accurate register of wages paid. Each worker must sign for their pay (or use thumbprint). Try not to have any alterations or erasures on your pay sheets as these are a legal record. Keep the pay sheets in a special file. The Law doesn’t say how long they must be kept, just that they must be there for examination by a Labour Officer.

Job Descriptions
Every job in your business or organisation must have a detailed job description. It should include:
• Name of job;
• Hours of work;
• Normal duties; and
• Special duties.

These duties should be quite detailed. For instance, don’t just put “administration”. Instead list all the administrative tasks e.g.:
• Maintenance of roster, leave records;
• Preparation of pay sheets;
• Daily banking;
• Payment of accounts;
• Receipting of payments received; and
• Filing, etc.

This way, the job description can be used as a teaching aid and checklist when the employee first begins the job as well as a valuable resource if there is any dispute about an employee’s responsibilities.

Most job descriptions in the tourism industry contain a generic clause along the lines of “and any other duties that the management requests”. This covers those times when you might ask a camp-hand, for instance, to assist the driver or a cook to assist a laundry worker. Only in a very big organisation can a worker be expected to do only their job. In a small organisation and especially in a CBO, it would be very sad to hear a worker say “that’s not my job”. The spirit of teamwork should be fostered.

The job description must be clearly explained and translated into Setswana or any other language the employee is most comfortable with at the time of signing the contract. When the contract and job description is explained, have a witness present who understands all languages being used and who will sign the documents as a witness.

See annexes 1 and 2 for examples of detailed job descriptions.

Effective “Employment Packages” that could be used by a Trust
Many CBOs receive seasonal income (especially those involved in the hunting and tourism industry) and their employment plan must reflect this. For example, in a tourism business more staff may be required during the busy season and less when things are quiet. In this case, it would be better to have a basic workforce and hire casuals or temporary workers as needed. Or have some staff on short contracts.

Option 1:
Paying workers a higher income during a high season and a low income during a low season.

Discussion:
This would have to be carefully planned or it could contravene provisions of the Law or cost the employer his profits because the lowest income an employer can pay at any point in time is the minimum wage. It might work well if all the employees are paid by the hour. During the low season when their services are least needed, workers can work less hours e.g. 2-3 hours a day depending on their job. During the high season and at busy times, they could earn a lot more –
even overtime. This is obviously not an option if the business is located far from the village e.g. in a safari camp.

**Option 2:**
Engaging temporary workers specifically for the busy season will be the best thing to do. These workers can be contracted for the number of months their services will be needed, with room for extension should the need arise. A certain number of permanent staff would be employed for an unspecified period (permanent) contract. These would be the few who would be left on site once the temporary staff is gone.

**Discussion:**
On the other hand, part-time workers are not always ideal in this type of industry, because these are people you call in when you need them, normally at a higher rate than for ordinary workers. Part-time workers do not have a contract of employment, let alone conditions of service, and supervising them to make sure that standards are maintained and clients are satisfied would be almost impossible. Training will also be an issue here. Would you train part-time staff and then run the risk of them seeking employment elsewhere?

**Part-time / Casual Employment**
The important thing to know about casual workers is that they must be employed for less than three days (or 22 1/2 hours) per week and for a period of less than 12 months. After 12 months they automatically become permanent.

Some employers try to keep employees as casual workers, believing that they are then not required to give the employees leave entitlements. This is not true.

**Temporary Workers**
This does not seem to be a concept recognised in the Employment Act although it is well known in Botswana as “piece work”. The Labour Department regards temporary workers as any other worker except that they are employed for a particular job – not for a time period.

It is extremely important with all categories to clearly state (in writing) the exact conditions under which the employee is hired. This must be made very clear to each employee as they are hired and you should have witnesses present.

**Staff Representative**
If your work force is more than about ten people, it would be a good idea to encourage the workers to elect a Staff Representative. This person must be made completely familiar with the contracts, conditions of service and job descriptions. He or she will help to explain these to the workers and also approach the management with any staff issues or grievances.

- Workers need to know the chain of command;
- Who is their supervisor?
- Who do they notify if they are sick?
- Who do they approach for leave?
- What to do if they have a query about their pay, etc.?

Staff Representatives are not paid for this job and are not in control of the workers so it is not a good idea to label them as “Staff Managers”. This title can lead to confusion about their actual role.

**Labour Department as a Resource**
In our experience, the Department of Labour is always willing to visit workplaces and answer any queries, from management or staff. They do not take sides and should be used as an information resource about:

- Working conditions;
- Contracts;
- Rates of pay;
- Payment times;
• Deductions allowed;
• Leave; and
• Grievances.

They can be contacted at any time with any queries or requests for clarification. The contact details of Regional and District Offices of Labour Department are listed in annex 3.

Contracts
Contracts can be verbal, implied or written. It is recommended that a written contract be prepared, even for illiterate employees. In such cases it is obviously essential to follow the guidelines mentioned above about translation and witnesses.

Once the contract is prepared, take it to your nearest Labour Department office and get them to check it for you. They will inform you if your stated conditions conform to the Labour Laws of Botswana.

See sample contracts in annex 4 and annex 6.

Employment of Non-citizens
Many CBOs hire a manager who comes from outside Botswana. This person will require a Work Permit from the Labour Department and a Residence Permit from the Immigration Department. These should be applied for when the person is still outside Botswana. There is a lot of paperwork involved and it is usually better for the CBO to pay a consultant to obtain these permits. This will cost about P1500.00.

The manager's contract usually states that should he or she leave during the first twelve months of employment, the fee for obtaining the work permit on their behalf must be repaid. It can take quite a long time to obtain a work permit for an expatriate. If your need is urgent, you can apply for an emergency work permit, which may allow employment for six months. It is not renewable and if the need is still there, the employer must apply for a normal work permit for that employee.

The labour Department will need to be convinced that the person you wish to hire has the right qualifications and experience for the job and that no suitable local candidate is available for that position. He or she must also be involved in the training of a citizen understudy for that position.

The applicant will need to provide:
• A curriculum Vitae (work experience and education record);
• Passport photos;
• Certified copies of passport; and
• Certified copies of all diplomas, certificates, etc.

The employer will need to provide:
• A letter supporting the application, justifying the need to hire an expatriate for the position and explaining what training or understudy appointment will be undertaken to ensure the transfer of skills to local people; and
• A fee of approximately P1500.00.

Probation
A contract should state how long the probationary period is. It can be a maximum of six months. Many trusts adopt a three months probationary period.

The probation period is designed to give the employer and the employee the chance to see how they are suited to the job and how the job suits them. Some people pay a smaller wage when the worker is on probation and then increase it when they are confirmed as permanent. This is not a requirement of the Employment Act.

Notification of end of probation
Another area where CBOs tend to be very weak is that once a person has a job with a CBO, the management or the Boards of Trustees are very reluctant to terminate their employment. A CBO must make business decisions. Although in many cases, their income is “given” to them, they still have an obligation to their members to use their funds in a business-like way that brings the most benefit to all their members. If a worker cannot do the job, or doesn’t work well, he or she should not be kept on. Or perhaps they would be more suited to a different job. The end of the probation period is the time when these difficult decisions must be made. During the probation period, the employer or employee only has to give fourteen days notice. No reason has to be given. The Employment Act states that “the contract shall be deemed to have been terminated with just cause and neither the employer nor the employee shall be required to give any reasons therefore.”

Good use of the monthly staff evaluations will alert both management and worker to problems before the end of probation is suddenly upon them.

Staff Evaluations / Work Performance
It is a good idea to do monthly staff evaluations. These force the employer into looking at the performance and attitude of each staff member regularly and allow the worker to know exactly how he or she is doing. They are a useful tool to focus on the performance of each employee and are designed to help improve behaviour and work performance – not as a reward or punishment. An evaluation form can include the following:

- Employees name;
- Position (job);
- Date;

And grading (usually below average, average or above average) given on the following:

- Punctuality;
- Willingness to help;
- Respect;
- Loyalty;
- Relationships with fellow workers;
- Pride in work;
- Pride in appearance;
- Enthusiasm;
- Quality of work; and
- Quantity of work.

It must also include a section on areas of improvement needed. This will be referred back to at the next evaluation to see if the worker has made efforts to improve. These evaluations are prepared by management and should be discussed with each staff member and put on their file. At the end of the three or six month probation period, these evaluations should be reviewed and may form the basis of making a decision to make the worker permanent or to terminate their employment.

Training
When organising training you need to remember that people in Botswana do not hesitate to change jobs. Therefore, you should train more people than you actually need. For instance, if you are arranging training for waiters, why not make it a course for 8 or 10 people? Yes, some of them will go and get jobs elsewhere but furnishing your members with these extra skills can be considered a community service. You are enriching and empowering your community. You are also increasing the “pool” of qualified staff you can draw from when you have a vacancy.

Conditions of Service
These are the rules and regulations the employer has to govern those people he employs. All extra benefits, hours of work, work schedules, uniform details, rules about housing and rations etc. would be spelt out here. At the beginning of each working year, a meeting should be held and these rules carefully explained to all employees. The Staff Representative should be especially knowledgeable about the Conditions of Service.
Don’t wait until you have a problem or complaint to explain things to your workers. There is a lot of misinformation and confusion about the Labour Laws and many workers seek clarification from family or other workers who may not know the correct answer.

A sample Conditions of Service that would be attached to a contract can be found in annex 5.

**Code of Conduct**
Another very useful tool to maintain harmony amongst your workers is the establishment of a Code of Conduct. This will vary for each business but will contain such things as:

- Respect for each other’s property;
- Politeness between workers;
- Respect for the management;
- Rules for meal times;
- A ban against discrimination; and
- Rule against sexual harassment.

These rules must come from the workers themselves, ideally in a participatory workshop. They may also include rules about how management should deal with the workers.

**Long Term Illness**
There is nothing in the Employment Act about termination of employment due to ill health but it is a problem faced by employers more and more often these days with the high incidence of HIV/AIDS associated illnesses.

The normal practice is to allow an employee to use all their sick leave, then allow them an extended period of leave without pay (perhaps two months). During this time they must keep the employer informed of their condition and after this time they may be required to visit a medical practitioner of the employer’s choice. If the medical practitioner decides that the worker is likely to remain sick and unfit for work for at least another month, the employer may decide to terminate the contract. It is essential that a clause to this effect be written into the contract. You must be very careful that you are not seen to be discriminating against an employee because of their illness e.g. you cannot fire someone because they have HIV/AIDS or because they have T.B. You can terminate their contract if they are unable to work and you have given them plenty of time and have taken advice from a medical practitioner.

**Health Checks**
Employees working in a job that requires food handling are required to undergo health checks for infectious diseases every six months. This requires them to visit the nearest hospital or facility that can do these checks. They will have to make an appointment and will then be given a list of requirements to bring with them. The testing is quite extensive and will take the whole day. You will need to make provision for your employees to take these tests and provide money for transport and meals. Employees that are found to be suffering from one of these illnesses should be taken from their food handling job until they receive clearance from the Health Department.

**Sexual Harassment**
This is also not covered in the Employment Act but is sometimes an issue. It refers to the forcing of an employee to have sex with a boss or supervisor because of fear of losing a job or otherwise being penalised at work. It can also refer simply to comments or jokes made about or to employees that have sexual connotations and with which he or she is not comfortable. This is unacceptable behaviour and some trusts have already included rules against this in their contracts or Conditions of Service.

**Liquor, Drugs and Smoking**
Policy on the consumption of alcohol and drugs and smoking in front of guests needs to be stated. Most businesses completely ban the consumption of alcohol and drugs on company premises on or off duty. But the safari industry and some other parts of the hospitality industry obviously have special situations where the employee is expected to socialise with guests.
Contracts or Conditions of Service need to spell out any exceptions to the general rule. For example:

“Consumption of alcohol on business premises is prohibited except where management staff and guides are expected to dine with the guests. Consumption in these cases must be moderate.”

Remember that any employee drunk on the job could be subject to instant dismissal.

**Medical Aid**

There is no legal requirement for an employer to provide medical aid (health insurance) to employees. It is, however, common practice for an employer to pay half of the costs as part of wage packages offered to expatriates – especially those employed by safari companies. This will cost your company between P200 and P600 per month, depending on the cover offered.

**Workmen’s Compensation**

The law says that all staff must be covered by Workmen’s Compensation. This is an insurance taken out by the employer in case a worker is injured on the job or on the way to or from the job. Claims would cover medical expenses and loss of earnings. Lump sum payments are sometimes paid for injuries such as loss of limbs or incapacitation (unable to work again).

The premiums (monthly or yearly payments) are paid directly to an insurance company or through an agent or insurance broker. The premiums are calculated on the amount of wages paid. So if your wages bill is high, your Workmen’s Compensation payments will also be high. For example, a CBO paying P13,000.00 per month in wages, pays P156,000.00 per year in wages. They would have to pay approximately P2652.00 (plus 10% VAT) in Workmen’s Compensation each year.

Another CBO paying P32,000.00 per month in wages, pays P384,000.00 per year. They would have to pay P6258.00 (plus VAT) in Workmen’s Compensation.

The premium paid is a percentage of the total salary and wages paid each year. This can be as low as 1.3% for an office job but up to 1.7% for “high risk” jobs such as mokoro poler or safari guide (this higher percentage was used in the above examples). The Labour Department will ask to see your insurance certificate for Workmen’s Compensation and may also check that the income is not under-stated. They will certainly check your wages book if a claim is made to verify that the income claimed matches the income received by that worker.

**The Importance of Communication**

It is vitally important to communicate with your workers. Not only must you make sure they understand all their conditions of service, their contracts and their job descriptions but you must also make sure they understand your interpretation of them. Spell it out!

For example, if an employee comes to you and says they are sick, you might tell them they can go home or to the clinic for treatment. You must then state whether or not they are being paid for the time they are absent. Similarly, someone might tell you they are going to be away and then be shocked when you deduct money from their pay for their absence. They will have assumed that by telling you they will be away and you not saying anything that they have permission for this absence and will be paid. Spell it out! Don’t leave any room for misunderstandings and try to have a reliable witness to these conversations.
A Summary of the Labour Laws of Botswana

What follows is a basic summary of the Employment Act of Botswana (and amendments). It is meant as an easier to follow guide for CBOs. For full understanding of each rule or section, you would need to refer back to the Act (available from the Government Press in Gaborone) or seek clarification from the Labour Department. All comments in italics are those of the authors. Location of each section in the Employment Act is given after the title headings.

Contracts (Part III /14-16)
“May be oral or in writing, expressed or implied”. This means that even without a written contract, the Labour Laws of Botswana protect the employee.

The employer has a duty to provide work for the employee. i.e. if a worker’s contract states that he will be employed five days a week for eight hours a day, you cannot send him home when there is no work and then not pay him.

Termination of Contracts (Part III /17-20)
Normally, a contract will expire when the job is completed or the time period is over.

Notice Period
- For a person working one day or less – no notice needed at end of day;
- For a person working more than one day but less than a week – one day’s notice;
- For a person working more than one week but less than a month – at least the same amount of time as a pay period e.g. if he is paid every two weeks, he must get two weeks notice;
- A person who has worked between 5 and 10 years must get a month’s notice; and
- An employee who has worked for more than 10 years must be given at least six weeks notice.

If the contract states a different notice period, the contract is followed as long as the notice period is not less than that stated above.

During probation: notice is fourteen days and no reasons need be given.

Breach of Contract: (Part III / 21)
Employer – if he fails to pay minimum or agreed wages; and Employee – if absent from work without consent. If he has reasonable cause for absence, he must inform the employer as soon as is reasonably practicable to do so. Some contracts state the amount of time an employee can be absent before he is considered in breach. Although this makes it clear from the outset, it can also limit the employer’s right to consider that even one day is unreasonable in certain circumstances. You will probably still have to pay termination notice to this employee.

