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Glitter is not forever! Resource sharing and Knowledge sharing as the new sparkle in realizing development goals in Botswana through library resource sharing

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## Introduction

- Botswana has transformed itself from one of the poorest countries
- Since the late-1970s, Botswana's economy has been heavily dependent on diamonds
- Competition with synthetic diamond.
- Botswana had to diversify the economy to stay afloat
- Acceleration of policies that will move it towards a knowledge-based economy
- Budgetary Constraints of libraries to meet their obligations

## Objective of the Study

- To demonstrate how resource sharing is bridging resource gap in information and knowledge utilization in a sustainable collaborative model
- To explore how a Library Consortium can act as a catalyst for resource sharing to enhance national development

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### Research methodology

- **Desktop review:** This paper is based on desk top review



## Literature Review

A consortium is a joint venture of libraries to fulfil a common goal

Advantages of buying resources through consortia can include:

- shared access to information sources at affordable cost.
- site wide access for all involved
- smaller libraries can benefit
- possible ability to attract foreign investment.
- ability to achieve goals.



## Botswana Library Consortium

Botswana Libraries Consortium (BLC), was established in May 2005,

There currently 52 members comprising of different types of libraries

Objectives of BLC:

- promote and facilitate collaborative acquisition schemes among members of the consortium
- work together to build strong libraries and information resource
- ensure cost effective availability and dissemination of information in all relevant formats
- facilitate staff development and uptake on new trends and technologies in Libraries



## Botswana Library Consortium

### BENEFITS OF BEING PART OF CONSORTIUM

- Limitless access to resources
- Access to databases is restricted by legal obligation
- Have shared information on availability of free resources

### CONSORTIUM ELIGIBILITY

- All types of the library in Botswana can apply
- Members are expected to sign a Memorandum of Understanding
- All members to pay subscription fees by April each year



## Botswana Library Consortium-EIFL Collaborative

Botswana became an affiliate or member of EIFL in 2001

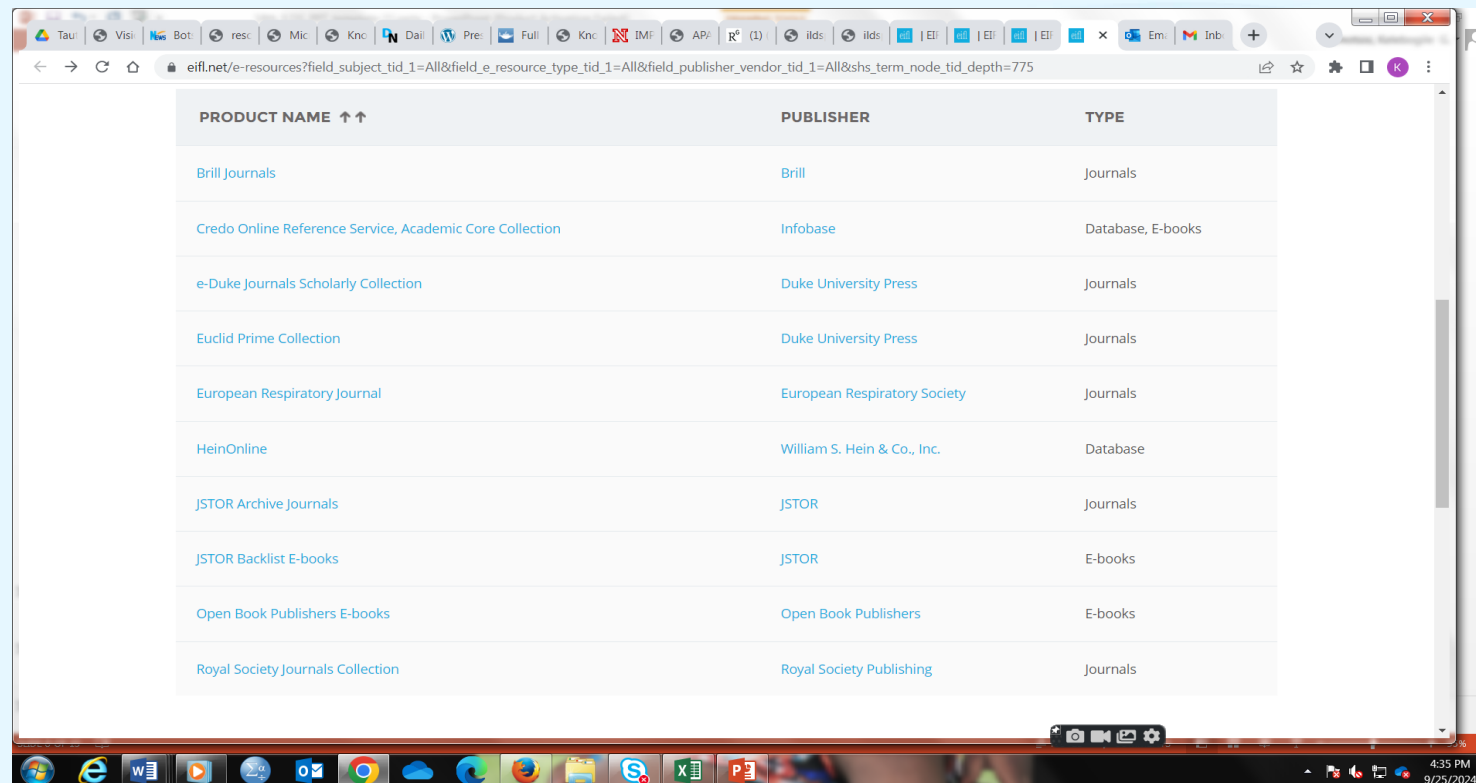
Benefits of being an affiliate:

