

Revered as exemplary for doing business, state fiscal stewardship and democracy, Botswana has maintained its status as a success among its peers within the continent. This shiny status is tainted with questionable inequalities, leadership transitions and transparency. In expanding the body of work that is '[Not Yet Uhuru](#)' – Success Capital is embarking on a journey that showcases how tainted this shiny status is. A country that is not void of regional and global ills of corruption, maladministration and deficient governance. Measures of success in business, state fiscal prudence and democracy have always been skewed for an elite few. The same can be said for the audience many reports and Global North development/rating institutions produce as 'measures of progress' the country is successful in. It has granted an apathy of intellectual thinking that absolves the government of failed promises. These credible, widely respected and standards setting institutions remain racist, elitist and exclusionary of the real issues and lives affected and impacted by politicians, governance and democratic institutions. It is only a start to truly revealing the extent of patronage, unethical practice and conflicts of interest in all sectors, systems and social groupings in Botswana. Media plays an integral part in increasing transparency and holding governments, public figures and entities accountable. Although allegations, reports have not been tested or are in process to be tested before the courts – they raise alarm at the instances of injustice at play in Botswana. Stronger civil society, institutions and accountability mechanisms are needed to prevent and curb these instances. We have listed an overview of some of these reports below:

1. Stadiums closed in 2008, renovated for 2010 world cup preparations and opened in 2016, with more millions still injected afterwards. (online editor , 2008)
2. Public exploited with the so called Plastic Levy, with Billions taken from Batswana and up to now no report on the levy. (Anon., 2014)
3. Certain high ranking official killing his herd boy, thinking he is a dog. No action taken against him (N.Moroka) (Mothala, 2014)
4. Over P160 Million lost on projects that didn't bare any results like Backyard garden etc (Stuff Writer, 2014)
5. P12 Billion spent to build Morupule B. In less than 4 years it was listed up for sale. (Online editor, 2016)
6. P600 million went missing from the Ministry of Education. (Masokola, 2016)
7. P81 Million lost on Air Botswana illegal deal, yet no action was taken. (Masokola, 2016)
8. BCL and Tati Mines gets closed, without any formal communication leaving more than 8000 employees without work. (Anon., 2016)
9. P100 Million wasted over Bots50 Independence Celebrations, with some tenders awarded unlawfully. (Mmeso, 2016)
10. Parastatals like Air Botswana, BMC, BPC, BHC, WUC etc retrenches employees, leaving hundreds unemployed. (Nguni, 2016)
11. More than P4.2 billion wasted on ESP. There has not been extensive reporting on how it benefited Batswana in terms of employment. (Ditlhakeng, 2016)
12. The former President bought himself an EU Banned, 2nd hand Helicopter for Millions of Pula. (Anon., 2016)
13. The former President's brother Tshekedi Khama wastes 80 Million at BTO and no action taken against him. (Anon., 2017)

14. P50 000 was found in Minister's Dustbin, Investigated by DCEC but still doesn't resign to clear his name. (Selathwa, 2018)
15. P522 million paid to the Russians by the government to settle a lawsuit over BCL Mine. (Kelibile, 2018)
16. Glass project built at P500m, which failed miserably then sold for P10m. (Mokwena, 2018)
17. 28 BMW Cars Bought for Ministers, costing Tax Payers more than 20 Million while the youth remain unemployed in large numbers. (Anon., 2018)
18. Millions wasted on buying a Slow Second Hand Train, purchases of the trains still remains a mystery. (Nguni, 2018)
19. P250 Million stolen from the National Petroleum Fund, with the President, His Vice, and Ministers implicated as Beneficiaries. (Mmeso, 2018)
20. More than P330 Millions wasted upgrading our Airports, whilst they look like they haven't been improved. (Mmolai, 2018)
21. Minimum Wage- Some employees earn as low as P600. (Anon., 2018)
22. P21 Million used to renovate the state house. (Mmeso, 2019)
23. President builds himself a house at Muso using state resources. (Serite, 2019)
24. Billions went missing at BPOPF, implicating some of top government officials. (Kanono, 2019)
25. Political Leaders impregnates Under Aged females and give them alcohol and still no action taken. (Gabathusi, 2020)
26. Government owned Media (BTv, RB1 & RB2) reports biased news that favors the state. (Konopo, 2020)
27. Some individuals occupy land as they please with hundreds of properties while ordinary Motswana spends more than 25 years on the waiting list. (Mphoeng, 2020)

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