You cannot terminate a contract on the following grounds:
- Membership or involvement with a Trade Union;
- Employee being or wanting to be Staff Representative;
- Employee making a complaint or being involved in a case against the employer to do with an alleged breaking of the law; and
- The employee’s race, tribe, place of origin, national extraction, social origin, marital status, political opinions, sex, colour or creed.

Resignation of Staff Member
Must give one months written notice or must pay one month’s salary in lieu of notice.

Certificates of Employment (Part III / 24)
An employer must give a Certificate of Employment to a worker who requests it upon termination. It must contain:
• Dates of employment; and
• Type of work done.

This certificate may not contain anything unfavourable to the employee. Note: This is not a reference. You can also supply an ex-employee with a reference that says how well he or she worked, what their attitude and character was like, etc. Be aware of the differences between a Certificate of Employment and a Reference. Every employer must give a Certificate of Employment, even if the employment was terminated for a serious offence. When you are interviewing candidates for a job, if they only have a Certificate of Employment and not a reference, maybe you should be wondering why not?

Redundancy (Part III / 25)
Redundancy means terminating of contract for the purpose of reducing the size of the work force. It should be done on the first-in-last-out principle. But the employer can also take into account:
• The efficient operation of his business; and
• The ability, experience, skill and qualifications of each employee.

You are supposed to write to the Commissioner of Labour and Social Security announcing your intention and must inform those who will be affected. If you re-employ someone in the same position within six months, you should consider re-hiring those made redundant earlier.

Termination of Contract without Notice (Part III / 26); (Part III / 26 & amendments)
This will occur where the employee is guilty of serious misconduct. Serious misconduct is defined as:
• Wilful disobedience of lawful and/or reasonable orders given by the employer;
• Wilful misrepresentation by the employee of his skills or qualifications;
• Habitual or wilful neglect of duties;
• Acts of theft, misappropriation or wilful dishonesty against the employer, another employee, or a customer of client of the employer;
• Acts of violence;
• Damage caused wilfully or by gross negligence to property of the employer;
• Wilful disclosure of confidential information or trade secrets against the interests of the employer;
• Inability to carry out normal duties, due to the consumption of alcohol or habit-forming drugs;
• Wilful refusal to obey or comply with safety rules or practices for the prevention or control of accidents or diseases;
• Consistent work performance below average despite at least two written warning;
• Offering or receiving bribes; and
• Persistent absence from work without permission.

The above reasons are grounds for instant dismissal.

Severance Benefit (Part III / 28)
After 60 months (5 years) of continuous employment, the employee is entitled to one days basic pay for every month worked (first 60 months) and two days basic pay for every month worked after that. This is not paid if the employment is terminated on the ground that the employee is guilty of serious misconduct. If you are not sure how to calculate the amount due, contact the nearest Labour Office who will assist you.

Employment Cards (Part III / 32)
Must be filled out for every employee. You can obtain copies of the standard card from your nearest Labour Office or design your own (as long as it contains all the necessary information).

Register of Casual Employees (Part III / 37)
This register must be kept for at least two years.
Wages (Part VII /75)
Unless stated otherwise, the wage period will normally be one month.

Payment Of Wages (Part VII / 76 –79)
Should normally be done by the end of the third working day of the next month (or as soon as it is practicable to do so). Payment on termination should be done on the day of termination (or as soon as it is practicable to do so). If the employee doesn’t give proper notice or doesn’t work out the notice period, payment should still be done within three days of giving notice (unless it is a rest day or public holiday). Payments should be made during working hours at or near the place of employment.

Deductions From Wages (Part VII / 80 –82)
Can be taken from salary or wages with the consent of the employee for:
• Taxation;
• Overpayment of wages;
• Overpayment of leave;
• Money owed to company; and
• Any other amounts the staff member has agreed (in writing) to have deducted.

Public Holidays (Part VIII / 100)
The following are paid public holidays:
• New Years Day
• Good Friday
• Easter Monday
• Labour Day (01 May)
• President’s Day
• Day following President’s Day
• Botswana Day
• Christmas Day

Staff working on these days will be paid twice the normal rate. They can also choose to take time off in lieu of payment. NB. There are about thirteen public holidays in Botswana but only those listed above are PAID public holidays. For the others, if you choose to give an employee this day off, you must still pay them. But if you choose for them to work, it is just paid the same as any other day.

Annual Leave (Part VIII / 99)
It is a good practice to get all employees to fill in an application for leave form, stating when they are taking leave and what sort of leave has been granted. This would go on the staff member’s file. The minimum leave is 15 days per year. Calculated at 1.25 days for each full month worked (5-day week) or 1.5 days per full month worked (6-day week). Leave can be accumulated year by year for a maximum of three years. Leave must be paid at current basic rate of pay

Compassionate Leave
This is not a requirement of the Employment Act. It is an extra benefit that might be given by the employer. It is up to the management to decide whether or not to grant this leave when the worker applies. Some Trusts give a total of up to six days paid leave to a staff member in the case of the death of a close relative. Close relative means child, spouse, sibling or parent (including parent of spouse). It should be stated in the contract if any compassionate leave is included.

Emergency Leave
This is also not dealt with in the Employment Act but it is common practice to make provision for emergency leave. It is granted in cases of serious illness or accident in the family or the death of
a family member. The days off work are deducted from Annual Leave accrued (already earned) or to be earned in future.

**Unpaid Leave**
In cases other than emergency leave where the staff member has no leave available, they may be granted unpaid leave.

**Sick Leave (Part VIII / 101)**
During the first 12 months, the employee is entitled to 14 days sick leave or up to 30 days sick leave if hospitalised. The employee must inform the employer as soon as possible. If sick for more than one day, the employee must get a medical certificate. *If there is no medical certificate, the employer does not have to pay sick leave. The worker might have to take annual leave or unpaid leave. Some contracts state that an employee may only use seven of their total sick days during the probation period. As explained previously, the contract should also state the employer’s stand on long-term illness.*

**Maternity Leave (Part XII / 117 – 124)**
Female staff is entitled to 12 weeks paid maternity leave. This can be taken six weeks before the baby is born and must be taken at least six weeks after the baby is born. Staff may get further two weeks of paid maternity leave if the absence is related to the birth of the baby provided that a medical certificate is produced. After this time, staff might need to take sick leave or unpaid leave if she is still not well enough to return to work. Staff must get a medical certificate stating she is fit to return to work before resuming work. *A Breastfeeding staff member is given an extra hour off during the day to feed the baby until it is six months old. The employment Act states it as “half an hour twice a day” but in practice, most mothers prefer to take the whole hour at once.*
DISCIPLINE

The Employment Act of Botswana and current labour practices clearly outline disciplinary procedures to be adopted. These are very formal and employee files should be kept for each employee so that verbal and written warnings and disciplinary hearings can be recorded. The employee should be given copies of such records and ideally should sign these. If they refuse to do so, a witness to the proceedings would sign. The Labour Department has very strict guidelines about how a worker should be disciplined. In some cases a worker’s contract has been terminated for valid reasons but the required disciplinary steps were not followed. This has resulted in the employee being re-instated or compensation being sought.

Disciplinary Measures
A disciplinary hearing is a formal meeting (a bit like a court case) arranged to discuss behaviour problems and possible punishments. It is conducted according to rules from the Labour Department, combined with rules from the employer that cover such things as who will be on the disciplinary committee. On minor matters, the manager or management team will normally deal with disciplinary problems. A disciplinary hearing should be conducted for serious matters or for matters where there is dispute about the charges and the management wants to make sure that everything is done “by the book”.

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A staff member’s employment can be terminated after two written warnings and one final written warning, and including a verbal warning at the first incident.

Verbal Warning
Any member of the management team may draw the attention of a staff member to activities or behaviour that is undesirable. A record of verbal warning should be entered on the employee’s file. The offence is reported to the manager who may call witnesses and then decide whether to issue a verbal warning or a written warning.

Written Warning
- A Disciplinary Sub-committee may be formed. The composition of the committee will depend on the Trust’s own business structure but should include at least one member of management and one member of the Board of Trustees. One committee member will be appointed chairperson;
- The hearing must be held within 14 working days of the complaint;
- The staff member must be notified at least three days before the hearing; and
- Within three working days of the date of the hearing, the chairperson of the committee must tell the staff member the decision (in writing).

Charges to be made in Writing
Some warnings are verbal only. All other charges must be made in writing, clearly stating the nature of the offence. The staff member will be invited to reply to the charges.

Disciplinary Action to be taken Promptly
The objective of disciplinary action is to bring about a change in undesirable behaviour, and it follows, therefore that action must be taken promptly.

Penalties to be Progressive
Stricter penalties will not normally be imposed unless the staff member has already received a written warning preceded by a verbal warning. However, in serious cases, the stricter penalty (including immediate discharge) might be imposed even where the staff member has not had an earlier warning.

Example of a disciplinary Hearing

- The staff member is permitted to have the Staff Representative or a co-worker of their choice present during all disciplinary hearings;
- The only issue to be discussed is that on the charge;
- The chairman will explain the charge and the staff member will then speak;
- The chairman and the staff member may both call witnesses;
- The employee and the staff representative may also question witnesses;
- A written record of the meeting will be kept;
- The staff member will get a copy of this record;
- The chairperson can give the verdict immediately or later;
- In deciding the punishment, the following should be taken into account:
  - The seriousness of the offence;
  - The staff member's previous record. Are any other penalties in force?
  - Penalties imposed for similar offences in the past;
  - Staff member's general behaviour and service;
- After being informed of the penalty, the staff member may speak; and
- The chairman will give a written verdict and advise the staff member of the right of appeal to the District Labour Office.

The Conduct of disciplinary Proceedings

Disciplinary proceedings are the methods or steps used when dealing with behaviour or work problems as per the Employment Act.

1. The employee must be given reasonable notice of the time and place when the employer intends holding a disciplinary enquiry. This gives the employee sufficient time to prepare his/her defence. Notice that the enquiry will be held on the same day is usually not reasonable notice, unless the employee consents to it.

2. At the same time the employee must be informed of the nature of the charge or charges. There must be sufficient particulars so that he/she knows exactly what he/she has to face. It is not sufficient to merely inform an employee that he/she is charged with theft, fraud or contravening clause a, b, c of the employer's disciplinary code.

3. The employee must be given the option of being assisted or represented at the enquiry by a co-employee of his/her choice. It is not usual for an employee to be represented by a union official at a disciplinary enquiry. If there are union shop stewards in a business, a shop steward will normally represent the employee charged.

4. The employer should place sufficient evidence before the enquiry to prove that the alleged misconduct has been committed and that the employee so charged has committed it. The principle of natural justice does not require that the procedures and rules of evidence observed at a hearing in a court of law be applied at a disciplinary enquiry. It is however strongly recommended that it be done especially to obviate possible future disputes as to what was said or done at such disciplinary enquiry.

5. The employee should be entitled to question any witness who testifies against him/her. Although the failure to allow an employee the opportunity of questioning a witness with whose evidence or statement he/she disagrees, does not necessarily render the proceedings of the disciplinary enquiry fatally defective, it is advisable to allow such questioning because it goes a long way to satisfy the requirements of a fair procedure.
6. The employee must be entitled to give evidence himself/herself and to call his/her own witnesses. *It is absolutely essential that an employee be granted a fair opportunity to state his/her case and to call witnesses if he/she so wishes.*

7. In the event of being found guilty of the alleged misconduct, the employee must be given a further opportunity of putting forward facts in mitigation before a sanction is decided on. *It is also essential that an employee be given a further opportunity to address in mitigation after having been found guilty of the alleged misconduct.*
Case studies and annexes
Case study 1
Gaing-O Community Trust

Background
The Gaing-O Community Trust was registered in 1997 and began operations in 1999. The trust operates two campsites at Lekhubu (Kubu Island): Lekhubu and the Kraal. The community consists of approximately 900 people, centred in Mmatshumo village but being spread over quite a large area. The community members are mostly from the bakalanga, basarwa and bakalutsi tribes. There is no wildlife in the area and the trust receives no quota and has no joint venture agreements with the private sector. They work with the National Museum of Botswana. The trust rents a Village Development Committee building in the village, which they use as an office. They got a telephone in June 2003 and also have solar power that allows them to use a computer and provides lighting in the office.

This trust is operating with only a small amount of revenue and has received financial support from a number of organisations including the Community Conservation Fund and the Action for Economic Empowerment Trust.

Location
Situated in the Controlled Hunting Area CT13, the Gaing-O Community Trust is a CBO in Mmatshumo Village, 25 Kilometres from Letlhakane. It is the closest village to Kubu Island. The trust has an agreement with the National Museum of Botswana to act as custodians of the island which is a National Monument. The entrance and camping fees charged to visitors are used to cover part of the running cost of the Gaing-O Community Trust and to look after the island.

Enterprises
At present the trust operates only the campsites but they are looking for funding to build a lodge/campsite four kilometres from Mmatshumo.

Staffing Levels
When operations first began, three caretakers were hired to look after the island, to assist guests and to collect entrance and camping fees. The National Museum also hired one custodian (paid by the museum). Lekhubu is located 45 kilometres from Mmatshumo and there is little transport available so staff does not go home after working hours or even sometimes during off-days.

The focus has now changed from being merely caretakers to being service providers with trained staff available to assist visitors and provide extra services such as guided walks. There is now the following staff at Lekhubu:

• 1 custodian;
• 3 field guides;
• 1 safari porter; and
• 1 mothusi (helper).

The custodian is paid by the National Museum and all others are paid by the Gaing-O Trust from funds generated from visitors. They work 6 weeks on/ 6 days off. The custodian is on a Government contract and he works 5 days on/ 2 days off each week. He takes his rest days on Tuesday and Wednesday so he is at work during the busier weekend days.

In addition, the trust employs:

• 1 book keeper; and there is
• 1 volunteer office clerk (who will become a paid worker when funds permit).

The General Manager and Project Advisor is funded by DED (German Development Services). He has been working with this trust since April 2002 and has a two-year contract, which the trust would like to extend for at least another 12 months. The trust has just selected a General Manager and an understudy/counterpart who will begin work soon.
Selection of Employees
There is now in place a formal interview committee consisting of:
- The project advisor;
- A representative from Permaculture Trust of Botswana (the facilitating NGO);
- The Technical Advisory Committee;
- The Board Chairperson;
- A Board member;
- A representative from Tribal Administration; and
- The village Headman.

In the past, the Board did interviews and selections with advice from Permaculture Trust of Botswana. Vacancies are advertised in Mmatshumo. Applicants for the field guide positions were interviewed and they also had to undergo quite extensive testing, consisting of written and oral tests as well as participation in role play situations.

Contracts
Until the Project Advisor arrived in 2002, there were no formal contracts between the trust and its employees. This was a problem and the workers questioned their terms of employment and the lack of contracts. A copy of the contract used by a nearby safari operator was obtained and modified to suit.

Job Descriptions
Once again, before 2002, the trust operated without formal job descriptions. These are now in place.

Labour History
Employees working for the trust in the past at Lekhubu worked 20 days on with 10 days off and were paid their normal salary for the “off-season”. They were actually working only 240 days a year instead of the normal 306. When it was decided to upgrade the jobs of the caretakers to those of field guides, the three employees doing the original jobs were terminated with one month’s notice. They were not happy about this and complained to Labour Department. A Labour Officer from Letlhakane investigated and decided that the trust should pay the employees six months pay in compensation. Gaing-O Trust felt that this was not fair and appealed against the decision. Their main argument was that the original jobs no longer existed and that the new positions of field guides required more (and different) qualifications. The field guides receive training in the local flora and fauna, guest relations, etc. It was further argued that the employees whose contracts were terminated were not unfairly treated and, in fact, were paid for three months a year they didn’t work and also an excessive amount of leave and rest days were granted. A further hearing was held in June 2003 and the results are expected soon.

Disciplinary Procedures
The trust has had no problems with theft or dishonesty but has noticed that since tighter control of the money collected at Lekhubu was introduced, their revenue increased from P40,195.00 for 2001/2002 to P92,000.00 in 2002/2003. It was not felt that there was a noticeable increase in visitor numbers in that time and the fees remained the same.

