Lobola goes mobile

Not everyone is happy with a new mobile app that takes the African tradition of paying a bride price into the technological age...

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"Anyone weighing up whether to ask for a woman's hand can enter her stats into 26-year-old Kopo Robert Matsaneng's Lobola Calculator," reports Wild, adding that the value can be rendered in rands, or be converted into pounds, euros and dollars - and "it tells you how many cows that would equate to."

The app has been designed to take into account the prospective bride's looks - apparently ranging from underwhelming to "hot" and also parameters such as the individual's age, height, weight and waist size.

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