



Bakgatla ba Mosetlha Traditional Administration (BBMTA)

The BBM Traditional council main aim is to lead and guide the nation to a brighter future. The BBM tribal kgotla is Lead by Kgosi Nchaupe, and he is supported by the Kgosana's/headmen from 32 different villages of the Bakgatla ba Mosetlha. As per the latest figures from Stats SA the current population is over 400 000 and it is estimated that more than 3 times that number is living in urban areas in their attempt to be closer to places of employment, also to escape some of the harsh living condition.

The mission of the Bakgatla-Ba- Mosetlha Traditional Administration (BBMTA) is to sustainably enhance the quality of life of all people in the Bakgatla area. We aim to do this through a developmental system of governance, which renders efficient, effective and adequate services. We focused our attention on developing and implementing plans that would have the effect on creating an environment of sustainable job creation, healthy and safe society; education to develop skills base to cope with economic demands; promoting the participation of SMME's in increasing BBM gross domestic product, related investments and creating effective governance systems as well as infrastructure for improved coordination and communication. Above all to create a tightly knit society that will safeguard and preserve their culture and heritage.

STRATEGIC Overview

• VISION

Creating a viable and sustainable nation, to lead and be a beacon for other nation in the 21st Century.

• MISSION

Creating a model of an economically viable community that embraces development and traditional value systems, which can be modeled by the rest of the tribes.

• VALUES:

• Accountability

Being able to put into practice our entire fundamental and coherent national plans, and above and beyond being able to provide a detailed accounting of the whole process with proper

checks and balances.

- Integrity

Integrity goes beyond complying with the law and policy. We adhere to the highest standards of professionalism, ethics and personal responsibility, worthy of the trust our communities place in us.

- Transparency

We believe transparent administration will ensure that the principles of “Good Corporate Governance” are adhered to thereby fostering community trust.

- Commitment

We take ownership, provide visible leadership and encourage collaboration, commitment and creativity for the benefit of all.

- Botho – a social contract of mutual respect, responsibility and accountability that members of a society have toward each other.

- Respect - We value respect for all who come into our lives, and we treat everyone we meet in the same way that we would like to be treated.
- Honesty - We believe acting with honesty will enable trust and respect in all our actions.
- Loyalty – Commitment and dedication to servicing our stakeholders.
- Fairness – To conduct our business in a fashion that is free any form of discrimination from creed, colour, race, sex and religion.
- Compassionate – We treat our stakeholders with empathy.

The BBM tribe occupies farms in the Moretele district of the north west province and the Waterval district of Limpopo province. There are over 3 000 m² land that belongs to the Bakgatla ba Mosetlha Nation.

The BBM tribal council consist of 12 members 8 of which are from the royal family elected by the King and 4 of which were elected by the community. The main mandate of the Council is to support the tribal kgotla and advance the culture and mandate of the tribe and also to create sustainable economic activities and sustainable cultural practices.

The primary mandate of the Bakgatla ba Mosetlha Traditional Council

To assist government in fulfilling some of its primary functions to the Bakgatla Community in the provision of infrastructure development; job creation and poverty alleviation. The needs of our communities are quite diverse; as such we will not be able to deliver on this mandate, without the involvement of the private sector.

The primary objective of the Tribal Council:

- To develop strategies and implement projects aimed at the economic and social development of the region and its people. Education, healthcare, infrastructure, job creation and poverty alleviation have been identified as among the major priorities for the region.
- To mobilize partnerships with the community and the private sector to develop these

resources in the best interest of the community.

- Form joint ventures with major mining groups to participate in mining activities especially in the platinum group of minerals. These projects are expected to stimulate the revitalization of the region's economy.
- Initiate bold interventions to address the skills shortage in the area including the granting of scholarships to deserving students who wish to further their studies.
- Implement projects aimed at the empowerment of women and the youth as well as to social development projects in the region to address issues related to poverty and unemployment.
- To preserve and advance the cultural heritage of the Bakgatla Tribe.

The tribe is still trying to find its footing with the many challenges it faces in the modern economical society. The Numerous challenges are

1. Lack of proper water resources
2. Lack of sustainable economic activities
3. Low food productivity and poor rain falls
4. Low skill levels amongst the youth
5. High unemployment rates amongst the youth
6. Low level of investments and economic opportunities
7. Poverty
8. Poor health care and diseases/ailments
9. Diminishing standards of primary education
10. Diminishing interests in cultural heritage

With the Bakgatla ba Mosetlha Research and Development (BBM R&D) the aim was for the youth of the royal family in partnership with all the other young members of the society to bring in the necessary skills and support to the Tribal kgotla to help the leadership through all this difficult challenges it faces. By providing numerous number of skills including Accountants, Economist, Lawyers, Engineers, Sociologists, Physicians and other Scientists, BBM R&D aimed to simplify concepts and provide solution to the Tribal Kgotla and also make sure that the implementation of agreed solution is without any hindrances.