Wages
The board set present wages with assistance from Permaculture. They were an estimate of what was considered a reasonable wage for the job. When contracts were introduced, there was an attempt made to get all employees to open bank accounts and to have their salaries paid directly into these accounts. The only bank in Letlhakane no longer has payroll accounts and requires account holders to maintain a minimum balance of P1000.00 in their accounts. This was obviously not practical and so workers are paid in cash at the trust office.
Case study 2
Gudigwa Camp – Bukakhwe Cultural Conservation Trust

Background
Gudigwa Camp is an enterprise owned by the Bukakhwe Cultural Conservation Trust (BCCT). The people of Gudigwa have always been part of the Okavango Community Trust (managing NG22/23) and received some benefits from this trust. In 1998 they began working with Conservation International (an NGO) to form their own trust designed to protect and preserve the culture of the Bukakhwe people and to conserve the local environment and wildlife. They felt the best way to achieve these objectives was to start an eco-tourism business based in Gudigwa and showcasing the Bukakhwe culture. The Trust was registered in September 2000. Gudigwa Camp opened in April 2003. There are approximately 800 people living in Gudigwa Village. They are almost all Basarwa.

Location
Gudigwa Camp is located five kilometres from Gudigwa Village on the eastern side of the Panhandle in the northern part of the Okavango Delta. It has its own airstrip and can also be accessed by road from Mohembo via Seronga. The BCCT has formed a strong relationship with Okavango Wilderness Safaris and has marketing and service agreements with them. The Camp is 100% owned and managed by the trust. All employees (except the camp manager) are from the local area and are members of the trust.

Enterprises
At present, the BCCT owns only Gudigwa Camp but is investigating the purchase of a shop in Gudigwa Village.

A lot of the preparation for the establishment and operating of this business has been financial training for the members of the community and board members. Part of this training was the understanding that no business is expected to make money immediately. A very large sum of donor money was injected into this enterprise and now it must stand alone. The community realises that 2003 was not a good year for the tourism business with the war in Iraq, and the SARS virus seriously affecting the number of tourists travelling to Botswana. They have accepted that the enterprise will not generate any profits for at least two years and they have adapted their employment plan accordingly. Seventeen staff members were selected and underwent extensive training over the year before the business was to begin operating. These staff expected full-time employment for the nine months of the “tourism season”. They have had to accept that there is simply not enough money to support their full-time employment whilst occupancy rates are so low. It was agreed that six staff members would work full-time at a reduced rate of pay and that the rest would work part-time when guests were booked in the camp until the financial situation improved. This was a very sound and mature business decision taken by this community for the overall good of its enterprise.

The Trust has employed a Trust Manager and has also hired a Shop Manager. Two night watchmen work at the shop – each works five nights on and then five nights off.

Staffing Levels – Gudigwa Camp
- Camp Manager;
- Assistant Manager – Administration;
- Assistant Manager – Guest Relations;
- 2 Professional Guides;
- Chef;
- 3 Cooks;
- 3 Housekeepers;
- 3 Maintenance staff;
- 2 Waitresses; and
- 1 Driver

* Up to 30 dancers, entertainers and guides are hired on a per day or per performance basis.
**Full-time Staff**
- Camp Manager;
- Assistant Manager – Administration;
- Assistant Manager – Guest Relations;
- 2 Professional Guides; and
- Chef.

All staff has contracts but part-time staff has signed a declaration of understanding about working part-time. They are working between 15 and 20 days per month and are guaranteed at least eight days work each month.

**Policy and Procedures Manual**
The BCCT has recognised that they do not have the expertise and experience to operate this business on their own. They are advised by Conservation International (an NGO) and are in a marketing partnership with Okavango Wilderness Safaris. They have formulated a Policy & Procedures Manual that outlines their rules and regulations for the running of this business. Furthermore they are in the process of selecting an Enterprise Management Committee (EMC) to assist them in the running of the business. This committee consists of:
- The Chairman of BCCT;
- One other Board member (the Treasurer);
- Three independent business advisors;
- An accountant; and
- A representative of Conservation International.

**Selection of Employees**
The first people selected for training and employment were interviewed and hired by the community through the Board of Trustees. Conservation International assisted with the selection and arranged training for those chosen. Subsequent employees will be identified and recommended by the Board of Trustees of the BCCT, using their “Guidelines for Employing Staff” but will be selected by the Camp Manager. A new Camp Manager would be identified and recommended by the EMC but final approval would come from the community.

**Contracts**
Contracts were prepared and then reviewed by the District Labour Officer in Maun before being presented to the employees.

**Labour History**
This business is very new and the workers, in many cases, have never had a job before so issues that have arisen are generally misunderstandings about things such as payment for public holidays, date of payment etc. A Staff Representative has been elected. This year most of the staff is working part-time. The Camp has agreed to put these workers on full-time work as soon as they can. They will be employed for a maximum of nine months as the camp is closed for three months during the wet season. A Labour Officer has been invited to come to the Camp to speak to the staff and clarify any issues regarding the Employment Act and working conditions.

**Disciplinary Procedures**
Disciplinary procedures are clearly outlined in the Policy and Procedures Manual. The Camp management team is responsible for the day to day guidance and discipline of the staff but can refer any matters to the Enterprise Management Committee. This EMC will be called in for any serious cases and will form part of a disciplinary sub-committee consisting of:
- 2 members of the Camp management team; and
- 2 members of the EMC (probably the BCCT Board members who are also members of the EMC).

If the disciplinary procedure concerns the behaviour of the Camp Manager, then the disciplinary committee must consist of at least three members of the EMC (two of whom are the BCCT Board members who are part of the EMC).
Theft / Dishonesty
So far there have been no incidents involving theft or dishonesty of employees. The Conditions of Service clearly explain which offences are considered minor, which are serious and which could result in dismissal.

Wages
When the job vacancies were identified, the Board of Trustees and Conservation International decided on the salary or rates of pay. This was largely based on advice from their marketing partner, OWS, who have been in the safari business for many years. When it became obvious that there were not going to be enough bookings to sustain the business, part-time employment was offered to the majority of employees. They are paid a daily rate of P25.00 per day (the minimum wage is P19.20 per day or P499.20 per month). When employees are put back onto full-time work they will revert to the agreed wages which are more than the minimum.

All staff that was kept full-time agreed to a reduction in wages from those that were first suggested in order to help the business survive its first year.

Wages are paid in cash at the Camp at the beginning of each month. Except for the Camp Manager whose salary is paid directly into her bank account.
Case study 3
Okavango Community Trust

Location
The Okavango Community Trust (OCT) is a Community Based Organisation representing approximately 5000 villagers spread through five villages along the northern edge of the Okavango delta in Ngamiland, Botswana. The five villages are Seronga, Gunotsoga, Eretsha, Beetsha and Gudigwa. The closest commercial centre is the town of Maun, which is approximately 7 hours by road (100 kms gravel, 400 kms tar) or 45 minutes by air.

Structure
Village Trust Committees - VTCs (sub-committees).
Each village trust committee of 12 members is elected at a kgotla meeting. This committee then elects its own Chairperson, vice-Chairperson, Secretary and vice-Secretary and Treasurer. Each sub-committee is responsible for representing its particular village and communicating the needs of the village to the Board of Trustees. The chairperson and secretary of each sub-committee are automatically the village representatives on the Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees
The full Board of Trustees consists of ten village representatives (two from each village) and a representative of the Joint Venture Partner (the company which leases the concessions and quota from the Trust). Its function is to see to the running of the affairs of the Trust, and ensure that benefits derived from the activities of the Trust are distributed equitably. The six-member Executive Committee of the Board is automatically made up of the Chairperson, vice-Chairperson, Secretary and vice-Secretary from the Board, joined by the General Manager and the Treasurer. It is the Executive Committee's role to take decisions as required when the Board does not have a quorum.

Joint venture agreement
The Trust has a joint venture agreement with Micheletti Bates Safaris (Pty) Ltd for the utilisation of CHAs NG22 and NG23. Okavango Wilderness Safaris operates the photographic arm of the agreement. There are a total of five photographic camps in the lease areas (no hunting conducted at present). The management of the lease is guided by the technical proposal tendered by Micheletti Bates for the areas. The benefits from this agreement are listed below:

Income through the joint venture is derived from two main sources, firstly in the form of rental for the two areas NG22 and NG23 to the joint venture partner and secondly from the sale of the wildlife quota to the same partner for commercial hunting purposes. An additional benefit is a project fund, which is divided equally between the five member villages.

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OCT Operations
In addition to the joint venture, the OCT has embarked on projects identified by its members. Projects are classified as income generating or public service projects.
Income generating projects presently include a bottle store and general dealer operated by the OCT’s wholly owned company Seronga Trading (PTY) Ltd. Presently another three general dealers are being constructed. A 12-seater passenger ferry is also operated between Seronga and Sepopa. The OCT vehicles are hired out at nominal rates to members. Details on projects:

**Passenger Ferry**
A 7-metre boat runs between Seronga and Sepopa daily or on demand. It employs four community members. Income generated goes to the OCT account.

**Seronga Trading (PTY) Ltd**
A private trading company, wholly owned by the OCT and used for trading activities. The company operates a bottle store in Seronga and a general dealer in Beetsha. It employs two staff in Seronga and five in Beetsha. Income generated goes to Seronga Trading account and is used to purchase stock. Costs relating to running the enterprise are paid by OCT at present, but it is hoped that in 2004 the trading arm will become self sufficient in terms of staffing and transport requirements.

**Vehicles**
OCT runs 1 Ford tractor and trailer, donated by the Joint Venture Partner (value P 25 000), 2 Toyota Landcruisers bought new in 1999 and 2000 and financed through Wesbank, and 1 Magirus Deutz 12 ton 6X6 truck financed through the African Bank. These vehicles are used to run the trading activities and to assist the community with transporting for funerals, sick people, etc. They are also hired out. Income generated goes to the OCT account. Two of the villages, Gudigwa and Eretsha, have each bought their own village vehicles, a new Toyota Diesel Landcruiser each. These vehicles are registered under OCT, and managed by the VTC and OCT office jointly.

**General dealers**
General dealer shops are presently under construction in Gudigwa, Eretsha and Gunotsoga as part of larger structures. The shopkeepers who will be used are those presently being trained on the Seronga and Beetsha operations. The general dealers were opened in 1998 by the Trust Board, and run by the entire Board. This resulted in a book loss of over P 115,000 for that year (10 months trading). The Board requested assistance from the JVP, and a manager was sourced by the JVP. The shops were closed most of 1999, and the Seronga bottle store was reopened November 1999, and the Beetsha general dealer in early 2000. Since then, despite more control problems occasionally, an approximate 20% gross profit has been managed.

**Radio rooms and VTC halls.**
These facilities are included in the general dealerships being erected. They will consist of a radio room to replace the traditional huts used at present and rooms for conducting the village craft projects to be instituted and for the VTC to conduct its business. A room for conducting projects is also included in the plan.

**Mortuary**
A mortuary is presently under construction in Seronga. The building is being paid for by OCT, and the fridge unit was donated by the Joint Venture Partner (value P 15 000).

**Head Office**
A new head office is being constructed on the OCT plot in Seronga. This will include a storeroom, board room, offices and VTC room.

**Traditional village**
A traditional village is planned for Gombo, near Eretsha. This will be done in conjunction with the joint venture partner, who will provide financial and management assistance, and clients. This project however will probably only proceed once the other projects have been realised, due to the capital and time involved.

**Employment**
The OCT presently employs the following staff:

**Central Office (39):**
1 Treasurer / assistant manager;
1 Office manager (operations);
7 Escort guides for the camps;
2 Light duty drivers;
1 Tractor driver;
1 Tractor assistant;
1 Heavy duty truck driver;
2 Truck assistants;
1 Boat driver;
1 Boat conductor;
1 Office cleaner;
10 Radio operators (paid 50% JVP, 50% OCT);
5 Full time watchmen; and
5 Relief watchmen.

Seronga Trading (7):
1 Manager;
1 Supervisor; and
5 Shopkeepers.

Labourers (30):
25 (not permanent, but for the building of shops and mortuary); and
5 Food garden workers.

**TOTAL: 76**

**Further remarks**
The Okavango Community Trust was one of the first trusts in Botswana and, as such, it has a cumbersome structure that involves the payment of 60 Board members. Its employment policies mean that the joint venture partner (JVP) has no say in how many staff to employ or who those staff are. Staff for the JVP safari camps is selected by the OCT, an equal number from each of the five villages. The JVP also has to provide a crippling number of staff benefits that would not be entertained in an independent operation.

Serious disciplinary matters are dealt with by a combination of the employer (the JVP) and the Board of Trustees of the OCT. This incurs more expenses as representatives from Okavango Wilderness Safaris and Board members from OCT have to be transported to the camps and given food and accommodation.

There is a general attitude of the JVP being regarded not so much as a partner but as a cow to be milked for all that can be got from it. Negotiations are presently underway to put in place a different sort of agreement that might allow the business to be operated under more stringent business guidelines. Workers employed by the OCT itself enjoy very relaxed working conditions and job security. There are cases of for example a radio operator leaving her job for over four months without notice or explanation. On her return she demanded her job back and the Board insisted that she be re-instated against the wishes of the manager who had hired another employee for that job. As the Board has the final say in all hiring and firing, staff members tend to by-pass the managers and appeal to the Board on any work-related matters.

These problems are not restricted to the OCT. We include them as an example of how a CBO can cause problems by not regarding its enterprises and its employees in a business-like manner. There is a general attitude in such trusts that they are “owed” by any partners and that the Trust is there for staff welfare rather than as a serious employer. There is often little profit generated by businesses operated by such trusts so the benefits go only to the few who have employment – not to the majority of the community members. Often too, these employees are chosen by Board members and may be closely related to them.
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Annex 1
A Sample Job Description from Gudigwa Camp - Camp Manager

This job description is very detailed and specific. It allows no room for misunderstanding.

The Camp Manager is responsible for the overall management of Gudigwa Camp including guest activities, hosting, housekeeping, maintenance of the camp and capital equipment, accounts, banking administration, catering, curio sales, stock takes, reporting to EMC, and staff management and training. (He) is responsible for all employees (permanent and casual). The Enterprise Management Committee is in charge of the Camp Manager.

Duties include:
- To develop the highest standards in all areas of the tourism business;
- To ensure the entertainment, safety and satisfaction of all guests by means of expert and professional assistance and service at all times;
- To ensure punctuality and neatness of staff, and to promote responsibility and accountability of staff;
- To be responsible for staff training in guest service and relations; communications; etiquette; safari skills; job specific skills;
- To develop a close and efficient co-operation with staff to ensure the well-organised and profitable execution of all aspects of Gudigwa Camp’s operation. To provide motivation and foster a team spirit;
- To ensure the maintenance and security of all Gudigwa Camp assets including plant and machinery, radios, vehicles, motors, pumps, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, electrical systems, equipment, grounds and buildings;
- To ensure that Gudigwa Camp is operated in an eco-friendly manner. This will include the efficient use of non-renewable resources such as petrol, proper disposal of waste, the preservation of flora and fauna, and the fostering of a conservation ethic in staff, guests and the local community;
- To oversee the daily, weekly and monthly administration required to accurately record and control bookings, orders, receipts, consumption and sales of shop, bar, housekeeping, fuels, gas and sundry stocks;
- To operate according to the Gudigwa Camp Policy and Procedures Manual. Any situation not covered in the manual or which needs clarification can be referred to the Enterprise Management Committee;
- To be familiar with current Labour Laws and practices;
- To interview job applicants, and appoint staff as requested;
- To prepare work rosters and leave rosters and to ensure that staff is kept fully informed of any changes in their work times or duties;
- To discipline and praise staff as required in a fair, consistent manner;
- To ensure that minutes are kept of all staff meetings and disciplinary matters;
- To be responsible for maintenance of First Aid kits and to personally ensure that staff members are receiving medical care from the local clinic;
- To prepare emergency contingency plans and familiarise staff with emergency procedures;
- To supervise and oversee all financial transactions and record keeping;
- To make orders, purchases and payments in line with monthly budgets and to make EMC aware of any overspending of budgets;
- To supervise preparation and payment of salaries and wages;
- To oversee the purchase of quality curios and promote their production within the Gudigwa Village;
- To summarise all financial records and camp activities in a monthly report to be sent to Enterprise Management Committee;
- To check the petty cash ledger on a monthly basis, to count the money in the cash box and to co-sign the petty cash reconciliation;
- To check that all leases, licences, contracts and permits are renewed on time e.g. Land Board Lease, Tourism Enterprise Licence, Guides Licences, Employment contracts, Radio Licences, Airstrip Licence, Vehicle Registrations, any others; and
- Any other task delegated to you by the Enterprise Management Committee.
Annex 2
Sample Job Description from Gudigwa Camp - Driver

This job description also contains a lot of detail.

