



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

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Dear Dr Testa,

**RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN
TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTION**

Reference is made to our Embassy letter referenced EB 5/5 III (114) B1 dated 27th August 2013. You are also referred to my 24th July 2015 communication with you requesting answers to some questions requiring clarification on your proposed ECD training institution.

Whilst I await your response to the questions raised in my previous communication, I propose that instead of a fully-fledged training school that requires land and buildings/facilities, you could consider partnering with us in one or more of the following areas using our already existing facilities:

1. Supporting the training of teachers at Diploma Level and Teacher Aides at Certificate Level using our Lobatse College of Education and the Kang OSET Centre which currently are under utilized

Unfortunately not. I visited the center of Kang in my first journey, I met the lady in charge to the school,, very nice person (photos are in the website). This place had already been offered to us, more than two years ago. And we politely declined. We need to stay in Gaborone for our kindergarten, the unique activity not for free of our project, needed to train our teachers

2. Providing teaching – learning materials for our Reception Classes Programme including donating ICT equipment like Computers to pre-schools; or even relevant furniture for kinders.

Not part of our project and is not included in our statute

3. Partnering with the Dr Ponatshego and Elizabeth Kedikilwe ECD Trust to reach the rural and remote area dwellers with ECD as the areas adversely affected by lack of access to the programme. This may include sponsoring children in these areas to enable them to access the programme (as also captured in the Embassy letter).

This is an essential part of the project. I have already asked Mr. Kedikilwe to organize our journey together in some remote villages. But it must be done with the involvement of the villages, not as individual support to children. We work for a goal that involves the whole community of the village part of our project

4. Providing additional classrooms to existing facilities to augment the roll out of the programme

I do not understand the request. We find difficult to carry out a basic project, I do not understand how to think about additional classes

You will note that the above proposed alternative investments in ECD in Botswana will not require land or exclusive buildings, which are proving difficult to secure under the circumstances.

I thank you and hope you will appreciate our options.

Yours Faithfully

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cc. Dr Ponatshego and Elizabeth Kedikilwe ECD Trust

