



# PRESIDENTIAL (COVID-19) TASK FORCE BULLETIN

COVID-19 | LOCKDOWN

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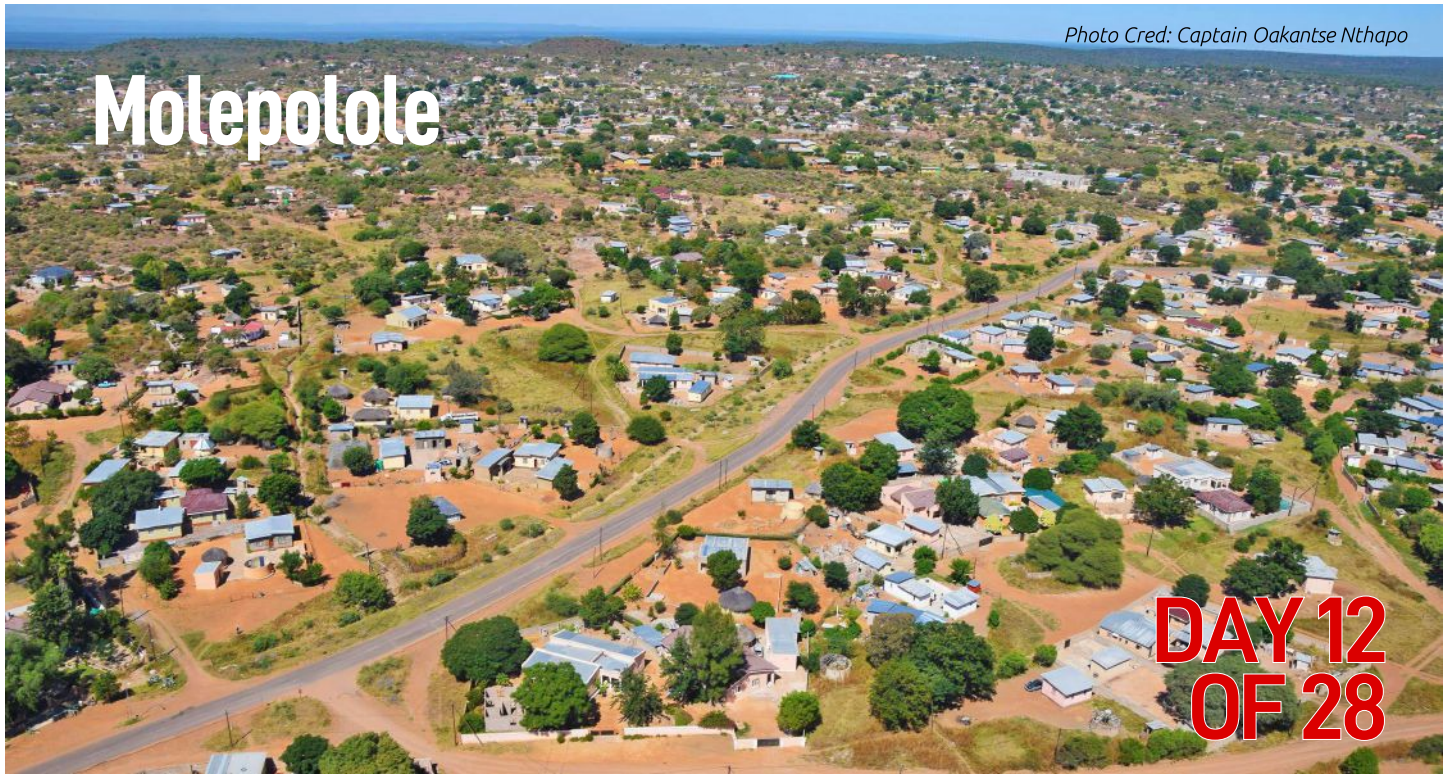


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## Kgosi Kgari III o kgothatsa setshaba

**K**gosi Kgari Sechele III wa Bakwena o kgothaditse Batswana go tsaya dikgakololo tsa ba botsogo ka tlhwaafalo go itsa go anama ga mogare wa Corona.

Kgosi o buile se mo potsolotsong le ba motswedi wa dikgang tsa letsatsi tsa Presidential (COVID-19) Task Force Bulletin. A re go bo go nnile le mongwe yo o nang le mogare wa Corona a tswa Molepolole, go supa gore mogare o, o ka tswa o le teng mo motseng.

Ka jalo, a re Batswana ba sale morago ditaelo tsa lephata la Botsogo le Boitekanelo ka go iphapa le go fokotsa go

ya mekgwatheng. A re pele go fokotsa metsamao, ba lephata la botsogo ba ne ba dira tiro e ntle kwa Kweneng ba ruta setshaba le Magosi ka mogare o.

Kgosi Kgari a re seo, se thusitse thata ka jaana batho ba tlhloganya dikgakololo ka bofebo le go sala morago ditaelo tsa ba lephata la botsogo.



### CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS

13/04/2020

Lab Tests Performed & resulted	3441
Negative Cases	3428
Positive Cases	13
Total Deaths	1
New Confirmed Cases	0

SAY NO TO TOBACCO  
IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 AND ALWAYS



HIGHER CHANCE OF TRANSMISSION  
FROM HAND TO MOUTH

# Government's Economic response plan

**G**overnment has established an economic response plan with a view to support workers, stabilise businesses, ensure availability of strategic reserves and promote opportunities for economic diversification.