The driver is responsible for the driving, maintenance and repair of all vehicles. S(h)e is also responsible for the comfort and safety of all passengers. The Administration Manager is in charge of vehicles and drivers.

The duties of the driver include:
- Driving carefully and considerately at all times;
- Driving guests, staff, visitors and goods as required;
- Picking up entertainers from the village and driving them back to the village after their performances;
- Making sure that vehicles are not overloaded. Number of passengers is controlled by the stated carrying capacity of each vehicle;
- Ensuring that vehicles are not driven in areas or in a manner that may result in damage to the vehicle;
- Assisting clients with luggage, camp-hands with firewood etc as needed;
- Maintaining all vehicles physically and mechanically to the best of your ability;
- Keeping garage and workshop areas clean and tidy;
- Complying with daily, weekly and monthly checklists;
- Maintaining an accurate log book that is filled out for every journey;
- Helping to monitor fuel supply and informing the Administration Manager in plenty of time when supplies are needed;
- Using vehicles, fuel and other supplies in an environmentally friendly manner;
- Assisting with stocktaking and ordering procedures;
- Checking and taking care of all equipment on the vehicle including tools, spare wheels, puncture kits, First Aid kits. Notifying the Administration Manager when any supplies are used so they can be replaced;
- Ensuring that vehicles receive all necessary services and maintenance in order to preserve warranty conditions;
- Monitoring vehicle registration and reminding management in plenty of time when re-registration is due;
- Making sure that the vehicle is not used for any purposes other than Gudigwa Camp business and ensuring that only drivers with valid driving licences and authorised by the Camp Manager drive the vehicles;
- Notifying the Administration Manager immediately if there is any fault or problem with any of the vehicles;
- Filling out accident report forms in the case of any accident and informing Management as soon as possible; and
- Undertaking any other duties or responsibilities as required by the Manager.
## Annex 3
**List of Regional Labour Offices (RLO) and District Labour Offices (DLO)**

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Annex 4
Sample Employment Contract

1. Full name of the employer and address............................................................
2. Full name of the employee and address...........................................................
3. The above named employee having entered into a contract of employment with the above named employer agrees as follows:
   • Place of work ......................................................................................
   • Employees Occupation ....................................................................
   • Period of employment ........................................................................
   • Hours of work per day ........................................................................
   • Wage rate ............................................................................................

4. Other conditions of employment that apply are:
4.1. An employee shall be entitled to 1.25 days leave per month worked
4.2. An employee shall be entitled to 14 days paid sick leave for the contract period.
4.3. There shall be …… days compassionate leave for cases of death of an employee’s family member. If more days are required, the employee will utilise his accrued leave, or take unpaid leave, by arrangement with management.
4.4. An employee who absents himself from work for any period in excess of two working days should be treated as unpaid and unauthorised leave.
4.4.1. Any period in excess of five working days without reasonable cause shall be treated as desertion or breach of contract, thereby entitling the employer to consider the contract terminated.
4.5. There shall be occasional long hours or work.
4.6. If the need arises to work on a rest day, employees would be required to do so and will then be granted a day in lieu thereof.
4.7. Employees who work on a paid public holiday would be paid double the rate
4.8. Management may assign an employee other duties, and the employee shall respect management and carry out lawful and reasonable instructions to the best of their ability.
4.9. The contract shall terminate on expiry date unless extended or
4.9.1. by giving the other party at least 14 days notice of the intention to terminate or
4.9.2 by summary dismissal upon commission of any act of serious misconduct.
4.10. Any contract of employment terminated without adequate notice shall be paid in lieu thereof by the terminating party.
4.11. The employee will well and faithfully serve the employer in such a capacity as aforesaid and will at all times devote his full and whole attention to his duties.
4.12. The employee will be true and faithful to the employer in all dealings and transactions whatsoever relating to the employer’s business.
4.13. The employee shall at all times respect the employer’s clients and present a happy and cheerful face.
4.14. The employee will at all times be obedient, helpful and please the employer’s client.

Thus done and signed on this…………… day of…………….. 20…

1………………………… 2………………………… 3……………………
on behalf of employer on behalf of employee Witness

NB You will need two model contracts:
• For temporary staff, employed specifically for the busy (hunting/tourism) season; and
• For permanent staff, who will be at camp throughout the seasons, on unspecified contract.

The layout will be the same and changes could be in clauses:
4.5 (It should read as follows) There shall be occasional long hours of work, especially during the busy season.
4.8. Insert the words: especially during the low season, when the staff is reduced.
4.9. (It should read as follows) The contract of employment shall be terminated by giving the other party at least a month’s notice or payment in lieu thereof or
4.9.1. The employer shall have a right to deduct from any monies due to the employee, payment in lieu of notice.
Annex 5
Sample Conditions of Service that would form Part of the Contract

Paid Public Holidays:
- New Years Day
- Good Friday
- Easter Monday
- Labour Day (1st May)
- Presidents Day
- Day following President’s Day
- Botswana Day
- Christmas Day

Managers, executives, administrators, professional staff, are not entitled to any paid public holidays. A paid day off can be given in lieu of double time for working on a Paid Public Holiday. It must be given within 10 days of the public holiday. Other public holidays are taken as unpaid days off or normal working days with no overtime.

Termination of Contract:
One month’s notice must be given by employee or ……. Trust or one month’s pay must be paid.

Summary Dismissal:
A contract can be terminated without notice and without payment for the following:
- Wilful disobedience of lawful and / or reasonable orders given by the employer;
- Wilful misrepresentation by the employee in respect of his skills or qualifications;
- Habitual or wilful neglect of duties;
- Acts of theft, misappropriation or wilful dishonesty against the employer, another employee or a customer or client of the employer;
- Acts of violence;
- Damage caused wilfully or by gross negligence to property of employer;
- Wilful disclosure of confidential information or trade secrets;
- Drunk or using drugs;
- Refusal to obey any safety rules for the prevention of accidents or diseases;
- Consistent work performance below average despite two written warnings;
- Offering or receiving bribes; and
- Persistent absence from work without permission.

Disobedience:
Refusal by the employee to carry out instructions of his employer in connection with his work is a breach of contract.

Lack of respect:
Showing lack of respect towards an employer could be a breach of contract.

Payment of wages:
Wages will be paid within three days of the end of the month.

Rest days / off days:
All employees will have one day a week off or two days every fortnight

** This does not apply to managers, administrators, executives, professional staff, domestic workers. They are also not entitled to overtime pay**

Overtime:
Overtime is paid at 1.5 times the basic rate.

Limit on hours of work:
An employee cannot work more than 12 hours a day. Maximum overtime a week is 14 hours.

Annual leave:
15 working days per year. This is 1.25 working days per completed month of service. The employee doesn’t have to work 12 months before they are entitled to leave. When an employee leaves, the remaining annual leave payment is calculated at the rate of pay at the time the employee leaves – at 1.25 days for every complete month.

**Sick leave:**
The employee must tell the employee as soon as possible that he or she is sick. If they are sick for more than one day, they must bring a medical certificate or they will not be paid sick leave. Either they are not paid for those days, or paid from their annual leave. An employee must work for 12 months before being entitled to sick leave. Annual sick leave = 14 days.

**Maternity leave:**
Female employees are entitled to 12 weeks sick leave:
- 6 weeks before the baby is born; and
- 6 weeks after the baby is born (not allowed to return to work).
At the end of 6 weeks, if the employee is not fit to return to work, they can get another 12 weeks paid maternity leave. They must have a medical certificate. Payment is not less than 25% of pay. The employee must give the employer a medical certificate saying that the baby is due within 6 weeks. She must also inform the employer of the date of birth of the child – within 3 weeks of the birth. For a maximum of 6 months after returning to work, the employee is entitled to one hour a day, with pay, to nurse the child.
Full name of employee: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………….
Address of employee: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………….
Position: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………..
Contract Date: From……………………. To ………….…………..
Contract Type:……….……….. …………   (probation/full)
Salary:………………….. …… or Daily Wage:  ……………….……
Pay interval: …………………………………………………..        ( daily/weekly/fortnightly/monthly)
Notice Period: ……………………………………..

Work hours and duties: The employee will work hours as required by the management. Although employed in the position as stated above, the employee is aware that he/she may be required to assist in any aspect of the lodge operation, maintenance or building.

Probation: All staff are required to serve a three month probationary period on first appointment. During this period, either party may terminate the contract with 14 days notice (unless there is summary dismissal for which no notice is required).

Notice: A staff member who wishes to resign must provide one month’s written notice or pay one month’s salary in lieu of notice. Gudigwa Camp may terminate the contract of an employee by giving one month’s written notice or one month’s pay in lieu of notice.

1. Leave: The employee is entitled to 1.5 days annual leave for every full month worked; and
2. The employee must be aware that this salary could be lower than that of his/her initial position.

Compassionate leave: The granting of paid compassionate leave in the case of the death of a close relative (up to 6 days per annum) is at the discretion of the company. Any days in excess of this will be at the discretion of management and will be considered as unpaid leave. A close relative is defined as the employee’s child, spouse, sibling or parent (including parents of husband).

Public holidays: Gudigwa Camp recognises the following public holidays as paid public holidays. However, as this enterprise is a tourism business, staff will normally be expected, without negotiation, to work on Public Holidays.

* New Years Day * Good Friday * Easter Monday
* Labour Day (01 May) * President’s Day * Day following President’s Day
* Botswana Day * Christmas Day

All other Public Holidays will be treated as normal working days and shall not be subject to overtime or extra leave provisions.

Transport: All employees of Gudigwa Camp (except the Camp Manager) are hired at Gudigwa and, as such, are to be returned to Gudigwa at the end of their work period if there is transport available. The Company is required by law to transport employees to and from their place of work only for annual leave.

Attendance: All members of staff are expected to attend promptly at the hours of work laid down. Absence from duty without prior permission may render the employee liable to disciplinary action. Any staff member returning late for duty from an authorised absence may be subject to disciplinary action. Unauthorised absence for more than three consecutive working days shall constitute a breach of contract and employment may be terminated without further notice.

Alcohol: Other than for management staff, who may drink alcohol in moderation when entertaining guests, consumption of alcohol is not permitted whilst either on duty or off duty on company property. No alcohol is allowed in the staff camp. Any employee under the influence of alcohol or drugs may be liable for immediate dismissal.
Visitation: Staff members are discouraged from receiving personal visitors on Gudigwa Camp premises. If there is a matter of an urgent and serious nature that must be dealt with, this can be conveyed by radio from the BCCT office to the Camp Manager or Assistant Managers who will decide if a visitor is allowed or if a staff member needs emergency leave. Any visits should be kept as short as possible.

Rations: Monthly rations of items such as soap, soap powder, tea, and toilet paper will be supplied only for those periods that an employee is on duty. Meals will be provided at the camp.

Uniforms: Uniforms will be provided on an annual basis to all employees. Uniforms remain the property of the company and must be handed in at the termination of contract.

Accommodation: All permanent staff will be supplied with accommodation at Gudigwa Camp. This will be available for staff use during on-duty periods and may be required for other staff during leave periods. No visitors are allowed in the staff camp. The only family permitted to stay are female staff member’s babies under twelve months old and their carers. There is a limit of one carer per two babies and they are to be paid by the mothers themselves. They can have meals with the staff. All houses and surrounding areas must be kept clean and tidy at all times. No domestic animals are allowed in Gudigwa Camp. This includes dogs, cats, chickens, goats, horses, donkeys and cattle. Each staff house will be issued with a paraffin lamp. No candles are to be used in the staff village.

Serious misconduct: The employee understands that the following will result in termination of employment with immediate effect:

1. Wilful disobedience of lawful and /or reasonable orders given by the employer;
2. Wilful, express or implied, misrepresentation by the employee in respect of his/her skills or qualifications;
3. Habitual or wilful neglect of duties;
4. Acts of theft, misappropriation or wilful dishonesty against the employer, another employee, or a customer or client of the employer;
5. Acts of violence;
6. Damage caused wilfully or by gross negligence to movable or immovable property of the employer;
7. Wilful disclosure of confidential information or trade secrets where such disclosure is or is likely to be detrimental to interests of the employer;
8. Inability to carry out normal duties, due to the consumption of alcohol or habit-forming drugs;
9. Wilful refusal to obey or comply with any safety rules or practices for the prevention or control of accidents or diseases;
10. Consistent work performance below average despite at least two written warnings;
11. Offering or receiving bribes;
12. Persistent absence from work without permission; and

I have read and understood (or had it explained) all the above and am willing to work under these conditions.

Signature ........................................ Signature ........................................
(employee) (employee)

Date ..................................................

Witness Signature ...................................... Date ........................................

Full name and address of Witness .................................................................
Melao ya Perekgo le Makgotlana a a Berekang le Morafe mo Botswana

Ketapele
Mokwalo o o leka go thagisa dintlha tse di botlhokwa thata tse di amanang le melao ya perekgo mo Botswana e e thokafalang mo go direng ditiro tsa makgotlana a a berekang le morafe a direla kwa metseng ya magae (Community Based Organisations (CBOs)) go ya ka dikitso tsa bakwadi ba ba rulagantseng one mokwalo o. Maiteko a a dirwa mo go one mokwalo o go ntsha dikgakololo tse di ka dirisiwang ebile e le tse di mosola tsa tlhaloso ya yone melao eo go ya ka tebalebo ya makgotlana a morafe a a direlang kwa kwa metseng ya magae.

Makgotlana a thokomelo a morafe (Community trusts) a ntse a berekela mo Botswana mo lobakeng la dingwaga tse di ntsi tse di sa tswang go feta go tla go tsena mo nakong eno, mme mo go yone nako e yotlhe, go setse go ile ga lemogiwa gore makgotlana a otlhhe gantsinyana go lebega e le gore otlhe fela a na le go dira diphoso tse di tshwanang mabapi le mokgwagwa ka fa ba tsayang ya teng tsamaiso ya khilo/perekgo. Tse mme tsone di akaretsa:

• Go tlhophiwa ga babereki mo go dirwang go ikaegilwe thata ka bolesika, botsala le mafelo a batho ba tholengang kwa go one go na le gore go dirwe go lebile bokgoni le gore gape motho o lebagane ebile a na le kisitse e e ka mabapi le go kgona go dira tiro sentle;

• Go itsemeletsa go itebaganya ka thwaaafalo le maitshwara a a maswe ga mmogo le go tlhoka go dira tiro sentle ga babereki;

• Tlwaesego ya go duelu madi a a feltleng kgotsa a a kwa tlase mo go dirwang go lebeletswe fela mo go reng tiro e ka tswa te tshwanelwa ka thwaaafalo ya bokae ka go na le gore go salwe morago molao wa mmuso o o amang dituelo tse di letlelelwang go ka duelu e le tse di kwa tlase ga mmogo le melao e e amang tsamaiso ya madirelo; le

• Go tlhoka go dira mananeo a dipalo tsa babereki mo go dirwang go lebeletswe diphetogo tsa dipaka le gore gape kgwebo ea bo e hupeditse ke tiro go le kae.

