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Stanbic Bank Botswana donates to Moremi Primary School - Maun

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Stanbic Bank Continues to Move Botswana Forward 20 Years Later

GABORONE – In a continuation of its charitable efforts as part of the Bank's 20th anniversary celebrations, Stanbic Bank Botswana have made the second in a series of CSI donations. Stanbic Bank's Maun branch draws from the P200, 000 set aside for communities across the country, donating P20, 000.00 worth of vegetable seeds and garden materials to Moremi Primary School.

The staff of Stanbic Bank's Maun branch have dedicated themselves to empowering the students of Moremi Primary with the necessary vocational skills in food production at subsistence level to feed themselves and to raise funds for the school. The branch will establish and donate 50 garden plots to the school in celebration of Stanbic Bank's 20th anniversary.

Moremi Primary School is a residential primary school for children with various disabilities. It has 42 pupils in Standard 1-7, primarily from the Okavango District, 450km from Maun. 33 of the resident students are hearing impaired, whilst 6 require the use of wheelchairs.

Said Ruth Modisane, Public Relations Manager, Stanbic Bank, "It is heartbreaking to realise that many of these children cannot comprehend academic work due to their inability to reason and absorb academic material. At the same time, the school's food supply, received from the local council, is oftentimes insufficient. We simply want to get involved to make a difference here in as significant and sustainable a way as we can."

Stanbic Bank has engaged with a horticulture specialist to assist during planting of seeds, fertilizer application and application of pesticides. Amongst the crops to be harvested are spinach, carrots and maize. In order to realise this goal, the P20, 000 will go towards water reticulations, manure, seeds, fertilizers and labour, to name a few. The agricultural project aims both to feed the students from the harvest as well as to sell surplus harvest in order to raise funds for meeting other needs such as the purchasing of cleaning materials for the school.

42 plots have been set aside for the students, whilst 8 have been earmarked for 8 Stanbic Bank staff, a testament to the Stanbic Bank team's promise to play an

increasingly more proactive role in terms of staff involvement and commitment to the local Maun community.

“In the 20 years that Stanbic Bank has been a part of Botswana, our sense of pride and commitment to the communities we operate and dwell in has only increased. As we celebrate the 20 years past and look forward to the many years ahead, we look forward to increasing our dedication to those around us. The children of Moremi Primary School are just one example of Stanbic Bank’s unwavering dedication towards moving Botswana forward and helping to cultivate a stronger and more empowered community,” concluded Stanbic Bank Chief Executive, Mr. Leina Gabaraane.

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20 Facts about Stanbic Bank

1. Stanbic Bank trading as Union Bank opened in Botswana on March 2, 1992.
2. The bank's first Managing Director was a South African called Mr. Dave Brown.
3. The bank's Head Office and first branch was at Broadhurst Industrial on Kubu Road, near the railway line.
4. Standard Bank acquired ANZ Grindlays operations across Africa including Botswana in 1992. It later merged the two banks; ANZ & Union Bank and rebranded them to Stanbic Bank
5. Stanbic Bank brand's 1st mission in 1992 was "To be the best bank in Botswana with the most satisfied customers".
6. Stanbic Bank Botswana started offering Retail Banking services in 1994 when it opened the Francistown Branch at Blue Jacket Street.
7. Stanbic Bank Head office relocated from Travaglini House in Old Lobatse Road to Stanbic House at Fairgrounds in 2001.
8. Stanbic Bank acquired Investec Private Banking book in 2003.
9. In 2008, the Gaborone West Branch was relocated from Gaborone West Industrial, near the fly over to Game City Mall and renamed Kgale Branch.
10. In 2008, the Broadhurst Branch was also relocated from Kubu Road to Nelson Mandela Road.
11. The Bank rebranded Executive Banking to Private Banking in 2008 and relocated the unit to Kgale Branch at Game City Mall.
12. Stanbic Bank to date has, had 5 Managing Directors including the current Managing Director who is a Motswana, Leina Gabaraane. He was appointed in September 2008.
13. Tapela Mpuchane was the first Motswana to be appointed Business Banking Head in 2010.

14. Stanbic Bank last changed its brand promise from “Inspired. Motivated. Involved” To “Moving Forward” in 2009
15. The first time ever the AFCON Trophy was brought to Botswana by Stanbic Bank was in 2009.
16. Stanbic Bank opened a 10th Branch in Mogoditshane in 2011.
17. The Bank also started offering Point Of Sale Service in 2011, and it currently has the machines at 100 Merchants country wide.
18. In 2011, the Business Banking unit was further segmented into Commercial Banking, SME Banking & Agri Business.
19. As at February 2012, Stanbic Bank has a total of 540 staff members from an initial staff complement of 20.
20. To date, Stanbic Bank has donated millions of Pula to communities and a total of more than P880, 000.00 in 2011.