



MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

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**Clarification - Continuity of Tsabana, Malutu and Cooking Oil Provision for Children Under Five**

The Ministry of Local Government wishes to inform members of the public that it has **not cancelled** the provision of sorghum-based porridge, commonly known as Tsabana, malutu and cooking oil for children under the age of five.

The interruption in distribution is solely due to the ongoing procurement process. The Ministry assures the public that this administrative process is necessary to ensure continued and sustainable supply of these essential nutritional commodities.

Government remains fully committed to the provision of fortified sorghum-based porridge to children under five years of age, particularly those identified as malnourished. This initiative forms part of the Vulnerable Groups Feeding Programme and is aimed at combating child hunger, reducing malnutrition rates, and improving the overall nutritional status of young children.

Tsabana and malutu serves as a supplementary feeding product, frequently distributed through health facilities to support underweight and malnourished children. The fortified porridge contributes significantly to healthy growth and the strengthening of the immune system during critical early childhood development stages.

The Ministry appreciates the public's understanding and continued support as it works to ensure uninterrupted service delivery to vulnerable children across the country

For additional information, please contact the Ministry's Communication Office at 3658467/8423, or via email to bathopele-pr@gov.bw.

Thank you.

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