Bontsi ja mathata a bo tsalwa ke go tlhoka go nna le kitso ya go tsamaisa kgwebo sentle, le gape go tswa mo go lebeng dilo ka tselo ya gore ditiro ke tshwanelo e e neelang maloko a thokomelo (trust members). Se mme sone se ntse se tlhotlhelediwa ke ntlha ya gore makgotlana a thokomelo ka bontsi a amogela madi a one a e leng a dituelo tsa ditumalano go tswa kwa dikgaelong le/kgotsa e le a dithuso mme ke ka tselo e, go bo go sa thokafale gore ba ka a berekela one madi a. Fa e le gore ba simolola kgwebo, mme e bo e sa kgone go nna le katlego, ba ka seka ba tshwengwa ka sepe fela fa e le gore madi a bone one a tlaa nna a ntse a tla a tsena fela jalo. Makgotlana a morafe a thokomelo a e e leng gore a na le katlego mono Botswana ke a e leng gore a setse a isthmololetse kgwebo mme gape ba setse ba kgona go amogela madi a a tswang fela mo go yone kgwebo eo. Go na le kamano e tona thata fa gare ga tiro e e dirwe lebone. Se mme sone se tlha akaretsa go hira babereki ba palo e e kwa tlase, go ba duelwa madi a a kwa tlase kgotsa gore go hirwe batho fela fa e le gore go na le tiro e e tshwanetseng gore e dirwe.

Dikgang tse di thagisiwang mo mokwaling o o solofelwa gore di tlaa thusa makgotlana a thokomelo gore a kgone go tlholangya ga mmogo le go obamela melao ya tsa perekgo ya lefatsha la Botswana. Le gore gape ba tle ba mme le thotloetsa ya go leba dikgwebo tshe bone jaaka fa e le madirelo a a dirang madi mme ka jalo a tshwanelwa ke go tsamaiswa ka kelelelo gore ba tle ba kgone go tsweela ba dira sentle ebile ba kgona go itsamaisa ba ikemetsa ka bo bone. Se mme sone se tlaa akaretsa go hira babereki ba palo e e kwa tlase, gape ba duelwa madi a a kwa tlase kgotsa gore go hirwe batho fela fa e le gore go na le tiro e e tshwanetseng gore e dirwe.

Maemo A CBO Ka Fa Molaong Fa Se Tshwantshangwa Le Melao Ya Perekgo
Lekgotlana la thokomelo la morafe le tshwana fela le mohiri mongwe le mongwe mme ka jalo le tshwanelwa ke go obamela melao ya tsa perekgo/kgiro ya lefatsha la Botswana. Lekgotlana lengwe le lengwe le tshwanetsa la dira ditiro tsa lone jaaka mohiri yo o nang le mokarabelo mme gape la leka go nna le tiriso ya dintlha tse di latelang tse:

• Dikonteraka;
• Melawana ya go dira ditiro;
• Tlhaloso ya go dira ditiro;
• Dituelo tshe kgolafalo ya babereki; le
• dibuka tse di kwalelang madi a a amogelwang. jalo, jalo.
Lengwe la mathata a matona thata a a lebaganeng le di CBO tse di itsamaisetsang dikgwebo tsa bone ke nthla ya go lekalekanya seemo fa gare ga go rotoetsa morafe le go tsamaisa kgwebo e e tswelelang sentle. Ditshweto di le di ntsi tse di bokete di tlaa tshwanelwa ke go dirwa ke baokamedi ba kgwebo ga mmogo le ke ba lekgotla la tlhokomelo (Board of Trustees) go netefatsa gore dikgang tsotlhe tse di amanang le khiri go itebaganngwa le tsone ka tsela e e kgotsofatsang mme gape di dirwa ka fa tlase ga melawana e e siameng ya tsamaiso ya dikgwebo.

Ke Mang Yo O Nang Le Maikarabelo A Babereki?
Gongwe sele sa nthla se lekgotlana lengwe le lengwe la CBO le tshwanetseng la se ikgakolola go se dira ke go kgaganya maemo a taolo fa gare ga baokamedi ba ditiro le ba makgotlana a tlhokomelo. Ktsa ya go dira tiro e supile fa e le gore mo madirelong ka bontsi a makgotlana a di CBO go na le ketsaetsego e ntsi ga mmogo le dikgogakgogano ka gore maemo a go nna le maikarabelo a ga tlhalosiwe sentle ka tsela e e tlhamaletseng. Gore go kgonwe gore kgwebo e tsamaisiwe ka tsela e e siameng, moogamedwa tiro o tshwanetsse a nthla le taolo mo babereking. Mo dintlheng tsa dikgang di le di ntsi re setse re kile ra bona maloko a makgotlana a tlhokomelo a tshunyana nko thata mo tsamaisong ya tsatsi le letsatsi ya go othhaya babereki. Se sone mme se nyenyeletsa seemo sa taolo se setlhophoa sa bathokomedi ba ditiro, gape se tisa ketsaetsego le mo go bone babereki. Maloko a morafe a tshwanetseng le go dira lenaneo la kgwebo le le supang e e tlhamaletseng ditselana tsa taolo ga mmogo le leneneo la motheo wa kgwebo ka fa e tlhomilweng go tsamaisiwa ka teng.

Mo maemong a le mantsi, makgotlana a tlhokomelo a tlhomile dikomiti tsa one tsa tlhokomelo ya tsamaiso ya madirelo (Enterprise Management Committee (EMC) gore e nne tsone tse di tsamaisang dikgwebo tse bone. Ba lemogile gore bone ga bana kitso epe e ntsi kgotsa jone bokgoni ja go tsamaisa dikgwebo tsa mofuta oo ka bo bone, mme ka jalo ba bo ba bona go tlhokafala gore ba kope thuso ya dikgakololo go tswa mo bagwebing ba kgalo ya bone ba ba nang le kitso ga mmogo le mo lekgotleng le e e seng la mmuso (NGO). Tsamaiso e e jalo a e halo a gore morafe ka tsela eo o tlelo go amana ka gope le go dira tiro ka bo bone ga tsatsi le letsatsi mo go amanang le kgwebo. Se mme gape ka jalo se jalo se tshwanetseng gape sa akaretso nthla e e buang ka thutuntsho e e tlaa nang e tsweletse e le ya tsamaisa ya go tshwara madi, ga mmogo le yone thutuntsho ya go nna le kitso ya ga tsamaisa kgwebo e e tlaa neelwang maloko a morafe go direla gore mo nakong e e tlang ba bo le bone ba ka nna le bokgoni ja go kgona go tsaya marapo mo go tlhokomeleng kgwebo ba bo bone.

Palo Ya Ditiro Tse Di Simolotsweng Go Dirwa
Di CBO ka bontsi di tlhaganelela go tlhoma ditiro ka bontsi jo di ka kgonang go bo dira - di na le dituelo tsa matsi a a eletsegang. Ka jalo, mangwe a dipolo tse di ntsi tsi morafe o o nang le dikgwebo tsa one ke go simolodisa ditiro. Mme ditiro tsa mofuta oo di tshwanetseng tsa bo di ka kgona gore di rotoediwe ka madi a a tlaa dirwang a tswa go tsone. Gape, ditiro tse di tlaa simololweng e tshwanetsa ya nna fela go tlaa solofelweng go lekanetseng gore e nne tsa mofuta wa kgwebo o o tshwanang le o o dirwang ke ba makgotlana a a ema nswi. Ga se mogopolopo o o siameng wa go dira kgwebo gore go hirwe palo e e fetelsetseng ya batho ba ba tlhokomeleng go dira tiro di sa kgathalesege gore se mme se tlhaa se lepa bokae ga mmogo le yone tsela e e tshwanetseng ya ka fa kgwebo e tlhokomeleng kgwebo ka bo bone.

Phetogo ya dipaka le yone e tshwanetsa ya akanyediwa. Se mme sone se nnete thata mo dikgwengbong tse di amanang le bojanala, letsomogga mmogo le mo madirelong a mangwe a a amanang le dikgwebo tse. Fa kgwebo ya gago e na le tiro e ntsi, o ka kgona go hira palo e ntsi ya badiri, mme fa tia e le kwa tlae o tshwanetseng fela wa nna le babedi e e leng gore ke ke ba bhokafalan fela gore kgwebo e e tshwanetseng. Se mme se ka dirwa ka go kgona go ntsha dikonteraka tse di farologanyeng tsa tiro. Ba bangwe bone ba ka nna le dikonteraka tse di tshwarang dikgwedi tse di lesemole le bobedi, fa ba bangwe bone mme ba ka hirwa fela ga dikgwedi di le thataro kgotsa di le boferabobedi.

Sekai se sengwe ke sa kgwebo ya dijo kgotsa bara. Tsamaiso e e leng ya popota ke go hira batho ba o ba bhokang tse di amanang le bojanala, letsomogga mmogo le mo madirelong a mangwe a a amanang le dikgwebo tse. Fa kgwebo ya gago e na le tiro e ntsi, o ka kgona go hira palo e ntsi ya badiri, mme fa tia e le kwa tlae o tshwanetseng fela wa nna le babedi e e leng gore ke ke ba bhokafalan fela gore kgwebo e e tshwanetseng. Se mme se ka dirwa ka go kgona go ntsha dikonteraka tse di farologanyeng tsa tiro. Ba bangwe bone ba ka nna le dikonteraka tse di tshwarang dikgwedi tse di lesome le bobedi, fa ba bangwe bone mme ba ka hirwa fela ga dikgwedi di le thataro kgotsa di le boferabobedi.

Sekai se sengwe ke sa kgwebo ya dijo kgotsa bara. Tsamaiso e e leng ya popota ke go hira batho ba o ba bhokang tse di amanang le boja se, mme fa o bona gore tiro e le laa nna ntsi, o hire babereki ba ba duelweng ka letsatsi. Go fa sekai, o na le kgwebo ya go rekisa dijo, mme o bo o nna le beeletso ya palo e ntsi ya setlhophoa sa batho. O ka nna wa hira motho yo mngwe gore a thuse ka kwa nthlaneng ya boapeelo mo bosigong joo, badiri ba le babedi ba ba tlhokomelang
ditafole gape gongwe le mophephafatsi yo mongwe gape yo o tlaa dirang tiro mo letsatsing le le latelang. Batho ba e tlaabo fela e le badiri ba nakwana mme ba tlaabo ba duelelwa malatsi kgotsa diuora tse ba tlabong ba di bereketse. O tlaabo o sa tshwanelwe ke gore o hire batho ba le babereki ba se nnela ruri o bo o nna o ba amogedisa madi a bone kgwedi le kgwedle fa kgwebo ya gago e sa pitlaganngwa thata ke tiro.

Dikwebo tse di kopanetsweng
Ka nthla e e tshwanang, di CBO tse dingwe mo dikwebong tse di dirwang di kopanetswe di patleletsa gore mme le tshimololo ya dirto tse di bontsi bo feletetseng. Se mme se tlsa mathata a mantsi mo batsamaiseng ba tiro ya kgwebo (ka madi le thulaganyo ya go dira ditiro) mme kwa bofelong se se ruta batho gore ga kgwebo ga le tshokafale gore ba bereke thata ka mashetla gore ba kgone go duelw. Di CBO di tshwanelwe ke go lemoga gore go tlhama ditiro ke nngwe fela ya dintlha tsa makgotlana a tlhokomelo. Gongwe madi a a ka bolokwang ga go dira khiro e e sa tlhokafaleng a ka dirisiwa mo ditriong tse dingwe tse di tlhokafalang tsa morafe tse di tlaa thusang pale o ntse ya batho – segolo jang ba ba sa rutegang thata ba ba sa kgoneng go bona ditiro motlhoho.

Batho ba go kopanelwang dikwebo le bone ba tshwanetse ba tsewa e le batho ba go kopanelwang go dira tse le bone – e seng e le bahiri kgotsa ba ba tlang ka go ntsha ditlho mme ba bo ba tshwanelwa ke go gamiwa gothle fela mo ba ka go ntshang. Dikonteraka di le di ntsi tse di lekaekana ga mmogo le thutuntsho e e tsweledisiwang mo go nneng le kitso ya go tlhaloganya seemo sa tiriso ya madi ke maloko a baagi ba morafe, di tshwanetse tsa thusa go fetola maikutlo a a teng mo nakong eno.

Go Hira le go Tlhopha Babereki
Lekgotlana lengwe le lengwe la Morafe (Community Based Organisation (CBO)) letshwanetse la bua phatlalatsa gore ba dumela mo seemong sa mabaka a a lekaekanaq a maloko otlhe a lone – go sa kgatlhalesego ka semorafe, bong kgotsa ka bo lesika. Go na le lethoko la gore lekgotlana lengwe le lengwe la CBO le simolodise ka mokwalo o o nang le ditumelano tsa ditselela tse di kaelang go tlapiwa ga babereki la lekelela le le banang la CBO. Mokwalo o o tlaabo o leka go netefatsa gore ditiro di abiwa ka tekatekana mo gareng ga masika, dikgotla, dithubo tsa dikerekete, le gape mo ditlhopheng tsa dipolotiki fa e e le gore seo ke kgang mo gare ga morafe oo.

Go rotloediwa thata gore di CBO di dire di thutopuisano le morafe gore di tle di kgone go dira thulaganyo ya go simolodisa melawana e (gongwe ka go bona thuso ya makgotla a e seseng a mmuso (NGO)). Ba tshwanela ke go buisanya ka:
1. Ke dikgang diife tse di tlhokafalang mo teng ga morafe wa bone mabapi le go hira babereki?
2. A ditiro / maemo a makgotlana a tlhokomelo/ go tsaya ditshwetsa, go dirwa ka tsela e e lekaekanaq?
3. A go na le tekatekana ya bone kgotsa gongwe a basadi le bone ba na le boemedi? le
4. Dikgang tsa “kgotlhakgotlhano ya maikutlo” di tshwanelwa ke gore di tlhalosie le bo di tlhalogangtse di bedi.

Go tshwanetse ga nna le tumelano ya morafe mo:
1. Potsolotsos / melawana ya go tlhopho babereki
   - Tiro e phatlaladiwa ka kisitsa ya mofuta ofe?
   - Makwalo a go ikopela tiro a dirwa jang?
   - Ke mang yo o amogelang a ba a tlhokomela makwalo a go ikopela tiro?
   - Go dirwa melawana ya mofuta mang e e itebaganyang le bokapedi ba ba sa itseng go kwala?
   - Ke bo mang ba ba mo komiting e e botsolotsa dipotso?
   - Ke mang yo o ntshang dikgakololo?
   - Ke mang yo o tlaa dirang tlhopha ya bofelo?
   - Morafe one seabe sa bone ke eng / ba fiwa jang dikitso?
2. Madi a dituelo / madi a kamogelo a dumelanwa jang?
   - A se mme ke maemo a e leng gore dituelo tsa one di laolwa ke goromente?
   - Fa go sa nna jalo, tuelo e e tshwanetse ebi le e siame ke ya mofuta ofe?
   - Dikwebo tse dingwe tse di tshwanang le e e duela jang?
3. Mofuta wa go hirela tiro o o siameng ke wa mofuta mang?
• Go sa berekeng ka dinako tsothle?
• Go hirwa fela fa tiro e nna teng/go hirwa ga nakwana?
• Go hirelwa ruri?

4. Tumelano ya morafe le go thokomela
   • A go ka kgonagala gore morafe o dire ditlhopho mo go hiriweng mo batho?
   • Ke mang yo o tlaa thokomelang tsamaiso ya tiro ya go tlhopho (Kgosi, lekgotla le e seng la mmuso (NGO), kgotsa ba bangwe fela?)

