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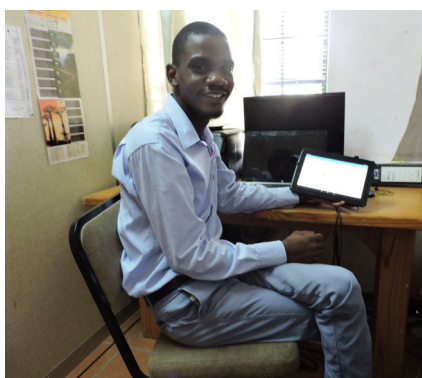
LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



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Dear Friends,

2017 started with a bang for all at Travel for Impact as you will read throughout this newsletter. Women Against Rape celebrated the launch of the iMonitor+ app. We were delighted that Botswana Tourism Organisation (BTO) contacted us to assist them in raising the profile of Botswana's cultural heritage through profiling basket weaving at ITB. We hope at least some of you managed to meet Mosipidi and Moruledi in Berlin as they demonstrated the art of weaving. Lastly, we were delighted to be able to help the Khwai community who suffered enormously as a result of the recent rains.

Best wishes,

Ruth Stewart

CHANGING LIVES *FOREVER* THROUGH TRAVEL



Vision: To see community initiatives supported through responsible tourism

Mission: Through partnerships in the tourism industry, TFI aims to promote responsible tourism in Botswana by providing core services and funding to community initiatives.

OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



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WoMen Against Rape (WAR) was established in 1993 in response to a prevalence of gender-based violence in the district of Ngamiland. WAR is a crisis centre that deals with society's most vulnerable: women and children. WAR has been an active voice for over 20 years and is a leader in the fight against gender-based violence.



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Despite tremendous efforts to provide social security to the country's most vulnerable populations, hindrances such as walking long distances, and some day-to-day activities present many challenges for the elderly. AGLOW-Polokong aims to change the lives of these individuals by making home visits, providing basic necessities, and giving loving attention.



Founded in 1998, MAWS aims to protect Botswana's wildlife through domestic animal care. To accomplish this goal, MAWS offers free veterinary services to low-income villagers across Botswana. In addition, they also reunite and rehabilitate lost, found, and stray animals. MAWS is actively preventing the transmission of disease from domestic animals to wildlife.



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Crafthood-unite.com

Crafthood is an independent initiative / programme launched by Travel for Impact with seed funding from Southern African Regional Environmental Program (SAREP). Crafthood is a centralized marketing and sales platform for weavers in the District. The aim is to support weavers in establishing an independent livelihood, and in turn, support immediate needs within their household.



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Bana Ba Letsatsi (BBL) is a rehabilitation centre that offers a place of safety and support for vulnerable children. The organization provides daily meals, clothes, transport, medical attention, and hygiene facilities, as well as counselling, skills training, and also reintroduces children to the structure of education. BBL has helped many children reintegrate and it continues to be a safe-haven for children throughout the community.

COMMUNITY IN ACTION

Crafthood Weavers at ITB Berlin

Moruledi and Mos were proud to represent the Crafthood basket weavers as well as Botswana at ITB (International Travel Bourse) held in Berlin ,Germany from 7-11 March 2017.



They went there with over 30 baskets and a wide variety of crafted jewellery. These were in such high demand that they sold most of their wares coming back to Botswana a lot lighter with just 5 baskets.

“ They loved the exhibitions. Some of them thought the baskets were made by machines but were pleasantly surprised to see it done by hand.” Mos says.

Moruledi added that ITB gave her valuable experience of public speaking and international marketing.



Moruledi(left) and Mos demonstrating weaving

Behind The Scenes at MAWS



Vasco (left) and Kenny at the MAWS Clinic

Little is known of the people who make MAWS such a hospitable place for the many animals that visit the clinic every year. Kenny and Fasco, who're in their second year with MAWS, are just some of the dedicated staff who ensure that MAWS continues to be a safe haven for domestic animals.

“People are supportive and like what we are doing here at MAWS. My experience with MAWS has been good”, says Fasco, as he enthusiastically does his morning checks on the animals who seem happy to see him. Kenny added that he enjoys the school outreach programs as kids use the knowledge to encourage their parents to utilise the services offered by MAWS.

Khwai Flood Relief



On 4 April 2017, the Travel for Impact Team travelled to Khwai Village to deliver donations for the flood relief which was supported through our Bednight Bank. The TFI Team was joined by Social Workers from the North West District Council who ensured that the donated blankets, food and toiletries were distributed to the affected families. Three of our Bednight Bank Partners, Belmond Safaris, Bushways Safaris and African Bush Camps, provided logistical support to ensure that this flood relief was successful. Flesh, who is the Village Development Committee (VDC) Chairperson, received the goods on behalf of the community. He thanked Travel for Impact and our Bednight Bank partners for this generous donation and said he hopes that other companies follow our example.



