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President Lt Gen. Seretse Khama lan Khama has promised residents of Goora Seno that they will get a feedback on their land dispute with the Ngwaketse Land Board in two weeks time.

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President Khama greeting residents of Goora Seno during his kgotla meeting in the settlement yesterday. Residents complained about lack of water and access to facilities such as schools and clinics.

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Holland volunteers in community upliftment

By Tshepo Mongwa

SEROWE - Two Volunteers from Holland, Ms Noor van Hout and Mr Laurens Steenbekkers together with the District Aids Coordinator (DAC) 's office, Men Sector and the Department of Youth organized a life skills education event coupled with a football tournament at Phunya Sele Sele grounds in Serowe recently.

Ms Noor van Hout said that the football tournament for under 16's was used as a tool to lure people to come to the grounds in large numbers.

"Our main objective was to equip residents and the youth with life skills and to sensitize the community at large about important health and social topics such as HIV/AIDS, behavioral change and the importance of having an education," she said adding that young people are the future leaders of the country who need to be equipped with relevant life skills.

"In regard to HIV/AIDS people at the event were sensitized on how to avoid contracting the disease, to live positively with the virus if already infected and avoid spreading the virus," she said adding that the community was also sensitized about taking care of their members who are living with the virus.

Ms Noor van Hout went on to explain that the occasion also taught attendants, specifically the youth, about alcohol and drug abuse and the impact the substances have on ones life.

"We urged them to avoid habit forming drugs and alcohol and to live a positive life," she said.

For his part Mr Bakae Khumo who is one of the founders of 'Re ba bona ha' in Serowe acknowledged the volunteers from Holland and organizations that contributed towards the

realization of the event stating that the move had a positive impact in bringing the youth together to socialise with others and to teach the community at large about aspects of life and HIV/AIDS.

Further, he acknowledged the fact that at the event parents were sensitized about the proper ways of bringing up children so that they may fit well in society as they grow up and avoid being engaged in criminal activities..

"In order to have responsible citizens in the future, children must be brought up in a good and respectable manner," he said. For his part Officer in Charge of the Serowe Prisons and member of Serowe Men Sector, Senior Superintendent Modiri Nakedi said men must play a pivotal role in the fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS.

"Since men have more authority when it come to sex, most of the time some choose to have sex without using condoms resulting in the spread of HIV/AIDS," he said urging men to avoid such habits and to be protective all the time.

"I call upon all men out there and Batswana as a whole to be more responsible and also break the chain of having multiple partners if we are to win in the fight against the spread of the disease," he said.

Councilor for Serokolwane ward Mr Molefhi Setlalekgosi commended the volunteers for pioneering such an event. He said that the event will go a long way in teaching the community social values, team work as well as acting responsibly to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Meanwhile four soccer teams from Modikwane, Marulamantsi, Mannathoko and Makolojwane wards took part in the football tournament.

Makolojwane scooped first price and walked away with a trophy and gold medals while Mannathoko team won the silver medals and a ball. BOPA