- EIFL agreements with publishers to allow authors in Botswana to publish in open access journals
- EIFL advocating for research funders and universities to introduce open access policies.
- EIFL has also raised awareness on library copyright issues
- EIFL assisted Botswana Libraries Consortium to mitigate burden of paywalls

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## NEGOTIATED AGREEMENTS WITH PUBLISHERS AND CONTENT AGGREGATORS



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a table of negotiated agreements. The table has three columns: PRODUCT NAME, PUBLISHER, and TYPE. The data is as follows:

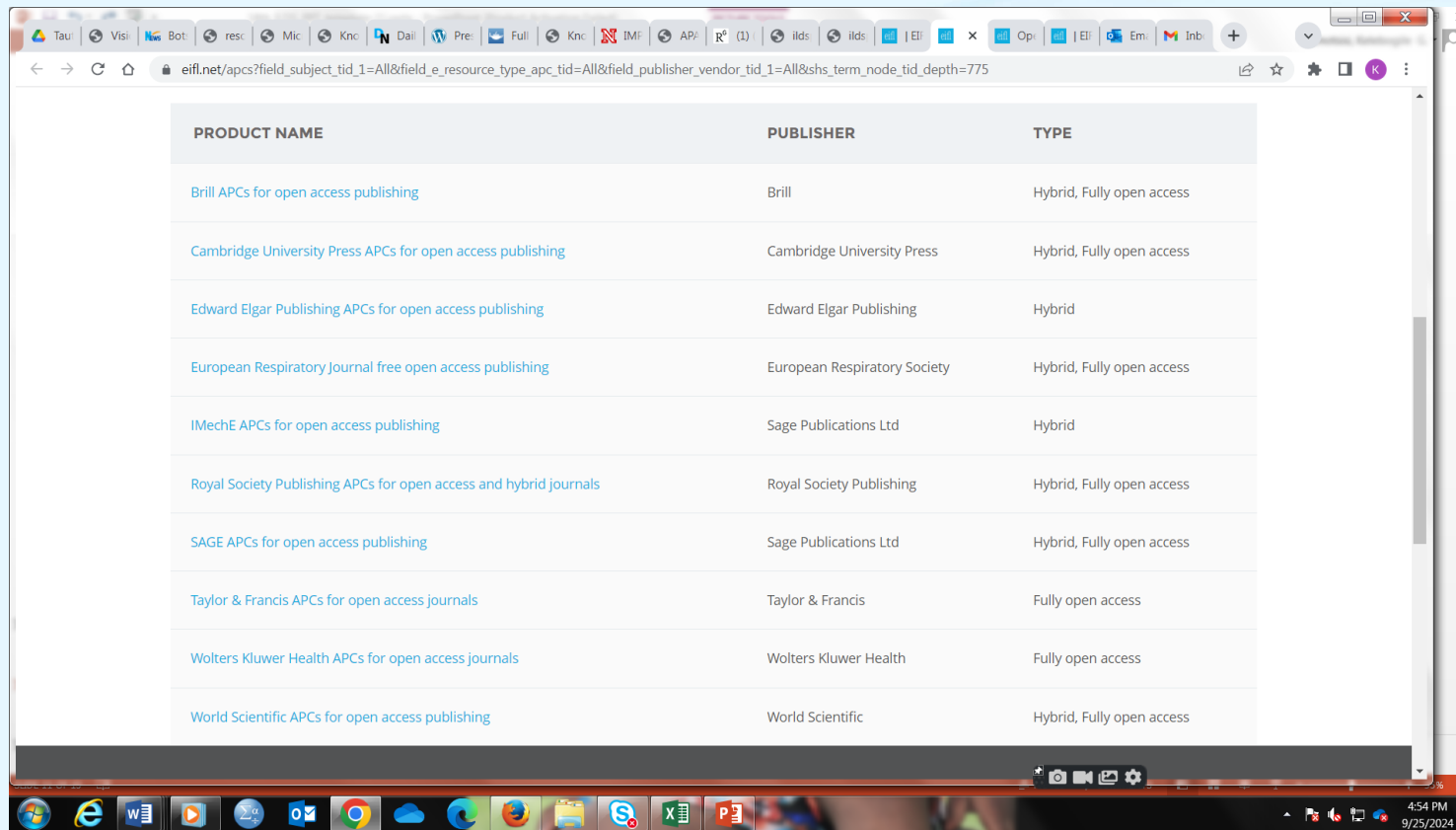
PRODUCT NAME	PUBLISHER	TYPE
Brill Journals	Brill	Journals
Credo Online Reference Service, Academic Core Collection	Infobase	Database, E-books
e-Duke Journals Scholarly Collection	Duke University Press	Journals
Euclid Prime Collection	Duke University Press	Journals
European Respiratory Journal	European Respiratory Society	Journals
HeinOnline	William S. Hein & Co., Inc.	Database
JSTOR Archive Journals	JSTOR	Journals
JSTOR Backlist E-books	JSTOR	E-books
Open Book Publishers E-books	Open Book Publishers	E-books
Royal Society Journals Collection	Royal Society Publishing	Journals

