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BSE HOSTS KANNGWE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY 2019

For Immediate Release, 08th October, 2019: In line with the Botswana Stock Exchange (BSE) CSI Policy, **The Dipolelo Program**, the BSE successfully held a prize-giving ceremony by acknowledging and celebrating the achievements of the best-performing students at their adopted school, Kanngwe Primary School, on 4th October, 2019.

This Ceremony was conducted accordingly under the Government-driven, '**Adopt-a-School**' initiative that was first established in 2011 to facilitate Private and Public Sector participation in the delivery of quality education across Botswana. During the Ceremony, the BSE presented gifts to the best-performing students in their respective Standards (1 to 7) from the following subjects; Mathematics, English, Setswana, Social Studies, Religious & Moral Studies, Agriculture and Science.

Furthermore, the BSE also presented the school management with text and revision books that will aid in affording students a better learning environment and thus giving them better opportunities, while simultaneously affording teachers better tools to execute their job.

The BSE has been in custody of Kanngwe Primary School since 2017 for a 3yr period until 2020 when the partnership agreement expires. During this period, the BSE's efforts have brought forth a considerable increase in the pass rate from 47% in 2017 to 87% in 2019. These efforts included resourcing the schools with a multi-dimensional 4-in-1 printer to assist the teachers in printing educational material for the students, warm winter school uniforms for all the students as many of the students travel many kilometers from various settlements to ascertain education on a daily basis and in 2018, the BSE facilitated an educational trip through inviting the students, teachers, parents and members of the Village Development Committee to the BSE offices in Gaborone as a means of encouragement to the students.

Commenting at the Ceremony, CEO of the BSE, Thapelo Tsheole said

Kanngwe Primary School, Ms. Kesetsenao Bojase had this to comment '**These are exciting times for our school. As we can bear witness, our relationship with the BSE has borne fruit as there is renewed enthusiasm and vigor for learning from our students. Initiatives such as the 'adopt-a-school' initiative are indeed a breath of fresh air as the role of teaching takes center stage through availing collaboration with institutions like the BSE to development the delivery of quality education in Botswana. We thank the Government of Botswana and more specifically, we thank the BSE for their continued support**'.

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