



**SANTINA GUSMINI
ONLUS**

To the kind attention of Mr. R.K. Matlhare – Permanent Secretary - Ministry of Education

Dear Mr. Matlhare,

first of all thanks for your attention and for the two emails, that I received only a couple of days ago.

Before giving an analytical reply to all your questions, let me clarify some extremely important issues:

- 1) by your questions, I understand that you only recently you got knowledge about our project, but we have been working on it, in cooperation with your Ministry, for three years
- 2) the Santina Gusmini Onlus association has an Executive Project and an Educational Project well detailed that are published in our website www.santinagusminionlus.org
- 3) the Association, having its own project and have being founded with this specific purpose, is not interested in partnership with other associations, except the Kedikilwe Trust, which pursues almost the same goals . This had been clarified since the first contacts
- 4) our Association is Italian, founded by Italian and Swiss members, with Italian and Swiss donors
- 5) none particular or unclear interest pushes us to Botswana. We have no economic, commercial or any other kind of interests in Botswana. We have no debt of gratitude to anyone in your country. Simply we consider Botswana, a safe country, with great interest in culture, with a stable social peace. An excellent choice for our first project, which will be followed by others, in other countries, inside and outside Africa.
- 6) we are extremely disappointed by the slowness of procedures and by the limited, if not zero, interest of your country in our project that aims to help and solve a problem, both social and educational, in a country that is not ours...
- 7) we lost in the last three years, members, important donors and even the support, for us essential, of two Italian citizens, residents in your country, due to a lack of real interest (the formal one did not lead to any results)
- 8) we have the active support of an important Italian University for the development of the Manual and other instruments, " tailor made for Botswana", as required and according the instructions received by your developers. A team of doctors of the PhD program is working on it and this work is part of a memorandum of understanding between our two organizations. It will be signed as soon as the project begins
- 9) We are now here to talk to you just for the enthusiasm of Mr. Kedikilwe, the only person who understood the usefulness of the project for Botswana. Otherwise it would be closed since January 2015
- 10) we started contacts with other countries, given the tremendous difficulties encountered in Botswana

Dear Sir, I really appreciated your willingness and the enthusiasm of Mr. Kedikilwe. But the time for words is over, we need facts.

I have to give precise answers to the University next week.

If you think our Executive project and Educational project are useful for your country and you are satisfied with my detailed answers to your questions, I'll be happy to prepare with you a plan of meetings for my third journey to Botswana, but aimed at a start shortly of activities. In this case, Mr. Kedikilwe, who reads us in copy, will cooperate with you about the preparation of the plan of visits and meetings to be held in October.

If you consider the project uninteresting or too ambitious, thank you in advance for your

attention and time spent with us, but our relationship with Botswana ends here.
Finally, I would not want my words mistook for arrogance: we, as written in our website always, will come in the countries in which we operate, with the humility of the good friend who wants to be helpful and the enthusiasm of those who believe they fulfill a good work.
This is and will be our approach. But I can not see my Association destroyed due to the inertia of a country to which, in a totally disinterested way, we just want to bring aid and development. Attached you find the answer to your questions, written in red

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