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### NEGOTIATED AGREEMENTS WITH PUBLISHERS FOR ARTICLE PROCESSING CHARGES



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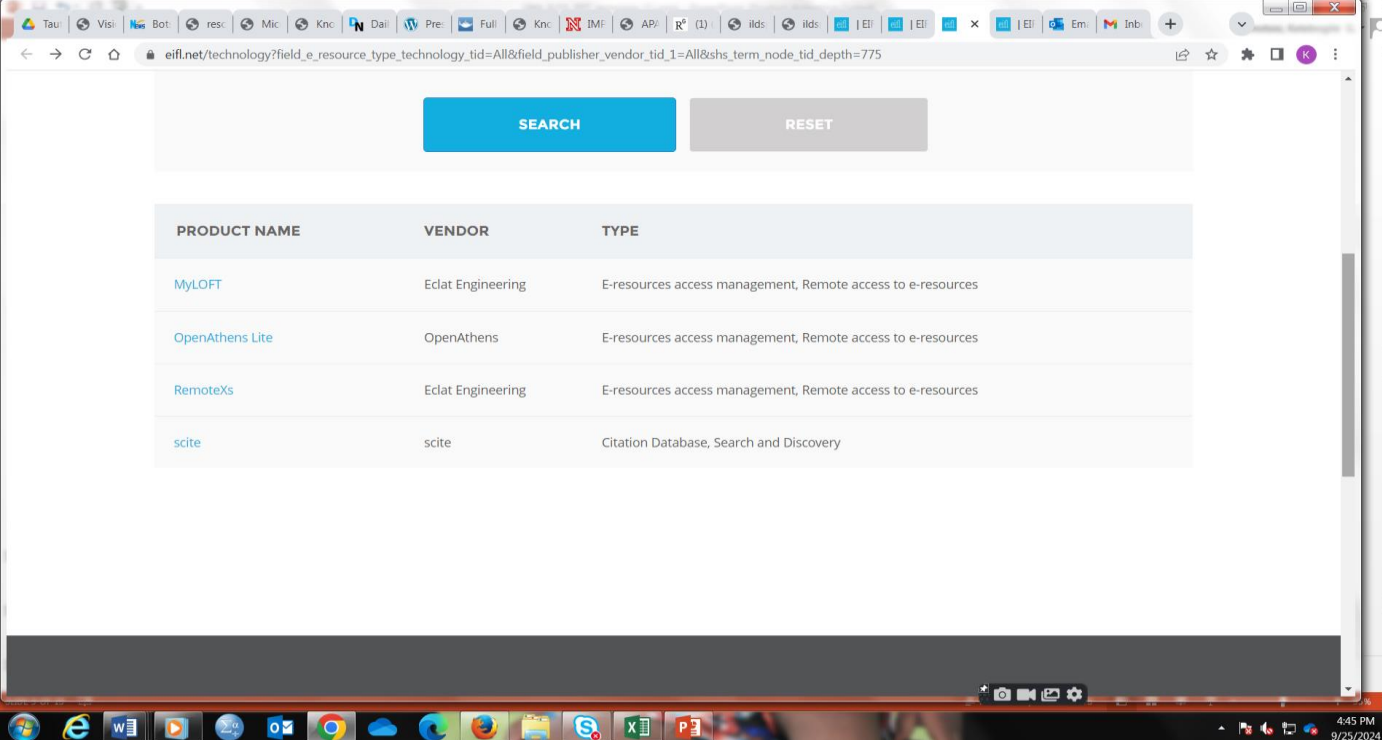
PRODUCT NAME	PUBLISHER	TYPE
<a href="#">Brill APCs for open access publishing</a>	Brill	Hybrid, Fully open access
<a href="#">Cambridge University Press APCs for open access publishing</a>	Cambridge University Press	Hybrid, Fully open access
<a href="#">Edward Elgar Publishing APCs for open access publishing</a>	Edward Elgar Publishing	Hybrid
<a href="#">European Respiratory Journal free open access publishing</a>	European Respiratory Society	Hybrid, Fully open access
<a href="#">IMechE APCs for open access publishing</a>	Sage Publications Ltd	Hybrid
<a href="#">Royal Society Publishing APCs for open access and hybrid journals</a>	Royal Society Publishing	Hybrid, Fully open access
<a href="#">SAGE APCs for open access publishing</a>	Sage Publications Ltd	Hybrid, Fully open access
<a href="#">Taylor &amp; Francis APCs for open access journals</a>	Taylor & Francis	Fully open access
<a href="#">Wolters Kluwer Health APCs for open access journals</a>	Wolters Kluwer Health	Fully open access
<a href="#">World Scientific APCs for open access publishing</a>	World Scientific	Hybrid, Fully open access