5. Kgotlhakgotlhano ya maikutlo
   Fa e le gore leloko la komiti e e tlaabong e dire ditlhopho ke lesika la mokkopedi kgotsa o na le maikutlo mangwe a kgatleho ka nngwe tsela mo go tlhophiweng mo, se sone mme se tlaa tshwanelwa ke gore se tlhagisiwa fela kwa tshimologong. Se mme sone se ka nna sa thibela gore leloko la komiti eo le nne le seabe ka go tsaya karolo mo go yone tlhopho eo, mme legale maloko a mangwe a komiti ba ka na nna ba le tlaa maikutlo a gore se mme sone ga se bothatha bope jo bo tshwenyang. Tlhagiso e e tlaa tshwanelwa ke gore e dirwe ka mokwalo mo metsotsong ya phuthego. Se mme ka jalo se tlhagisa nthla ya gore diphuthethe tsothle tlae maemo ao di tshwanetse ke gore se twa ke gore se tlaabong e nna teng gore e tle e kgone go bonwa ke maloko a mangwe a komiti gape le ke ba bangwe gape ba ba amegang gore ba tle ba kgone go e bona.

Sekao sa Melawana ya go Hirwa ga Babereki ba Bampa

Sekai se se dirisitsweng fano fa se tserwe go tswa mo kgwebong e e simolotsweng ke ba lekgotlana la tlhokomela la tshmarello ya ngwao la Bukakhwe (Bukakhwe Cultural Conservation Trust (BCCT)). Lekgotlana la BCCT ke le le tlhomilweng e le la morafe mme le tlaa neela maloko a morafe wa lone thuso e e tlaa kholo la tsebaka sa go hira badiri mo ditirong se nna teng. Se mme sone se dirwa ka mokgwa o o latelang o:

• Ditiro tsothle di tlaa dirwa phatlalatsa ka mokwalo o o tlaa ngaparediwang mo boteng ya dikitsiso kwa Kgotleng ga mmogole la kwa ofising ya lekgotlana la tlhokomela (Trust Office). Babereki ba ba leng teng mo nakong eo le bone ba tlaa itsisiwe fa phatlha e nna teng;
• Makwalo a ikopelo tiro a tlaa amogelwa ke mookamedi wa kampa yo o tlaa a fetisetsang kwa go ba maloko a lekgotlana la tlhokomela fa phatlha e nna teng;
• Maloko a lekgotlana la tlhokomela a tlaa dira tiro ya go botsolotsa ba ba ikopelang tiro ba bo go tswa foo ba tlhopho palo ya batho e e tshwarang bororo e ba tlaabong ba ntsha kgakololo ka yone gore ba bona e le bone ba ba tshwanelweng ke go neela maemo a tiro eo;
• Sethlphosa sa tlhokomela ya go tsamaisa tiro (The Camp Management Team) se mo go sone go tlaabong go akaredwa mookamedi yo o tlhokomelang tsamaiso ya kampa (Camp Manager) le bathusi ba gagwe ba le babedi e tlaabo jaanong e nna bone ba ba tlaa botsolotsang batho bone ba ba tlhophiweng ba;
• Ba komiti ya tlhokomela ya tsamaiso ya madirelo (The Enterprise Management Committee (EMC)) ba ba akaretsang bagakolodi ba ba tswang ka kwa ntle ga mmogole le batho ba bangwe ba e leng borakgwebo ke bone ba tota ba hirang babereki, mme legale ba ka nna ba tlhophela gore ba neele mookamedi yo o tlhokomelang tsamaiso ya kampa marapo a go dira tiro e;
• Maemo otlhe a a akaretsang khiro ya mookamedi yo o tlhokomelang tsamaiso ya kampa a tlaa dirwa ke ba lekgotla la komiti ya tlhokomela ya tsamaiso ya madirelo (EMC). Palo e khutshwane ya baikopedi ba ba tlaabong ba tlhophiwe ke lekgotla la EMC go gaisanya ba tlaa botsolotsa dipotso ke ba lekgotla la tsamaiso la BCCT ba e tlaaeng go tloa ffo ba romele pego ya malokutlo a bone ka fa ba boneng seemo se ntse ka teng kwa go ba EMC;
• Sethlphosa sa tlhokomela ya tsamaiso (The Management Team) se tlaa nna le taalo ya go hira kgotsa go fa dikonteraka babereki ba nakwana ba bauelweng ka letsatsi kgotsa badiri ba ba rutetsweng go dira tiro fela fa e le gore khiro e e dirang eo e tlaabo e tsamaila le madi a a teng a ba rebolotseng gore ka ba a dirissa.

Fa go tlhophiwa mmereki yo e leng ene a siametseng thata go dira tiro, dintlha tse di latelang tse di tlaa tshwanelo ke go akanyediwa:
• Thutego;
• Kitso e e teng ya go dira tiro;
• Tekatekanyo ya badiri go tswa mo metseng ya magae – go bothlokwa theta gore maloko otlhe a morafe ba nne le maitluto a gore ba lemswe ka tselo e e kgototsang ke lekgotlana la tsamaiso. Ka tselo e, go tlaabo go sa tlhokafele gore go mme le go tlhok tekekano mo palong ya babereki ba ba tswang mo kgotleng nongwe le nongwe, masika, kgotsa kereke, jalo, jalo.

End of box

Madi a Dituelo
Go na le ditiro di se kae fela tse e leng gore mo tsone go dirilwe tlahoso e e tlhamaletseng e le ya madi a e leng one a a ka amogelweng e le a a kwa tlaae, a a tihaloitsweng ke ba lekgotla la bogakolodi ka tsa madi a dituelo (Minimum Wages Advisory Board). One madi a mme kea a direle lweng go duelwa badiri ba ba sa rutelwang go dira tiro epe. Ga o letelelewe go ka duela sepe se se kwa tlaae ga one madi a a boletsweng a gore ke one a a ka nngwe kwa tlaae gape a lebagane le tsone ditiro tseo. Mo babereking ba ba nang le bokgoni ja go dira tiro, madi a dituelo a a bwsangwa fa gare ga mohiri le mohiriwa.

Madi a nako eno a a ka duelwang badiri e le one a a kwa tlaae (go simologa ka Morangang a tlhola gangwe ka 2002) (with effect from the 1st April 2002):

| Go dira ka matsogo; go thusa le ditiro tsa go baakyana; go aga; go tlihoma; go thalhloba le madirelo a kep ya mantswe; go tlhokomela kwa dihoteleng le ditiro tsa go itumedisa batho; karage; madirelo a dikololo le dipalamo; holoselle le ditiro tsa go phatlalatsa ditoho. | P2.40 |
| Madirelo a mabenkele | P2.15 |
| Badisa ba dikago bosigo mo ditirong tse di fa godimo/madirelo | P2.10 |

O ka bala jang madi a go dira tuelo o lebeletse mo ditirelong tse di letlelelwang ka fa molaong e le tsone tse di kwa tlaae?

Sekai:
Mmerekedi mo lekalaneng la bojanala o bereka malatsi a le maratara mo bekeng, dioura di le borobabongwe (8 hours) ka letsatsi, go raya gore madi a a duelwang ka kgwedi a tlaabo a dirwa go lebalestse mo go berekeng malatsi a le masome a mabedi le boratoro (26 days) ka kgwedi. P2.40 (ka oura) o mo oketse ka borobabobedi (dioura tsa letsatsi) o bo o o oketsa gape ka masome a mabedi le boratoro (malatsi ka kgwedi): P2.40 X 8 X 26 = P499.20 ka kgwedi. Madi a a duelwang ka letsatsi a tlaa nna jaana: P2.40 X 8 = P19.20 ka letsatsi. Go botoka thata go simolola gone fa kgotsa fela go bapa le madi a e leng one a a kwa tlaae go ya ka fa molaong mo maemong ka bontsi. Ka tselo e, go nna go na le sebaka sa go dira koketso ya madi mo nakong e e tlheng kgotsa go lebo a dikatso tiro e e dirwang sentle kgotsa go ntsha madi a mangwe gape e le a tebogo (bonus) fa godimo ga a ntseng a amogelwa kwa bofelong ja paka ya tiro fa e tsweletse sentle.

Ga go tlhokafele go ya ka molaao gore madi a dituelo a ka okediwa ngwaga le ngwaga. Go tsamaisa kgwebo ka tselo e e siameng ke go lebelela gore kgwebo e dira sentle thata go le ka e lebelela morokots o o tseneng mo ngwageng e e fettleeng le gape go tshwantshanya se le dituelo tse o di duelang babereki ba gago le tse di duelwang ke borakgwebo ba bangwe ba ba dirang ditiro tsa bone mo madirelong a a tshwanang le a gago. Ka fa mmerekedi mongwe le mongwe a dirang tiro ka teng le gape go tshwanetseng re ka akanyediwa fa go okediwa madi a dituelo kgotsa go ntshiwa madi a ditebogo. Babereki ba e leng gore ba bera ka thata ka natla gape ba le boikanye go ba tshwanelwa le go lebogelwa gore maiteko a bone a a lemogiwa eble gape a a itumelelwa.

Badisa Dikago Bosigo
O nne kelothoko thata ka dituelo tsa madi a o a duelang babereki ba ba disang dikago bosigo. O tlaa lemoga gore go na le madi a a tshwanetseng gore a duelwa badiri e le one a a kwa tlaae go ya ka fa molaang gape a lebagane le yone tiro e. O tshwanetse gape wa lemoga gore kwa morago ga
go bereka dioura tsu ntilha tse di boferabosedi (8 hours), badisa ba ba dikago mo bosigong ba tshwanelwa ke go duelwa madi a go dira kwa morago nako ya tiro (overtime) (a dirwa ka 1½ a bo a okediwa fa godimo ka tuelo ya madi a bone a a tsuolaeng) le gore rake ga ba a letlelelwag go bereka go feta dioura di le lesome le bobedi mo letsatsing le fe fela le le ngwefela.

Babereki ga ba kake ba ikamoga ditshwanelo tsa bone
Se sone mme se tlhagisa gape ntilha e nngwe e e kgatlhisang. Le fa go ka tswa e le gore babereki ba gago ba dumela go berekela madi a dituelo a a kwa tlae, mme gape ba bereka ka dioura tse di fetang nako ya bone ya go dira tiro, o tlaa nna o ntse o tshwanelwa ke go ba duelela dikatso tsa go dira se. Melao ya khiro e direletswe go sireletsa mmerekile mme ka jalo ene kana bone ga ba kake ba dira ditumelano dipe fela tse di tsuololang ditshwanelo tse.

O ka nna gape wa fitihela e le gore e re ntswe mmerekile a ka dumalana le melawana mengwe kgotsa madi a a tlaa a duelwang, fa modiri go tswa kwa lepatleng la tsa khiro a etetse lefelo la tiro, ba ka nna gape ba ntsha dingongorego ba di neela modiredi yoo. Go botoka go netefsata gore sengwe le sengwe se dirwa “go ya ka go kwadilweng ka teng” go simolola fela gone kwa tshimologong.

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Mmereki mongwe le mongwe o tshwanetse go fiwa:

• Konteraka;
• Lenaneo la go dira tiro le le tlhamaletseng ebile le thalaganye sega; le
• Khutswafatso ya melao ya khiro.

End box

Buka ya Madi a Dituelo
Mohiri o tshwanetse a nna le buka e e kwalelang madi a dituelo e e kwadilweng ka tsel e e tlhamaletseng ka fa tshwanelong e le ya madi a a duetsweng babereki. Babereki botlhle ba tshwanetse go saena menwana ya bone fa ba duelwa madi a bone a dikamogelo (kgotsa ba baya lethwao la setshwantsho sa monwana). O leke gore o seka wa nna le epe paakanyo kgotsa go phimola sepe fela mo dipampiring tsa gago tsa dituelo ka gore ke tsone rekote e e letelesegang ba ka molaong. Dipampiri tsa dituelo di tshwanetse go bewa mo faeleng e e faphegileng. Molao ga o thaloše gore di tshwanetse go bewa ga lebaka le le ke, o thaloše fela gore di tshwanetse tsa nna teng go thathhobiwa ke modiredi wa ofisi ya tsu khiro.

Tlhaloso ya Ditiro
Tiro nngwe le nngwe mo kgwebong ya gago kgotsa mo lekgotlaneng e tshwanetse ya nna le tlhaloše ya ka fa e dirwag ka teng mo go tseneletseng. E tshwanetse ya akaretsa:

• Leina la tiro;
• Dioura tsa go dira tiro;
• Ditiro tse di tsuolaeng; le
• Ditiro tse di faphegileng.

Ditiro tse tsotlhe di tshwanetse gore di bo di kwadilwe ka tsel a e tsetseng ebile e felese. Go fa sekai, o seka wa kwala fela wa re “tlhokomelo”. Boemo ja se kwala ditiro tsotlhe tse di amang le tlhokomelo ka tsel e:

• Go tlhokomela buka ya maina, direkoto tsa malatsi a boitapolo:
• Paakanyo ya dipampiri tsa kamogelo;
• Go bayi madi kwa bankeng ga tsatsi le letsatsi;
• Go duele dikoloto;
• Go amogela madi a a duelwang; le
• Go bayi sentle ka tshwanelo tsotlhe tse di amang le mokwalolo, jalo, jalo.

Ka tsel e, tlhaloše ya go dira tiro e ka dirisiwa e le bontilha bongwe ja ga rutuntsha ga mmogo le go nna tsel a nngwe ya go thathhoba gore dilo di tsamaya sentle fa mmerekile a simolola la ntilha
go dira tiro, gape ke bontla bongwe jwa sedirisiwa se se tlhwatlhwfa e le gore go ka nna le dikgogakgogano dingwe tse di amanang le maikarabelo a mmerekki.

Tlhaloso ya ditiro ka bontsi mo maphatleng a madirelo a tsa bojanala e akaretsa ntlha e ngwe e e dirisiwang gantsinyana mo mokwalong ya gore “le ditiro tse dingwe fela tse bookamedi bo ka kopang gore di dirwe”. Se mme se akaretsa dinako tseo tse o ka mnang wa kopa modiri yo o thusang kwa kampeng, go fa sekai, gore a thuse mokgwetsi kgotsa moapei gore a thuse mmerekki yo o berekang go tlhatswa dイルiana. Ke fela mo dikgwengo tse di tona thata mo mmerekki go ka sololoflang gore a dire fela tiro e a hiretsweng go e dira. Mo dikgwengo tse di potlana, gape mme ga ntsi thata mo makgotlaneng a di CBO, go ka hutsafatsa thata go utlwa mmerekki a re “moo gone ga se tiro e ke e hiretsweng”. Moya wa go thusana ka go dira mmogo o tshwanetse wa rotloediwa.

Tlhaloso ya go dira tiro e tshwanetse ya tlhalosiwa sentle gape e ranoletswe mo puong ya Setswana kgotsa puo ngwe fela e mmerekki e tlhalosenya a lekwa a e tlhaloganya sentle mo nakong ya fa a saena konteraka. Fa konteraka le tlhaloso ya go dira tiro di tlhalosenya sentle, go tshwanetse ga nna le mosupi yo o teng foo yo o tlhalosang diteme tsotlhe tse di tlaabong di dirisiwa le gape gore e nne ene yo o saenang dpampiri e le mosupi.

Bona ditsetlana tsa dikarolwana tsa ntlha le tsa ya bobedi tsa dikai tsa tlhaloso ya go dira tiro e e tseneletseng.

Ntlna e e Siemang ya “Dituelo tsa khiro” e e ka dirisiwang ke Lekgotlana la Tlhokomelo

Di CBO ka bontsi di amogela madi a a bonwang go ya ka dipaka (gantsi thata mo go tse di amanang le madirelo a letsome lo bojanala) mme mananeo a tsone a ditiro le one a tshwanetse a supa se. Go fa sekai, mo kgwebong ya bojanala babereki ba palo e ntsi ba ka nna ba tlhokiwa mo pakeng ya ka kgwebo e na le tiro e ntsi, mme gape go bo go ka batiwa babereki ba palo e e kwa tlae taf tiro e ntsi. Se meemong se, go ka nna botoka thata gore o nne le badiri fela ba ba lekanetseng, go bo go ka tlhokafala gore o hire babereki ba ba dwelwang ka letsatsi kgotsa ba ba tlha berekang fela ga nakwana go ya fela ka fa go tlhabang go tlhokafala ka teng mo tirong. Kgotsa gongwe o nne le babereki ba ba tlha hirwang ka di konteraka tsa nako e khutshwane.

