

**PRESS RELEASE**

**U.S. Government Donates BWP 165,000 for Dukwe Refugee Camp Sanitation Facilities**

The United States Embassy is pleased to announce a new grant that will improve sanitation facilities at the Dukwe Refugee Camp. The BWP 165,000 grant will be provided to the Botswana Red Cross Society to build 40 latrines and provide 10 trash receptacles throughout the camp. The United States provided a previous grant of BWP 130,000 in 2008 to help the Botswana Red Cross Society build latrines for refugees in 50 houses.

United States Ambassador Michelle Gavin said, "I am particularly pleased that the United States Government is able to support the Botswana Red Cross in improving the sanitation facilities at the Dukwe Refugee Camp. The Red Cross carries out a range of critical activities for the 3,000 or so refugees at the camp, and in partnership with the Botswana Government and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, it works to provide the means for those refugees to remain healthy and make possible a better future."

Since 2001, the Botswana Red Cross Society has provided a range of health and psychosocial support services to refugees in Botswana. The Dukwe Refugee Camp, which is 625 kilometers north of Gaborone, hosts over 3,000 refugees and asylum seekers from 13 different African countries.

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