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### NEGOTIATED RESEARCH SUPPORT SERVICES



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a search results page. The URL in the address bar is [eifl.net/technology?field\\_e\\_resource\\_type\\_technology\\_tid=All&field\\_publisher\\_vendor\\_tid\\_1=All&shs\\_term\\_node\\_tid\\_depth=775](https://eifl.net/technology?field_e_resource_type_technology_tid=All&field_publisher_vendor_tid_1=All&shs_term_node_tid_depth=775). The page features a search bar with a blue 'SEARCH' button and a grey 'RESET' button. Below the search bar is a table with the following data:

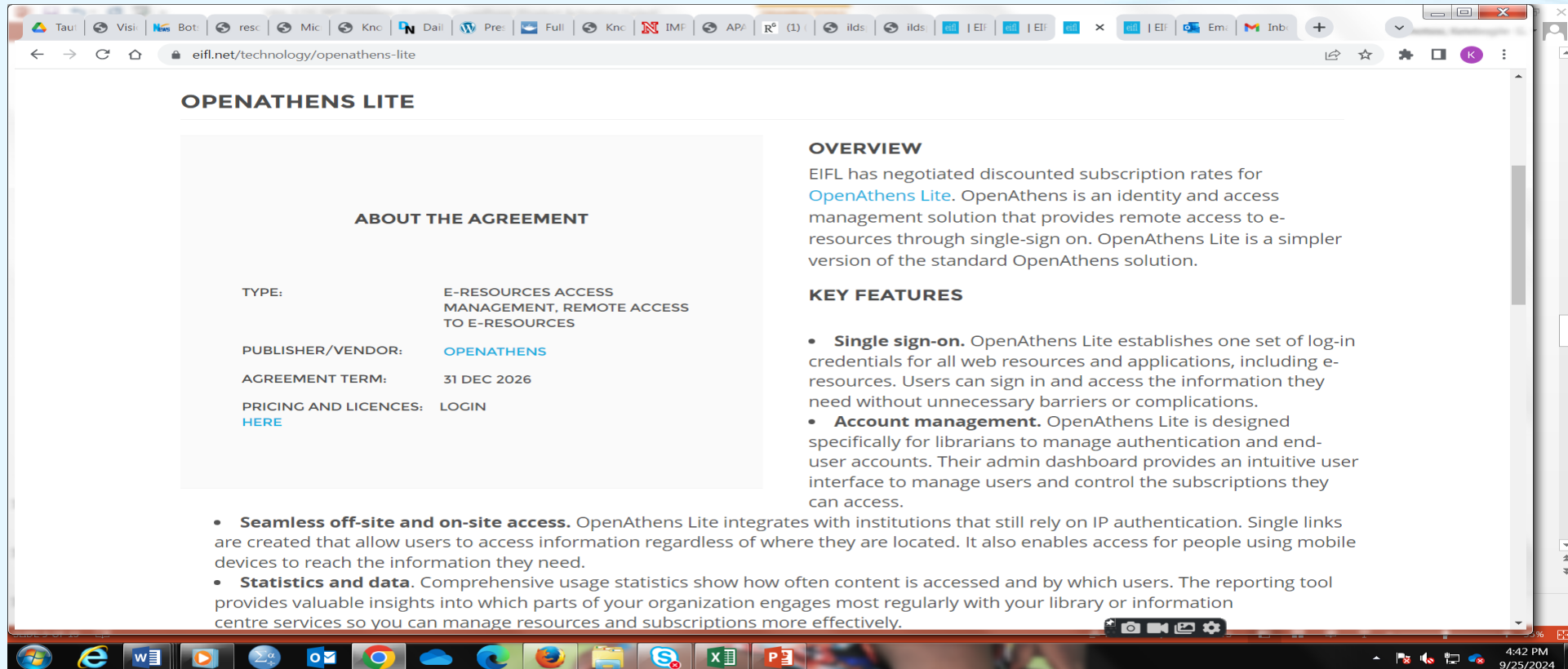
PRODUCT NAME	VENDOR	TYPE
<a href="#">MyLOFT</a>	Eclat Engineering	E-resources access management, Remote access to e-resources
<a href="#">OpenAthens Lite</a>	OpenAthens	E-resources access management, Remote access to e-resources
<a href="#">RemoteXs</a>	Eclat Engineering	E-resources access management, Remote access to e-resources
<a href="#">scite</a>	scite	Citation Database, Search and Discovery