A step Towards "New Future"

iMonitor+ Mobile Client & Registration



iMonitor+

Community Member

- Download App & Install
- Register
- Raise Alerts / Issues /Get Support
- Set & Track Reminders
- Search Near Me
- Rate Facilities
- Personalize
- Seek Appointment

• Download iMonitor+ @ Play Store

• Choose South Africa

• Search for "Xhuchika! Its Enough Report GBV".

• Join Community

• You are Now ready to Raise Alerts and report Gender Based Violence

There are other features that you can use with this application.

Key Features...

NB: the dashboard is monitored by Women Against Rape

Alerts & Notifications	Location Enabled Services	Reminders	Quality of Service
• Real Time Alerts	• Near Me	• Personal Reminders	• Ratings and Reviews
• Broadcast	• Location as a part of Alert	• Appointments	• Feedback

Case Management Workflow	Activity Monitoring	Interactive Dashboard	Reports and Trends
• Workflow	• Set Targets	• Map based Dashboard	• Interactive & Downloadable Reports
• Case Verification	• Real Time Monitoring	• Heat Maps	• Drill Down and Drill Through
	• Continuous Improvements	• List Views	

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WAR Benchmarks on the Reporting of Gender-Based Violence

Gender Based Violence (GBV) remains an issue within Ngamiland District and with some of our communities having poor access to services, reporting on time can be a challenge. To counteract this, Women Against Rape (WAR) is piloting iMonitor+ in Maun and surrounding areas. This is a user-friendly free mobile application that allows the instant reporting of gender-based violence.

"We are bridging the gap whereby one has to travel a long distance to the police, WAR or other stakeholders for assistance." Chalebgwa explains.

Reports are instantly received on the dashboard at WAR who monitor notifications 24 hours a day. iMonitor+ also has features for mapping the location of local services and interacting with other users. Chalebjwa said that they currently have 100 registered users but they expect this number to increase as WAR carries out more outreach activities.

Minister of Agricultural Development & Food Security Visits BBL



Taboka showing Hon. Ralotsia the BBL garden

From Left: Taboka, Mr Mafela & Hon. Ralotsia

On Friday February 17 2017, the Minister of Agricultural Development and Food Security, Honorable Patrick Ralotsia and his delegation paid Bana Ba Letsatsi (BBL) a visit. The Minister was ecstatic about the role BBL was playing in the community and commended them for all their efforts. He also donated a box full of fresh meat. The Minister and his delegates toured BBL and were thrilled to find that they had a garden and a chicken hawk within the premises. He also applauded the organizations that are supporting BBL. He ended his tour by celebrating the Chairperson of the Board Mr. Mafela and Ms Taboka Rotsi, the BBL Execute Coordinator, for formidable leadership skills. He also extended his praises to the staff members for their hard work.

NGAMI HIGHLIGHTS

Ker & Downey Botswana Hosts Bana Ba Letsatsi



Every year, Ker & Downey Botswana offers a free safari to Bana Ba Letsatsi (BBL) children. Twenty of the children and four BBL staff members went on this trip. This was an exciting and highly anticipated adventure by the children. Upon their arrival at Moremi Game Reserve, the children were greeted by an enormous herd of game as they neared Ker & Downey's Okuti Camp. The welcome from the staff at the lodge put them at

ease and they had a hearty meal before they went on a boat cruise.

They were so excited they couldn't help but squeal with joy looking at all the animals around them. Some even covered their



mouthing just to contain their noise in order not to scare the animals away. Their guides, Moses, Noah, Solly and Opie were patient and very enthusiastic about answering all the questions posed to them. A day in Okuti made them feel alive again.



Flora of the Okavango Delta

Brought to you in partnership with The Peter Smith University of Botswana Herbarium in Maun, Desert & Delta Safaris and Sustainable Land Management Programme

Savannah Gardenia is known as *Morala*, *Monyapula* or *Nnala* in *Setswana* depending on the dialect. It is also known as *Kavangu* by the Sibiya speaking people commonly found in the Chobe Region of Botswana. Savannah Gardenia is a small, rigid multi-stemmed tree that often has a dense, rounded crown. It grows to be 3–7 m tall at which point it would have arching branches. The glossy green leaves are usually in groups of three and crowded at the end of short branches.

The leaves are spoon-shaped with a broadly rounded tip and a tapering base. The flowers are solitary, large and showy with a sweet scent. The trumpet-like flowers are white, turning yellow with age. Savannah Gardenia grows in a wide variety of habitats: open woodland, bushveld and even occasionally inundated floodplains. The hard, grey pithy fruit are eaten by monkeys, baboons, elephants and large antelope. The leaves are browsed by both livestock and game which may give the whole tree a stunted appearance.

All parts of the tree are reported to be used medicinally in various ways: as a cure for intestinal worms, to induce vomiting, to treat pneumonia, for headaches and for ear-ache. The wood is very hard and suitable for carving ornaments. This tree is also believed to protect against lightning and evil spirits.



OUR TRAVEL PARTNERS

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