Manyana-Mmanekgodii to Moshupa areas); and Maun Educational Park - will provide Okavango Delta Discovery Centre, Traditional Village and Park, Animal Rehabilitation Centre, Recreational Park, performance arena and craft market;

- Community Based Natural Resource Management Programme: in partnership with local communities in areas such as Central Kalahari and Khutse Game Reserves and Makgadikgadi to kick start new development projects will be implemented.

Non-Tourism Initiatives

- Waste Management and Pollution initiatives;
- Forest Reserves and Range Resources: Maintenance of firebreaks, tree planting initiatives and others;
- Forestry Conservation Botswana in the Shaikarawe Community Forest Reserve;
- National Museum and Monuments: Development of Gatehouses at Kologbeng and Domboshaba and
- Wildlife Management Areas and National Parks: Through fence maintenance to curb poaching.

Energy and Water Resources

The delivery of ESP will be enabled by Botswana’s transition from an energy deficit to an energy surplus nation. This will allow for the accelerated electrification of additional villages as well as an overall expansion in the number of electrified households.

As a matter of urgency Government will also fast track improvements in the capacity and management of the water supply through the maintenance of the North-South Water Carrier, tapping in to additional well fields as well as increased reclamation and recycling.

Re-skilling Youth

An additional ESP focus is “Target 20, 000 Initiative” to up-skill and re-tool unemployed youth so that they meet the demand of the job market. Training will focus on areas of agriculture, tourism, creative industries, ICT & infrastructure, health, entrepreneurship and vocational.

ESP Implementation Framework

To ensure efficient delivery, ESP will be coordinated by His Honour the Vice President who will be supported by a cabinet sub - committee and additional coordinating structures, which will oversee and support the delivery efforts across Ministries and with private and parastatal stakeholders. (See the table below.)

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Introduction
Since the worldwide economic slowdown of 2008, Botswana’s economy has experienced slower growth and greater uncertainty. To address this challenge, Government has put into place both austerity measures and mitigation interventions to cushion the effects of continued global market volatility. It is in this context that Government has introduced the Economic Stimulus Programme (ESP).

To this end, Government will use its expenditure to expand the economy through accelerated economic diversification, while creating employment opportunities in the country including growth in the private sector.

In keeping with Government’s commitment to the nation to achieve accelerated job creation, the eradication of abject poverty and the provision of world-class education, along with improvement in the health and wellbeing of all Botswana, ESP is, moreover, a bold blueprint for the urgent delivery of national priorities. The programme will thus involve increased public spending on short, medium and longer-term initiatives.

Goals and Objectives

The goals of ESP are:

- Stimulate the Economy;
- Diversify the Economy through Economic Diversification Drive (EDD) and Special Economic Zones (SEZs);
- Accelerate Job Creation.

The goals and objectives of ESP are consistent with the nation’s Long-term Vision as well as Government’s roadmap for a more prosperous, productive future as guided by the principles of democracy, discipline, development and dignity with enhanced public service delivery. Its implementation is further aligned to Government’s established planning process and existing policy frameworks.

Targeted Sectors/Areas:
- Agricultural Production;
- Tourism Development;
- Economic Diversification Drive;
- Manufacturing;
- Buildings and Road construction and maintenance;
- Re-skilling of Youth; and
- The establishment of Special Economic Zones.

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Boosting Manufacturing

The aim of the initiative is to promote citizen empowerment through a preference margin provided for local firms in public procurement, while ensuring competitiveness among suppliers of goods and services. Emphasis will be on stimulating local manufacturing for domestic consumption as well as import substitution through increased commitment to EDD by both public and private sector.

Projects for implementation in this area include:
- Accelerate Job Creation.
- Diversify the Economy through Economic Diversification Drive (EDD) and Special Economic Zones (SEZs); and
- Public works projects.

ESP will further result in the accelerated construction of new housing units across the country in the form of:
- Social Housing.
- Youth Housing.
- Additional new teachers’ quarters; and
- Improving the maintenance of existing school facilities on an accelerated basis.

Lands and Housing

ESP will create new business opportunities by providing for:
- Accelerated land servicing of industrial, commercial and residential plots beginning in the current financial year.
- Identification of land banks for ease of allocation to different economic activities.

ESP will further result in the accelerated construction of new housing units across the country in the form of:
- SHHA Turnkey Project;
- Public Housing;
- Instalment Purchase Scheme Housing;
- Youth Housing;
- Public officers’ Housing; and
- Third Party Housing.

Health Care

ESP will result in:
- The construction and upgrading of health facilities, which include hospitals and clinics;
- Improved maintenance of Health facilities;
- Construction of additional staff housing across the country.

Transport and Communications Sector

Through ESP Government will:
- Decongest traffic along the A1 highway through the construction of additional feed roads and bypasses;
- Prioritise the construction of access roads across the country to help stimulate local economic activities;
- Reserve computer maintenance and procurement, including 2nd level support operations to 100% citizen owned companies, while providing an incentive for local assembly plants;
- Draw from the Universal Access Fund to fast track the extension of broadband connectivity to all villages of 5,000 or more, as well as to 1,293 schools across the country.

Agriculture Development

The sector will achieve significant growth through:
- Commercialising agriculture;
- Implementing agriculture sector strategies: dairy, beef, horticulture, fodder production and dry land farming;
- The facilitation of processing, packaging and marketing of agriculture produce;
- The formation of production clusters and agricultural service centres for increased production;
- Accelerated fencing;
- Optimal use of grey and raw water for agricultural production;
- Mandating that public institutions procure from local food producers; and
- Provision of infrastructure in production areas, more especially power, water and road infrastructure.

Tourism Sector

The geographic expansion of Botswana’s tourism and provision of tailored business support services will allow the sector to be competitive. The sector is labour intensive and envisaged to create more local jobs. The Tourism initiatives include:
- The Kasane-Kazungula Re-development Project;
- Development of the Gaborone Game Reserve, which will provide for leisure, education and hospitality activities;
- Gaborone Tourism Precinct – which will provide Diamond Pavilion, National Museum, Recreational Park and performance arena;
- Upgrading of Gaborone Botanical Gardens;
- Development and Growth in the Eco-Tourism Industry;
- Dams Tourism: These include Thune, Letsibogo, Dikgatlhong, Shashe and Ntimbale; and
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