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At UB



The screenshot displays the 'OPENATHENS LITE' page on the eifl.net website. The page is divided into several sections:

- ABOUT THE AGREEMENT:** A table-like section with the following details:
  - TYPE: E-RESOURCES ACCESS MANAGEMENT, REMOTE ACCESS TO E-RESOURCES
  - PUBLISHER/VENDOR: OPENATHENS
  - AGREEMENT TERM: 31 DEC 2026
  - PRICING AND LICENCES: LOGIN [HERE](#)
- OVERVIEW:** A paragraph stating that EIFL has negotiated discounted subscription rates for OpenAthens Lite, which is a simpler version of the standard OpenAthens solution.
- KEY FEATURES:** A list of features:
  - Single sign-on:** OpenAthens Lite establishes one set of log-in credentials for all web resources and applications, including e-resources. Users can sign in and access the information they need without unnecessary barriers or complications.
  - Account management:** OpenAthens Lite is designed specifically for librarians to manage authentication and end-user accounts. Their admin dashboard provides an intuitive user interface to manage users and control the subscriptions they can access.
- Additional Features:** Two bullet points at the bottom of the page:
  - Seamless off-site and on-site access:** OpenAthens Lite integrates with institutions that still rely on IP authentication. Single links are created that allow users to access information regardless of where they are located. It also enables access for people using mobile devices to reach the information they need.
  - Statistics and data:** Comprehensive usage statistics show how often content is accessed and by which users. The reporting tool provides valuable insights into which parts of your organization engages most regularly with your library or information centre services so you can manage resources and subscriptions more effectively.

## Example of benefit of being part of Consortium

- In 2018 before subscribing through the consortium, they EBSCO Package \$44. 540 few years later after subscribing through the consortium they paid \$25.654, saving **\$18,886**
- UB is also a member of SANLIC (Southern African National Library and Information Consortium). They have acquired the following resources through SANLIC: American Institute of Physics (AIP), ASTM Digital Library, Cambridge Journals Online, Citation Connection, Conference Proceedings Citation Index, Encyclopedia Britannica, Institute of physics (IOP), MathSciNet, Oxford University press, Sage, Science Online, Science Classics, Springer, Taylor & Francis, Web of Science Core Subscription and Wiley. The total amount needed to paid for these resources through the SANLIC deal is **P11 903 337.74** compared to **P144 016 050.30** that the library could be paying outside the consortium. By subscribing through SANLIC the institution saved **P132 157 712.56**.



## Challenges faced by Botswana Library Consortium

- Defaulting to pay subscription fees on time
- Infrastructure for additional office space
- Retention of its work force
- Poor financial capacity of members
- Late notification of renewal by members.
- Lack of support from mother institutions



## CONCLUSION

- The Botswana Library Consortium as an in-country repository source and resource provider, working in close collaboration with EIFL as a global support entity offers a great model that can potentially create an enabling environment and a platform for resource sharing and utilization by the country library system to provide access to knowledge and information towards realizing our aspiration to transform Botswana into knowledge-based economy of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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