Go itlhophela ga ntlha:
Go duela babereki madi a a kwa godimo mo pakeng ya fa tiro e le ntsi, le go ba duela madi a a kwa tlae mo pakeng ya fa tiro e fi tiro se ntsi.

Dipuisano:
Se mme se tlaa tlhoka gore se direlwe lenaneo le le dirwang ka kelothoko, kgotsa gongwe se ka tloga sa itlhokomolosa ditlnhla dingwe tsa molao kgotsa sa dira gore mohiri a latlhelengwe ka ngwe tsela ke di poelo tse di mo lebaganeng, ka gore madi a a kwa tlae a dituelo a mohiri a ka a duelang ka nako e ngwe fela, ke one madi a a bellweng ka fa molaeng gore bo e bo le one a a ka duelwang badiri e le a a kwa tlae. Se mme se ka nna sa bereka sentle fa e le gore babereki bothle ba duelwa ka oula. Mo nakong ya paka e e kwa tlae, fa go dira ga bone go sa tlhokwetha, babereki ba ka nna ba berekela dioura tse di kwa tlae, go fa sekai, dioura tse pedi go ya kwa go tse tlaho ka letsatsi go ya ka fa tiro e ba e dirang. Mo nakong ya paka e e kwa godimo, gape le ka dinako tse kgwebo e a bone e hupaleditswe thata ka tiro, ba ka nna ba kgona go amogela mo go ntsi thata - gape le gongwe madi a a duelwlang go bereka kwa morago ga nako. Se sone mme ga se se se ka ikgethelwang fa e le gore kgwebo e mo lefelong le le kgakala le motse, go fa sekai, kwa kampeng ya boSafari.

Go itlhophela ga bedi:
Go hira babereki ba nako e khutshwane fela ka gore tiro ea bo e dirwa mo pakeng e mo go yone tiro ea bong e le ntsi e ka nna ntlha e ngwe e e siemang thata gore e dirwe. Babereki ba, ba ka nna ba hirwana fela ka hirwana yone nako ya go dira tiro e e lekanang le tsone dikgwedi tse go bereka ga bone go tlabang go tlhokafala ka teng, mme go na le ntlha ya go ka dira koketsa fa e le gore se mme go ka tlhokafala gore se dirwe. Paolo e e tlhabang e bellwe e le ya babereki ba ba hiretsweng ruri e tlaa hirwa e le ga nako e esatlhalosiwang e le ba sennela ruri) ka konteraka. Ba mme e tlaabo e le ba palyoneya fela ba ba tlaa salang gone mo lefelong la madirelo fa babereki ba nakwana ba sena go tsamaya.

Dipuisano:
Ka kwa ntlheng e nngwe, babereki ba ba hirwang fela ga nako e khotshlwane gantsi ga ba a siamela madirelo a mofuta o, ka gore bao ea bo e le batho ba o ba bitsang fela fa o ba tlhoka, mme gantsinyana ka dituelo tse di kwa godimo go na le tsa babereki ba ba tlwalesegileng. Babereki ba ba hirwang ba sa bereke mo dinakong tse di tletseng ga ba na konteraka ya khiro, le fa e le yone tola melawana ya go diro tiro, gape le gone go ba thokomela go netefatsa gore melawana e salwa morago ga mmogo le gone gore ba ba ba fang dithuso le bone ba kgotsofalela tiro ya bone, le gone go ka nna ga nna bokete fela thata. Go diro thutuntsho le gone e ka nna kgang mo seemong se. A o ka kgona go rutuntssha babereki ba ba sa berekeng mo nakong e e tletseng, ga mmogo le ba ba tlaa dirang mo lebakeng le le lele ka nako tsotlhe, mme e bo e re go tloga foo o bo o ka nna wa nna le kgonagalo ya gore ba go la tlhegele ka go ya go batla ditiro go sele?

**Babereki ba ba sa direng mo Nakong e e tletseng / Go Hira ga Letsatsi**
Se se bothlokwa thata fela go se itse ka babereki ba ba berekang ka go dlewla ka letsatsi, ke gore ba tshwanetse ba fiwa fela go e go e go malatsing a a kwa tlase ga boraro (kgotsa dioura di le masome a mabedi le bobedi le sephatio (22 1/2 hours)) ka beke, le gape e le mo lebakeng le le kwa tlase ga dikgwedi di le leseme le bobedi (less than 12 months). Kwa morago ga dikgwedi tse di leseme le bobedi, go tlaabo go tsewa gore ka kitso ya mokgw a le maola ba tshwanete go tsewa fela gore jaanong ya gore jaanong ba hiritswe ruri. Go ditshwanelo tse go nna le malatsi a boitapoloso. Se mme sone, ga se nnete.

**Babereki Ba Nako e Khotshlwane**
Se mme sone ga go lebege e le mogopolo o o tlokholomelwa thata mo melaung ya khiro le fa ntswa go itsege sentle mo Botswana gore ke tiro e e dlelwana "fa tiro e ena go wedwa". Lekgotla la ba tsa khiro le tsaya gore babereki ba ba berekang ka nakwana le bone ba tshwanasa fela le babereki bangwle le bangwe kwa tle fela ga gore ba a ba ba hiretswe go diro tiro e go lemogilweng gore ea bo e thokafalala – e seng ga nako e e bellweng.

Go bothlokwa fela thata mo maemong othle gore go thaloswi sentle ka botlalo (ka mokwalo) maemo a tota babereki bao ba hirilweng ba le mo go one. Se mme se tshwanetse sa thaloswi sentle go othatwa ka gore ba a ba ba hiretswe mme ka jalo o tshwanela ke gore basupi ba gago ba mme teng.

**Baemedi ba Babereki**
Fa e le gore babereki bothle ba o ba hirileng ba feta palo ya batho e e ka tshwarang lesome, e ka nna mogopolo o o mokwale ba le tlokholo e gore ba thophelo motho yo o tlaa nang moemedi/mmueliwa ba bone (Staff Representative). Motho yo mme o tshwanetse gore a thaloswi sentle a ba a retwe thata ka dikonteraka tse di amanang le khiro, melao ya go diro tiro le thaloselo ya gore ditiro di tshwanetse tsa dirwa jang. Ene e le mme kgotsa ree o tlaa thusu gore a dire tshaloselo ya dintlha tse tsohle a di thalosetsa babereki le gape gore a kgone go bonana le go buisana le bahiri le babereki fe go na le dikgang dingwe tse di amang babereki kgotsa e le tsa dingongorego.

- Babereki ba tshwanela ke go itse ditsetlana tsa ka fa ba ka ipegang kgotsa ba ikuela ka teng;
- Mookamedi wa bone ke mang?
- Ba itsese mang fa ba lvala?
- Ba bona mang fa ba batla malatsi a boitapoloso?
- Ba ka diro jang fa ba na le potso kgotsa ngongorego ka dituelo tsa bone, jalo, jalo?

Baemedi ba babereki ga ba duelwe go diro tiro e ya go emela batho gape ga ba na taolo epe mo babereking, ka jalo, ga se mogopolo o o siameng gore ba itsege ka go bidwa gore ke "Batlhokomedi ba Babereki". Maemo a a ntseg jaana a ka nna a tlisa tsetsego ya gore tota ba tshwanela ke go tsamaisa jang tiro ya bone.

**Lephatla la tsa Perek e a le Sedirisiwa**
Go ya ka kitso ya rona, Lephatla la tsa pereko ka nako tsothle le a batla gore le ka etela mafelo a madirelo ga mmogo le gore ba tle ba kgone go araba dipotsa tse di ka bong di le teng, di tswa mo bahiring kgotsa mo go bone babereki. Ga ba nke ba ema mo letlhakoreng la motho ope fela mme gape ba tshwanetse gore ba disirwe jaaka lekalana le le tlisanqinthlha tsa dikgang tse di bothokwa di amana le tse di latelang tse:

- Maemo a go dira tiro;
- Dikonteraka;
- Ditsela tsa go dira madi a dituelo;
- Dinako tsa go dira dituelo;
- Madi a a ka letlelelwang go kgaoalwa mo dituelong;
- Malatsi a boitapoloso; le
- Dingongorego.

Ba ka kgonalwa go bonwa ka nako e ngwe le e ngwe mabapi le dingongorego dingwe fela tse di leng teng kgotsa dikopo tsa go tlhalosediwa dilo dingwe. Mafelo a ba ka bonwang kwa go one, e le a diofisi tsa bone tse ditona ka kgotsa mo go bone babereki. Ga ba nke bonwa ka pereko ka nga dikgang tse la: di le tshwana; di le tš瓢autse ga le ka mafelo a ka leheme ka ka mokwalo mo kae tlaa tlaa.
Moikopedi wa tiro o tlaa tshwanetse ya tlhalosa gore nako ya tekeletso ya go diwa tiro e tlaa nna ya lebaka le le ka. E ka nna ya nna ya boelele ja dikgwedi di le thataro. Makgotlana a thokomelo ka bontsi a itlweditswe go dirisa lebaka la dikgwedi di le thataro le yone nako e e tsewang go dira tiro tekeletso.

Nako ya tekeletso e direletswe gore e kgone go fa mohiri ga mnggo le ene mohiriwa, sebaka sa go bona gore ba na le bokgoni jo bo lekanetseng bo le kea go diwa tiro e, gape le gore yone tiro ka bo yone e ba siametse go le kea. Patho ba bangwe ba duela madi a dituelle a a kla tlaa tse, fa mmereki a sa ntho a le mo nakong ya tekeletso mme ba bo ba tloga ba a oketsa ba sa sena go ntsha teto ya gore jaanong ke baberekhi ba ba hiretsweng履职. Se sone mme ga se se thohafalang, go ya ka meloa e e amanang le tse khiro.

Kitsiso ya go fela ga nako ya tekeletso
Nngwe ya dikgaolo tse di CBO o fitlhelang gantsinyana di le motlhofo mo go yone, ke gore fela fa motho a sena go bona tiro le lekgotlana la CBO, ba lekalana la bookamedi kgotsa ba Lekgotlana la Thokomelo, ba simoloja jaanong gore le nne le maikutlo a gore motho yoo a nnele ruri mo go yone tiro e. Lekgotlana la CBO le tshwanetse gore le dire ditshwetswe tse di amanang le kgwebo. Le fa ntswa gantsi go dikgannyeng di le mmalwa, madi a bone a kamogelo ba a “neelwa” ka bo bone, ba ntse gantsi ba na le maikarabelo mo malokong a bone gore ba kgone go dirisa madi a bone ka tseba e e lebiwang e le ya go diwa kgwebo e e tlaa solelegang mleme thata maloko otlhe a bone. Fa e le gore mmereki ga a kake a ka nga kgone go diwa tiro. Patho a sa bereke mo go kgotsosafatsang sentle, ene e le re kgotsa mme, ga a tshwanela fela go tlogela fela a ntse a le foo. Kgotsa gongwe, a ne a kaa nga nga go diwa tiro e ngwe e sele sentle. Go tlaa kbotsiwa bokhutlong ga nako ya tekeletso ke yone nako ya go gore tsone ditshwetswe tse di bokete tse, di tshwanelwe ke go dirwa. Mo nkong ya tekeletso, mohiri kgotsa mohiriwa o tshwanetse fela ke go ntsha kitsiso ya go batla go tlogela tiro mo malatsing a le lese le bone. Ga go thokafale gore a ntse mabaka a gore ke eng a kla. Molao wa khiro o tshalosa gore “konteraka go tlaa tsewa gore e feditswse fa go na le mabaka a a utlwelang, le gape gore mohiri kgotsa mohiriwa ga go thokafale gore ope go mo go bone o ka ntsha ape mabaka a a amanang le se fo go ntse jalo”

Go dirisiwa ka tseba e e siameng ga tshekatsheko ya ka fa baberekhi ba dirang ka teng mo go dirwang kgwebo le kgwebo, go tlaa nga kgona ga lemotsha bokhokomedi ba tsamaiso ya tiro ga mmgo le ene mmereki, fa e le gore go ka tloga mathata mangwe, pele ga ba ka tloga ba ithlithlha bokhutloja a tseka mo dira tiro.

Tshekatsheko ya Badiri / Go diwa tiro sentle
Ke mophopo o o siameng thata go gore go tlaa tsekeletswa kgwebo le kgwebo mo badiring ba ba hirlweng. Se sone mme se pateletsatla mohiri gore a kgone go lebelela ka fa go dirwang tiro ka teng ga mmgo le maitshwara a mongwe le mongwe wa badiri ka nako tsotle, le gape gore kgwebo go leletlela mmoreki a kgone go itse fela thata go leletse ka fa ene e le ree kgotsa mme a dirang ka teng mo tirong. Ke didirisiwa tse di siameng thata tse di itebaganyang thata le ka fa tiro e tsamaisiwa ka teng ke mmereki mongwe le mongwe, gape di direletswe gore di
thuse go tlokapatsa seemo sa maitsholo, le go dira tiro ka tsela e e siameng – e seng fela gore go ka nna le go ntsha tebogo kgotsa kotlhao. Pampiri ya tshekatsheko e ka akaretsa dintlha tse di latelang:

- Leina la mmereki;
- Maemo a gagwe (tiro);
- Letsatsi;

Mme le go fa matshwao a tshekatsheko (gantsi a dirwa ka fa tlase ga a a siameng, a a siameng kgotsa kwa godimo ga a a siameng) a tshwaiwa mo go tse di latelang:

- Go tla ka nako;
- Go itlama go thusa;
- Maitseo;
- Bolkanyegeo;
- Tsirenommogo le baberekisa ba bangwe;
- Go ipela mo tirong;
- Go ipela ka go lebega sentle;
- Matlhagathaga;
- Maemo a a kwa godimo a tiro; le
- Botswere re ja go dira tiro.

E tshwanetse gape ya akaretsa ntlha ya dikarolo tse di tlhokafalang tsa gore go nne le maiteko a go nna le seemo sa go ithlabolola. Se mme se tlaa lebelelwa gape mo nakong e ngwwe e e tlhanga ya tshekatsheko gore go bona gore a mmereki o ne a dira maiteko a go leka go ithlabolola.

Ditshekatsheko tse di dirwa ba ka paakanyo ya bagolwane ba ba tsamaisang tiro mme gape di tshwanelwa kwe gore di buisanangwe le mmereki mongwe le mongwe go tloga foo di bo di bewa ka pabalelo mo faeleng ya bone ya tiro.

Kwa bofelong ja nako ya tekeletsos, e e kabong e le ya dikgwedi tse thhlo moro, ditshekatsheko tse di tlaa tshwanelwa ke go lebelelwa gape, mme ka jalo di ka nna ya nna tsone tse di dirang tshimologo ya go tsaya tshwetso ya gohirela mmereki ruri, kgotsa go emisa go mo hira gotlhelele.

**Thutuntscho**

Fa go baakanyediwa thutuntsho o tshwanetse wa gakologelwa gore batho mo Botswana ga ba ka ba oama misa go tlogol tiro ba ya go batla e ngwwe go sele. Ka lone lebaka le, o tshwanetse wa rutuntsha pale o ntsi ya batho go na le e tota o e tlhokang. Go fa sekai, fa e le gore o rulaganyetsa ya batho mo Botswana tse di dikole, ke eng o sa e dire gore e nne thuto ya batho ba ba ka tshwaraen pale ya borobabedgi kgotsa lesome? Eeh, ngwwe ba bone ba tlaa tsamaye ba ya go batla ditiro go sele, mme gore gape go a thusa go maloko a gago a nne le bokgoni jo bongwe, jo go ka nnang ga tsewa e le tsele e ngwwe ya go direla morafe ditshuso. Oa bo o nonotsa bo o o fa morafe wa gago kgoolesegeng ya go itirela. Gape o oketsa “ntsifalo” ya babereki ba ba nang le bokgoni le kitso e o ka kgonang go e dirisa fa phatla ya tiro e nna teng.