The BBM tribal administration has identifies various areas that can be used to drive the economy of the area; i.e. Mining Agriculture and Tourism. The economic prospect of the tribe looks promising it just needs the whole community and the traditional leadership together with the government to pull together and work towards realizing that goal.

Mining

There is a lot of coal in our area which we still in negotiation with different stake holders to determine how best we can exploit it and how it can be used to benefit the community and also to turn around the fortunes of the tribe. Ref to BBM Mining Charter

Agriculture

The BBM currently has more than 100 000 ha of arable land they own, and the land is mostly suitable for agriculture and other related activities, the Moretele district used to be the food basket of the region, but due to harsh weather condition poor rain fall and the exodus of people/workforce to be nearer major cities, agriculture has been vastly neglected. There are more than 200 000 cattle's in the area but there are few economic activities that are based on cattle farming. The tribal council mandate is to address such disparities and facilitate for there to be agricultural economic in different villages, ref to Farming projects.

Through the restitution process the BBM tribe has also been awarded 21 forms with the area of 18 000 ha, and a further 20 farms will be handed over by the Limpopo province with the total area of 44 000 ha. All this farms can be used to drive the agricultural production driven economy.

Tourism

One of the major way in which the BBM Tribe can advance its economic objective. Are in the deployment or proper management or use of the following already available resources and or stratagem;

1. Borakalalo game reserve – the game reserve falls on some of the farms that have been restituted to the tribe. The game reserve with its beautiful landscape and different activities including the game dives the camping sites, fishing and hunting can be used to be a main attraction In the area. Providing an eco tourism opportunities that are seldom prevalent in our are before.
2. Cultural village – with the plan to build the cultural village in Moretele the project in conjunction with borakalalo and the bird sanctuary in Kgomo-kgomo and wild game hunting in various villages can be used also to draw a large number of people to the are
3. Bird sanctuary – there is an estimated number of 500 different species of rare birds in the area of kgomo-kgomo, it is also noted that the area bring is a large number of bird watchers and research specialist from all over the world. We aim to use these activities.
4. Wetlands – there are wetlands in Makapanstad, Dikebu and Tladistad that that also can be used to attract eco tourists to the area,
5. Entertainment and cultural celebration events e.g. Heritage day and Moretele bridge on the 1st of Jan every year.

In order for us to create sustainable economic activities we need to start with this few commodities that we already have and turn them into a driving force that will en able the tribal administration to turn the fortunes of the tribe around. The Master plan also aims shows how the different challenges will be addressed.

Bakgatla ba Mosetlha Development Corporations (Thaga)

The BBM Dev. Corp. is the institution that can be used to be the vehicle to drive for change in the village. The main aim of the Dev. Corps (Thaga) is to attract the necessary skills which is required by the tribe to manage its vast resources and to bring in the necessary economical freedom needed in our are, also coordinate all resources to make sure maximum return on investment for any of out partners and stakeholders.

This entity is the one that will see to it that the mandate of the Master plan is carried out and implemented once it is adopted. And also it has the responsibilities to implement the plans and carry out the objectives of the BBMTC

Vision, mission and strategic goals of BBM Dev. Corp (Thaga)

Vision

The vision of BBM Dev. Corp. is to create quality and sustainable jobs for all. Quality means value adding jobs, that remunerate to sustain a dignified way of life, Sustainable means, able to add value that is perpetually in demand (or at least for a minimum of 5 years) in a competitive manner.

Mission

Use the land and inherent assets of Morafe (“The Tribe”) through a stronger relationship with internal BBM structures and in support of the BBM Master plan to create a viable and “Sustainable Economic System” through the establishment of cluster driven “Special Economic Zones”, that attracts value adding participants and investments, thereby contributing to the reduction of poverty, unemployment and inequality within our tribe and local communities.

Strategic Goals

- a. Inspire confidence from our shareholders through business performance and management.
- b. Build and leverage from relationships with stakeholders.
- c. Identify, understand and quantify the commercial value of all assets of Bakgatla.
- d. Transform the assets of Bakgatla to create economic value that can sustain the dreams of Morafe.
- e. Attract sustainable business concepts that enable the transformation of the assets of Bakgatla and build a “local-economic-development” investment portfolio of not less than 1 billion by end of 2022, to benefit the social development aspirations of Morafe
- f. Design funding and investment packages to advance regional economic development

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