As a result, the Special Fund known as "COVID-19 Pandemic (Corona Virus) Relief Fund, has been established through the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development to deal with such.

The Fund provides financial resources to cater for the procurement of national relief supplies; evacuation cost for citizens outside Botswana; national publicity outreach programmes; relief of selected industries or sectors; public counselling centers or facilities; additional staff to support health professionals and an economic stimulus package post COVID-19 Pandemic.



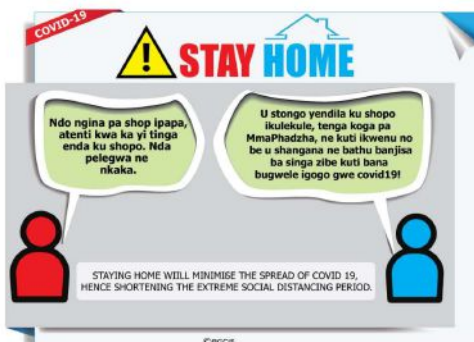
**Hon. Dr Thapelo Matsheka**  
Minister, Finance & Economic Development

## All business sectors are eligible for the subsidy with the EXCEPTION of the following:

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| a. Water Supply            | i. Businesses with direct Government shareholding and Government aided entities such as NGOs |
| b. Electricity Supply      | j. Central Government  |
| c. Wholesale - Food        | k. Local Government  |
| d. Retail - Food           | l. Pension administration services   |
| e. Post and Communications | m. Stock exchange services   |
| f. Banks                   | n. Fund management services  |
| g. Insurance               | o. Medical aid fund services   |
| h. Parastatal Companies    | p. Health and pharmaceutical services  |

## What conditions apply to the subsidy?

- Applicable only to citizen employees
- Employers in identified sectors must be registered for tax with BURS
- Employers must make a commitment not to retrench employees as a result of the pandemic
- Applicant employer must produce a wage bill from December 2019
- The subsidy period commences in April and ends in June 2020



## EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) REGULATIONS 2020

A person who intentionally exposes another person to COVID-19 commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding P100 000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, or to both.

*Emergency Powers Act (Cap. 22:04)*

**A person shall not travel between villages, towns, cities and districts for non-essential travel during a lockdown.**

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### THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTRE

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The NEOC is located on the 4th floor at the Ministry of Defence Justice and Security.





# #Africa vs Virus CHALLENGE

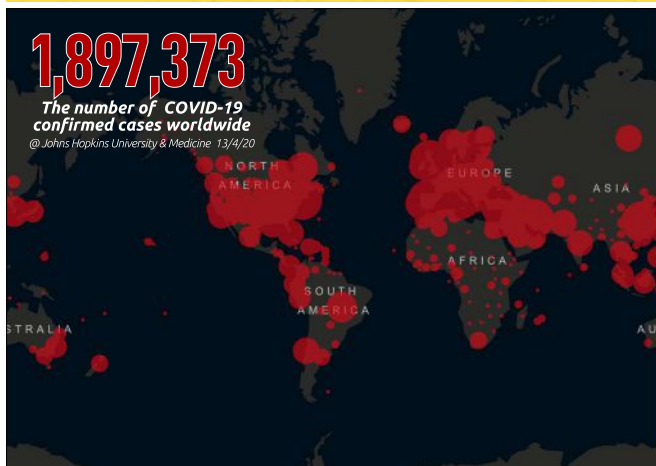
April 17 - 19, 2020 Register here: <https://africavsvirus.com/>

The African Development Bank through its Jobs for Youth in Africa Strategy is launching the #AfricaVsVirus Challenge, an opportunity to create tech and non-tech solutions to tackle some of the most pressing challenges created by the coronavirus pandemic.

Socially committed citizens worldwide, problem solvers, creative minds, health experts, programmers, graphic and web-designers are therefore called to come together in a 72-hour digital collaborative process to bring about ground-breaking solutions addressing some of the social and economic challenges posed by the coronavirus. The best solutions will be selected and will be fully implemented with partners and donors in Africa and worldwide.



The #AfricaVsVirus Challenge will take place from April 17th-19th, 2020 online. Participants will have 72 hours to collaborate in teams and build solutions to specific challenges. Kick-off session, Thursday 16th at 18:30 GMT+1 and ends on Sunday 19th at 18:30 GMT+1.



## COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 568,176	South Africa - 2,173	Nigeria - 323
Spain - 169,496	Egypt - 2,065	Zambia - 45
Italy - 159,516	Morocco - 1,763	Mozambique - 21
France - 137,873	Cameroon - 820	Namibia - 16
UK - 89,564	Tunisia - 707	Zimbabwe - 14
China - 83,213	Code d'Ivoire - 574	Botswana - 13

## Lockdown Offences

Division	Intentional Exposing a Person	Publishing Deceiving Statements on Social Media	Misrepresentation of a Person having COVID - 19	Unlawful Movement of Persons During Lockdown	Refusal to be Quarantined	Obstructing / Assaulting a law enforcement officer	Violation of transport permit in contravention of COVID 19 Regulations	Prohibited sale of tobacco
South Central	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	1
South	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0
North Central	0	1	0	42	0	0	0	2
North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

Be **SMART** & inform yourself about #coronavirus

- Follow accurate public health advice from WHO & your local health authority
- Follow the news on latest coronavirus updates
- To avoid spreading rumors, always check the source you are getting information from
- Don't spread rumors

Learn more to Be **READY** for #COVID19:  
[www.who.int/COVID-19](http://www.who.int/COVID-19)



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