**Ditsamaiso tsa go dira tiro**

Tse tsone le ditsamaiso le mekalwana tse mohiri a nang le tsone gore a kgone go di dirisa go kgona go laola batho ba a ba hirileng. Dikatso tse dingwe tse di fiwang fa godimo ga tse di ntseng di le teng, dinako tsa go dira tiro, mokgwana wa go di dira tiro, dikatso tse di tshwaneng, ditsamaiso mabapi le bono le mophako jalo, jalo. Tsotho di tlaa tsholosiwa gore fa. Kwa tshimologeng ya ngwanga mongwe le mongwe wa tiro, go tshwanelwa ke gore go tshwarwe phuthego mme melawana mongwe e motho e bo e thalosiwa mo go tseneletseng e thalosetswa baberekis bo tho. Moemedi wa babereki o tshwanetse a nna ka nako tsotho a na le kitso e e tletseng mabapi le ditsamaiso tsa go dira tiro.

O seka wa emela gore o nne le bothata pele kgotsa ngongorego gore e tle e nne gore go ka kgonang go tsholosetsa babereki ba gago dilo. Go na le gore batho ba u'thwe dilo tse di ntsi tse di senang boammaarui le ketsaetsegoe mabapi le mele ya pereko, gape mme babereki ka bontsi ba na le go batla tshalosoe e e tswang kwa go ba malwapa a bone kgotsa babereki ba bangwe ba ba ka tswang mme ba sa itse karabo e e leng yone tota e e tlhamaletseng.
Sekao sa dintlha tsa melawana ya go dira tiro se se tlaa ngaparediwang mo konterakeng, se ka bonwa ka fa tlase ga karolwana ya botlhano (annex 5).

**Mokgwa wa go itshola sentle**
Sedirisiwa se sengwe se se bothokwa thata se se dirisiwang go thusa gore go nne le tirisanommogoe e e siameng mo gare ga babereki ba gago, ke go tlhoma nthla e e amang mokgwa wa go itshola sentle. Se mme sone se tlaa farologana go ya ka mofuta mongwe le mongwe wa kgwebo, mme legale se tlaa akaretsa dilo tse di tshwanang le tse di latelang tse:

- Go tlotla se e leng dilwana tsa batho ba bangwe;
- Maitseo fa gare ga badira mmogoe;
- Tlotlo ya bagolwane ba baokamedi;
- Melao ya dinako tsa dijo;
- Go thibela tlhaoelele gothlelele; le
- Tsamaiso e e kgathanong le kgokgontsho ka go sukura batho mo go seng ka fa mokgweng e le ga ba batla dikobo.

Ditsamaiso tse di tshwanetse tsa tlimoiva ke bone babereki ba bo bone, gantsi thata go dirwa ka thutupuisano e e dirwane e akaretsa mongwe le mongwe, gore ba tle ba ntsho seabe sa bone. Ba ka nna gape ba akaretsa melawana ya gore bagolwane ba bone ba tsa botsamaisa ba tshwanelwa jang ke go dira leano la go buisana le babereki fa go na le dingwe dikgang.

**Bolwetse ja nako e telele**
Ga gona sepe mo molaong wa tsa pereko se se buang ka ga go ntsha motho mo tirong ka mabaka a a amanang botsogo jo bo sa iketlang, mme legale se sone ke bothata jo bo lebaganeng le bahiri mo makgethong a le mantsi thata mo malatsing ano ka lebaka la go gola ga malwetse a a amanang le mogare o o sa jeseng di welang wa HIV/AIDS, ga mmogoe le malwetse mangwe a a amanang le one.

Tsamaiso ya tlwaelo ke go letlelela mmereki gore a kgone go dirisa malatsi otlhe a gagwe a go itapolosa a a letelelweng fa a lwela, go tswe foo o ka ba letelela nako e e okeditsweng ya malatsi a a go itapolosa mmoro sa sa ba dule madi apei a a kamagelo a kgwedi (gongwe mo lebakeng la digkedwi di le pedi). Mme go yone nako e, ba tlaa tshwanelwa ke go nna ba itsise mohiri wa bone mabapi le seemo sa bone le gore gape kwa morago ga yone nako e e ka ba nna ba tshwanelwa ke go ya go bona ngaka ya tsa botsogo e e laa ene e tlhophilwe ke mohiri wa bone. Fa e le gore ngaka e e ka lemoga gore mmereki o lebega a santsa e tlaa nna a sa tsoga fela mme ka jalo a a tshwanela ga ka nami a boetsa kwa tirong la lebaka la gongwe le ka tshwarang kgwedi e e rengwefela gape, mohiri o ka nna a tlelwa ke mogopololo wa gore a mo ntsho mo tirong ka go fedisa konteraka ya gape ga tiro. Go bothokwa thata gore go pne le tsetla e e tlhosang ka ga se e e tshwanelweng ke gore a bo e kwadilwe me teng ga konteraka ya tiro. O tshwanetse wa nna kelothloko thata gore go seka ga lebaga jaaka o ka re o na le kgetholo kgathanong le mmereki mongwe ka lebaka la bolwetse jo a bo lwalan, go fa sekai, ga o kake wa koba motho mo tirong fela ka gore ba na le bolwetse ja mogare wa HIV/AIDS, kgotsa ka gore ba bolawa ke T.B. O ka nna wa phimola konteraka ya bone fa e le gore ga ba kgone go bereka mme le wena o setse o kile wa ba neela sebaka se se leele le gape o tsere pele le yone kgakololo e e tswang mo ngakeng ya tsa botsogo.

**Go Itlhatlhobela Botsogo**
Babereki ba ba berekang tiro e e ba tlamang gore ba bo ka nako tsothle ba amana le go tshwara dijo go a tshelafala gore ba ye go itlhatlhobela botsogo ja bone mabapi le malwetse a a ka tselanwang go tswe mo mohong yo mongwe go ya kwa go yo mongwe mo lebakeng la digkedwi dingwe le dingwe tse di thataro. Se mme se ba tlama gore ba etele kokelo e e gafui le bone kgotsa lefelo lengwe fele le le ka kgongan go ba thusa go dira ditlhatlhobeo tse. Ba tlaa tshwanelwa ke go ikopela nako ya gore ba kgone ya etela lefelo la botsogo, mme kwa morago go moo ba tlaa neela mokwalo wa tse di tlaa tlhokafalan gore ba tle le tsone ko lefelong leo la botsogo, Tlhatlhobeo e e dirwa ka tsela e e tseleltseng thata mme e tsaya le tseleltseng thata mme e tsaya le tsela e e tseleltseng thata mme e tsaya le tseleltseng thata mme e tsaya le tsela e e tseleltseng thata mme e tsaya le tseleltseng thata mme e tsaya le.
Go Sukurwa ka go Batliwa Dikobo
Se le sone gape ga se a a akareidiwa mo melaong ya khiro le fa ntswa fa gongwe e nna nngwe ya dikgang tse di atlegi di tlhage. E bua ka go patleletsa mmereki go thahakana dikobo le mohiri wa gagwe kgotsa moeteledi pela wa gagwe mo tirong, ka lebaka la go mna le lethsho la gore gongwe o ka tloga a latlhego le tiro kgotsa gongwe a olhaa la kganga la nngwe tsela mo tirong. Mme fa gongwe e ka raya fela go dirwa e le ka mafo kgotsa a kakgelo kgotsa metlae e ka dirwang kgotsa ya buiwa ka ga badiri mo tirong ba ba nang le kaman mo ya thahakana dikobo, e leng gore bone e le borre kgotsa bonme ga e le tseye seletle ka nngwe tsela. Se sone mme ke maitshwaro a a sa le telesegeng mme makgotlana a mangwe a setse ka lebaka le ba akaretsa melawana e e kgathangong le mokgwa o o ntseng jaana mo dikonterakeng tsa bone kgotsa mo melaong ya bone ya go dira ditiro.

Bojalwa, Ditagi le go goga motsoko
Molao o o amanang le go nwa bojalwa le ditagi gape le go goga motsoko mo pele ga baeng go tlhokafala gore o tlhalosiwe sentle ka fa tshwanelo. Dikwebo ka bontsi di kganela gothelele go nwa bojalwa le go dirisa ditagi mo mafelang a madirelo a dikompone fa go theogetswe kgotsa le fa go setse go chassis. Mme lelae ba madirelo a disafari ga mmogo le ba makalana a mangwe a madirelo a a tlamelang baeng toa mme bone ba na le maemo a a fapheleng a mo go one mmereki a tshwanelo ka kganga le go nna le kaman mo ya go itisa ba baeng. Dikonteraka kgotsa melao ya go dira ditiro di tshwanelo ke gore di ntse tlhaloso mabapi le dilo tsotlhle tse go sololofelang gore di ka dirwa di ama na le tlaa e e tlwaelesegileng. Go fa sekai:

“ Go nwa bojalwa mo lefelang la kgwebo ga go letelelele fela e se fela mo seeng sa sa bagolwane ba ba okametseng kgwebo ga mmogo le bakaedi ba baeng go sololofelang gore ba thahakana nako ya go ja dijo le baeng. Go nwa moo mme ka nako eo, go tshwanelo ke gore e bo e le mo go lekanetseng.”

O gakologelwe gore mmereki mongwe le mongwe yo o ka tagiwang a le mo tirong o ka nna a iphitlhela a latlhegetswe ke tiro fela gone foo.

Thuso ka tsa Botsogo
Ga gona epe nthla ya molao e e letelelelang mohiri gore a thusa babereki ba gagwe ka ditthuso tse di amanang le botsogo (itsheletso ya tsa botsogo) mo babereking. Legale, le fa go ntse jalo, go na le tsamaise o e tlwaelesegileng e gna tsni e dirwa mo mohiri, a duela bontha bonwe ja ditshhenyego, le bontha ya madi a kamogelo a a duelwang babereki ba batsawkwa – gna tsni thata mo babereking ba ba dirwanke dikompone tsa disafari. Se mme sone se tlaa lopa kompone ya gala madi a a fa gare ga diPula tse di magokolo a mabedi (P200) le magokolo a maratato (P600) ka kgwed, go tswa mo seeng sa itsheletso e go demelanweng ka yone.

Tuelo ya Babereki fa ba Golafetse
Molao wa re mmereki mongwe le mongwe o tshwane setse a sirelediwa ka fa tlase ga ditsamaise tsa madi a a duelwang babereki fa ba golafetse. Se mme sone ke tshireletso e e dirwanke ke mohiri fa e le gore mmereki o ka iphitlhela a golafetse mo tirong kgotsa mo tseleng a ya kana a tswakwa tirong. Ditshwelano tse di akaretsa ditshenyelegelo tsa ba bongaka ga mmogo le tlahelo ya go sa kgoneng go bona madi a kamogelo a tiro. Madi a a duelwang a le palo mtsi fa gongwe a duelwang dikgolagalo tse di tshwane le jaaka go kgoga maotso kgotsa matsogo kgotsa go golafala mo o ka sekang wa tlhola o kgona go dira gothelele (o sa tlhole o ka kgona go ka bereka gape).

Madi a a ntshiang (Ka kgwed, kgotsa a duelwa ngwaga le ngwaga) a duelwa a neela kompone ya tshireletso kgotsa a neela moemedi kgotsa yo o dirisaneng ebile a emetse kompone ya itsheletsetso. Madi a a balwa go lebeletse madi a a amolkeleng ka kgwed. Ka jalo fa e le gore dikamogelo tsa gago di kwa godimo, tuelo ya dikatso tsa gago tsa go golafala o le a tirong yeone e tlaa ya kwa godimo. Go fa sekai, fa e le gore lekgotlana la CBO le duelwa madi a a tshwarang diPula di le P13,000.00 ka kgwed e le a kamogelo, le tlaa duelwa diPula di le P156,000.00 mo ngwageng le a kamogelo. Ba tlaa tshwanelo ke go duela madi a a ka mmang a
tshwara diPula di le P2652.00 (go balelwa le 10% ya VAT) e le a dikatso tsa dikgolafalo ngwaga le ngwaga.

Lekgotlana le lengwe la CBO le le duelang diPula di le P32,000.00 ka kgwedi e le madi a kamogelo, le tlaa tshwanelwa ke go duela diPula di le P384,000.00 ka ngwaga. Ba tlaa tshwanelwa ke go duela diPula di le P6258.00 (go balelwa le VAT) e le madi a a manang le go golafala mo tirong.

Bontlha ja madi a a duelwang ke sephatlo sa madi otlhe a dituelo tsa kamogelo a a duelwang ngwaga le ngwaga. Se mme sone se ka nna sa wela kwa tlase ka go nna 1.3% mo modiring yo o berekelang mo ofising mme se bo so gola go ya kwa go 1.7% mo go ba “ba ka nnang mo diphatseng” ka maemo a ditiro tsa bone tse ba di dirang jaaka ba ba kgweetsang mokoro gotsa ba ba kaaelang mo dikomponeng tsa disafari (tuelo e e kwa godimo e e ne ya dirisiwa mo dikaling tse di fa godimo). Ba lephatla la tsa pereko ba tlaa batla go bona setlankana sa gago sa itshereletso se se amanang le dituelo tsa badiri fa ba golaetse mme le gape ba ka nna ba batla go tlholhomisa gore a madi a a kwadilweng foo ga a a fokodiwa ka tsela epe. Ba tlaa bona gore tota ba dire ditlholhomiso mo bukeng ya gago e o kwalelang dituelo tsa badiri mo go yone fa e le gore kopo ya go duelwe e ya dirwa gore ba tle ba kgone go netefatsa gore madi a a thokang gore a duelwe e le a kamogelo a mme tota a tshwana le one a a ntseng a amogelwa ke mmereki.

Botlhokwa ja go Buisana
Go bothokwa fela thata go nna o buisana le babereki ba gago. E seng fela gore o netefatse gore ba thalagany a sentle ka botlalo maemo a ba tshwanelwang ke go dira tiro ka one, dikontereka tsa bone le tsone ga mmogo le tlhaloso ya bone ya gore go dirwa ditir, o tshwaenets e yone o netefatse gore ba a e thalagany a ka fa o ba e tlhalosetsang ka teng. Peleta tlhaloso ya gago!

Go fa sekai, fa e le gore modiri o tla kwa go wena a go raya a re oa lwala, o ka nna wa ba raya wa re ba ka nna ba boela kwa lapeng gotsa ba ya kwa koko se tse gore ba tle ba bone kalafi. O tshwanets e go tloga foo wa thalosa gore a mme ba tlaa duelwa kgotsa ga ba na go duelelwa nako eo e ba tlaabong ba seyo ka yone mo tirong. Ka mokgwa o o tshwanang, mongwe o ka nna a tla a go bolelela gore ba tlaabo ba seyo mo tirong, mme go tloga foo bo ba tshoswa ke go bona o kgato se madi mangwe mo dituelong tsa bone a yone nako eo e mneng ba seyo mo tirong ka yone. Bone ba tlaabo ba ile ba akanya fela gore fa ba go boleletse gore ba tlaabo ba seyo, mme le wena o ile wa seka wa akgela sepe fela mabapi le gore a ooa ba letlelela gore ba seka ba nna teng ka yone nako eo, le gape gore a ba tlaa nna ba ntsa ba duelelwa nako eo kgotsa nnya. Peleta thaloso ya gago! O seka wa tlogela phatlha epe fela ya go tlhoka gore o thalaganya nnye se tle le gape o leke gore o nne le mosupi yo o ikanye gango yoo o ka kgonang go go supela mo go tsone dipuisano tse.
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