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LETSHEGO SUPPORTS NATIONAL RESPONSE TO FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE OUTBREAK

Gaborone, Botswana – 01 April 2026: Letshego Botswana, a subsidiary of Letshego Africa, has reaffirmed its commitment to national development and community resilience through a financial contribution towards the Government of Botswana’s emergency response to the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak under *Operation Thibelo*.

The handover took place in the presence of key government leadership and stakeholders from the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture (MoLA), as well as representatives from the Office of the President at the recent Foot and Mouth Command Centre meeting.

This donation forms part of Letshego Botswana’s broader commitment to supporting communities and national priorities during times of need. The national outbreak, which has affected parts of the Goodhope and North-East Districts, and necessitated urgent intervention to protect livestock, safeguard livelihoods, and support national food security.

The contribution follows an appeal from the Ministry, which outlined the need for additional resources to sustain critical field operations, including monitoring, relief distribution, and rapid response efforts.

Jointly, Letshego Botswana and Letshego Africa have committed BWP 155, 000.00 towards the initiative which will support critical operational requirements such as fencing materials, fuel, personal protective equipment (PPE) for volunteers (Mephato), as well as food rations, and drone-supported monitoring, enabling the uninterrupted execution of response activities on the ground.

This support will directly contribute to sustaining critical field operations, protecting livestock-dependent livelihoods, and stabilising affected agricultural communities—helping to prevent further economic loss and long-term disruption to Botswana’s food supply chain.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, representatives from both Letshego Botswana and Government emphasised the importance of collective action in responding to national challenges.

Assistant Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin G. Dikoloti, expressed appreciation for the partnership, highlighting the critical role of private sector support:

“Re a leboga. Partnerships such as these are essential in strengthening our national response. This contribution will directly support ongoing operations on the ground and enable us to respond more effectively to the outbreak.”

Also speaking at the handover event, Kgotsso Bonnalotlhe, **Letshego’s Country Chief Executive Officer For Botswana and Regional Executive** noted:

“We are honoured to stand alongside the Government of Botswana and the community in responding to this national emergency. Our contribution reflects our continued commitment to improving lives and supporting Botswana’s socio-economic resilience, particularly in times of crisis.”

Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ms Matshidiso Boloke, underscored the urgency and scale of the response required:

“The fight against Foot and Mouth Disease requires sustained effort, coordination, and resources. Support from partners like Letshego Botswana and Letshego Africa Holdings enhances our operational capacity and ensures that interventions reach affected communities in time.”

The Ministry of Lands and Agriculture has indicated that controlling the outbreak remains a national priority, given its impact on agriculture, rural livelihoods, and the broader economy. Ongoing response efforts continue to involve coordinated action across affected districts, supported by government teams and community volunteers.

Letshego’s contribution aligns with its purpose of improving lives and reinforces its role as a partner in national development, particularly in initiatives that safeguard livelihoods and strengthen community resilience.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

About Letshego Botswana

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About Letshego Africa (“Letshego Group”)

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