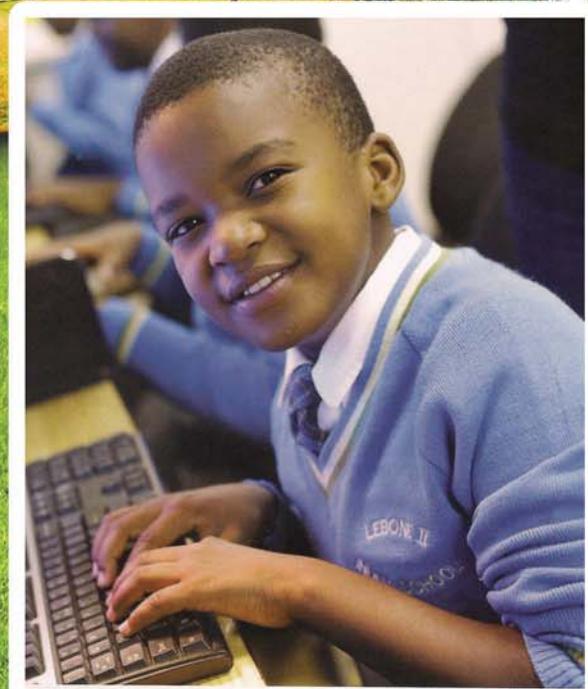
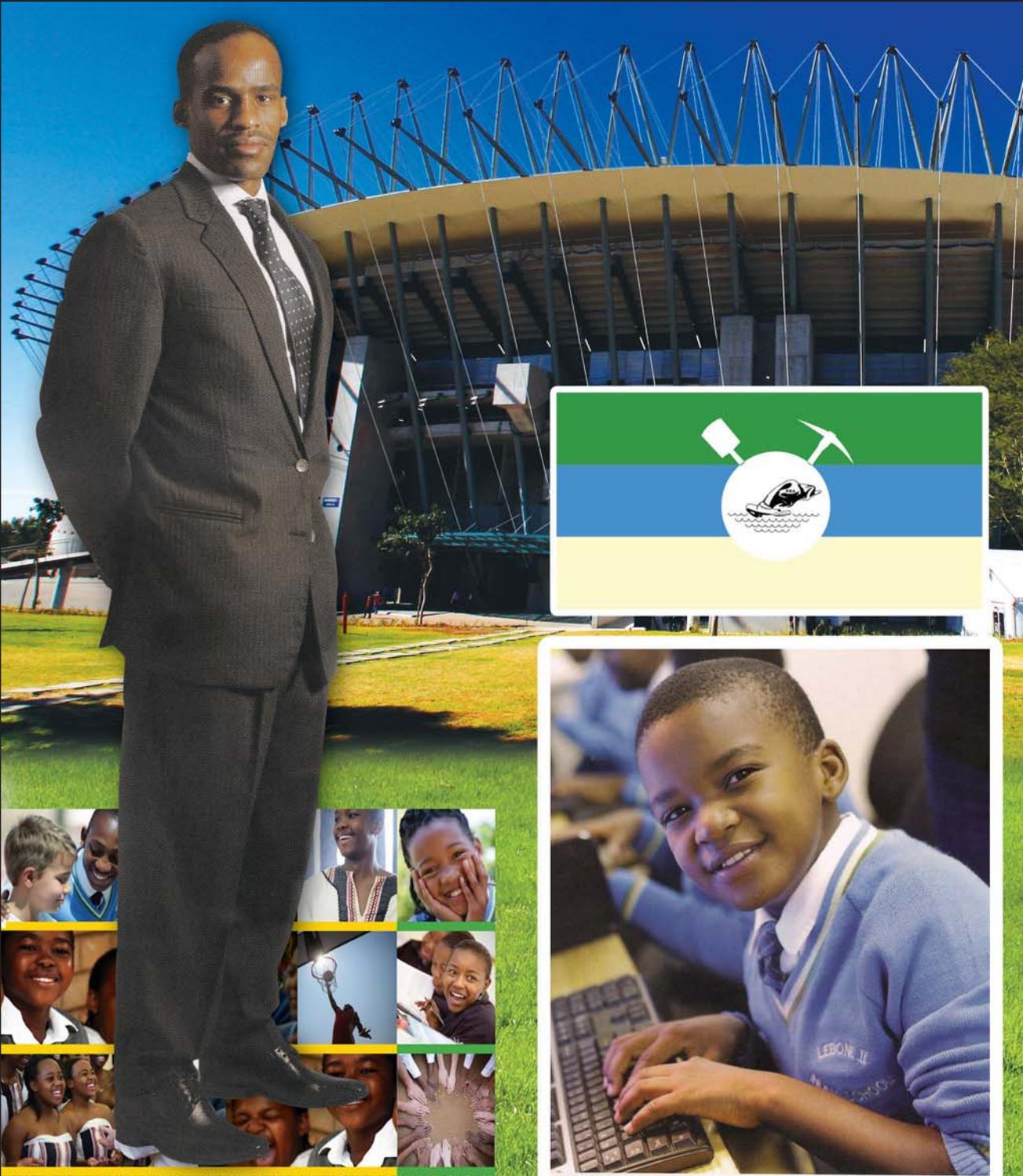


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Rustenburg/ Pkookeng – Currently the Bafokeng number roughly 300 000 people. The Bafokeng-Bakwena (People of the Crocodile) probably arrived in the Rustenburg district between 1450 and 1550 AD. As the valleys amongst the hills in the area captured heavy overnight dew, the people realised it would be a fertile land and the community would prosper. So they decided to settle there and, in honour of the occasion, to take the name “Bafokeng”, literally meaning “people of the dew”. This was added to ‘Kwena’ (Crocodile), the genealogical totem of the Sotho-Tswana peoples. Bafokeng Kgosi Mokgatle Mokgatle (1836-1891) embarked on a programme to secure his community’s rights to its land. Attempts made by successive governments and mining companies to circumvent the Bafokengs land rights were ultimately unsuccessful, and in the 1960s the mining companies agreed to pay for mining rights on Bafokeng land.

Vision 2020
 In the spirit of his ancestors, Kgosi Leruo Molotlegi, has embarked on an ambitious plan to lead his community into the future by targeting education, health, economic development, food security, as well as sustainable urban planning as key strategic initiatives in an ambitious plan known as Vision 2020.

Early Childhood Development
 There are 16 Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centres in the Bafokeng Region, as well as numerous small home-based providers. Each of these centres caters for between 20-200 children. The Royal Bafokeng Institute’s (RBI) immediate aim is to provide quality of the centres and to develop into resource centres.

Independent Bafokeng Schools
 Established in 1998, Lebone II College of Royal Bafokeng is an independent preparatory- and secondary school teaching Grade R-12. Its vision is to provide inspiration, education, and opportunities to positively influence the Royal Bafokeng Nation and the world. This school is English-medium based (beyond foundation phase) and affiliated to the Independent School Association of South Africa (ISASA). Its guiding philosophy is for a socially integrated, educational model designed to heal the fractures of the past. Scholarships, bursaries and sliding-fee structures ensure that talented kids from a range of backgrounds and circumstances are able to attend regardless of their means.

Health & Social Development
 A provision of quality health and social services in the Bafokeng region is one of the most pressing needs and presents some of the greatest challenges. Their main focus is on supporting the government’s primary health-

care system, to the benefit of everyone in the region. To this end, RBN has a Memorandum of Understanding with the North West Department of Health.

Sports & Recreation
 Created in 2007, Royal Bafokeng Sports (RBS) is responsible for all organised development sports programmes in the Bafokeng region across 5 sporting codes; soccer, rugby, karate, netball and athletics. RBS also manages two major commercial infrastructural assets; the Royal Bafokeng Sports Palace (Stadium) and the Bafokeng Sports Campus. In addition, it owns 100% of Platinum Stars Premiership Soccer Team and 49.9% of Platinum Leopards Premiership Rugby Team. The recently upgraded 44 000-seat Royal Bafokeng Sports Palace (RBSP) was successfully reopened in March 2009. By 2009 it hosted the Nelson Mandela Challenge, the opening game of the British and Irish Lion’s Rugby Tour as well as four FIFA Confederation Cup Matches, which resulted in RBS receiving the professional management review award for outstanding performance. The RBSP also hosted six FIFA World Cup 2010 Matches. Bafokeng Sports Campus is a world-class, high-altitude sports facility, ideal for off-season training and hosting of small tournaments, but also inspiring the Bafokeng people, with a centre for sporting excellence in their midst.