



# PRESIDENTIAL (COVID-19) TASK FORCE BULLETIN

COVID-19 | LOCKDOWN

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DAY 25  
OF 28

# 6 016

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Dr Tshipayagae

## President Masisi virtually attends inaugural Regional Action Group for Africa meeting

**H**is Excellency, Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi on Friday took part in the digital inaugural meeting of the Regional Action Group for Africa which is part of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Action Plan to fight COVID-19.

The focus was to receive a strategic update on the health response, explore pan-African economic solutions to COVID-19, as well as build on lessons learned from past pandemics. *Continues Page 2*

*"We are focusing on these areas and expanding testing so as to identify the full extent of suspected community transmission if there is any," ~ Dr Tshipayagae*

### COVID-19 Tollfree Lines

**16649**

**0800 600 111 | 0800 600 740**

### CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS

26/04/2020

Lab Tests Performed & resulted	6016
Negative Cases	5994
Positive Cases	22
Total Deaths	1
New Confirmed Cases	0

PREVENT THE SPREAD  
OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



WASH HANDS AFTER  
BLOWING YOUR NOSE

## President Masisi virtually attends inaugural Regional Action Group for Africa meeting

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According to a statement released by the Press Secretary to the President, Mr Batlhalefi Leagajang, the meeting was attended by among others, President of the WEF Borge Brende, Dr Elsie Kanza Head of Africa at the World Economic Forum and some Ministers from other African countries. Botswana's Minister of Trade and Investment Honourable Peggy Serame whom President Masisi introduced as the country's representative in the Forum was also part of the meeting.

The meeting took place against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic which has affected over 2.6 million people and killed over 184,000 people globally. The platform aims to mobilise the business community for collective action to protect people's livelihoods and to facilitate business continuity as well as to galvanise support for the COVID 19 response.

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HE President Masisi

From the statement, President Masisi told the meeting that Botswana is focused on health promotion to contain the virus and ensure that it does not take root in the communities. He said the SADC region has already synchronised the lockdowns in their respective countries to assist one another as neighbours in facilitating the movement of goods and services across borders.

President Masisi expressed optimism that the region shall contain the virus despite

the already existing challenges such as poverty as well as HIV and AIDS which are some of the factors that pose a threat to the fight against COVID-19. He said as regional leaders, they have to make bold decisions and ensure they ramp up the economies especially the agricultural sector to sustain the economies.

President Masisi informed the meeting about Botswana's post-COVID-19 stimulus package which he said may have to be triggered now to inject life into the economy.

### EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) REGULATIONS

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.

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

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

Total Confirmed Cases Worldwide

# 2,920,660

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## COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 941,628	South Africa - 4,361	Eswatini - 59
Spain - 223,759	Egypt - 4,319	Malawi - 34
Italy - 195,351	Madagascar - 124	Zimbabwe - 31
France - 161,665	Ethiopia - 123	Angola - 25
UK - 149,569	Zambia - 88	Botswana - 22
China - 83,909	Mozambique - 76	Namibia - 16

Botswana COVID-19 Map

# 22

Gaborone	17
Ramotswa	1
Molepolole	3
Siviya	1

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CEDA CEO, Mr Thamane

**C**itizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) has created a P40million Special COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund

# CEDA CREATES COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

to focus on a working capital facilitation and provision of repayment breaks for its clients (both Mabogo-Dinku and Mainline).

In an interview with The COVID-19 Bulletin, CEDA Chief Executive Officer, Mr Thabo Thamane said the interventions that have been put in place for mitigating the impact of the economic downturn brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic are rescheduling of loans, provision of working capital and restructuring of

loans. Mr Thamane said the fund is expected to support continued operational activities of the funded SMME's. He said the main objective is to sustain business cash flow needs through payroll expenses, rent, property payments and utility expenses.

The CEO said all CEDA clients in good standing and affected by Covid-19 are eligible with effect from April 2020 until end of December 2020.

## Government intensifies contact tracing exercise

To date, 6 016 people have been tested for COVID-19, while positive cases still stands at 22.

Briefing the media yesterday, Director of Health Services Dr Malaki Tshipayagae said Government was continuing with contact tracing to zero in the key areas which are suspected to be highly affected.

The areas include Molepolole, Metsimotlhabe, Ramotswa, Siviya,

Mahalapye, Gaborone and greater Gaborone. He said some of the areas were visited by those who tested positive for COVID-19 or where their contacts reside hence unknowingly exposure of the virus to the majority of the community.

He said the exercise which completes in two weeks will inform policy decision going forward in terms of COVID-19 response.

He also noted that Government has taken a decision to close down some areas to ensure continued outbreak investigation and contact tracing hence disinfecting those areas and testing the affected individuals.

"This will allow us to close the loop in those areas to make sure people are not exposed," he said.

## Lockdown Offences

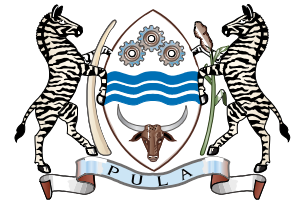
Division	Intentional Exposing a Person	Publishing Deceiving Statements on Social Media	Misrepresentation of a Person having COVID - 19	Unlawful Movement of Persons During Lockdown	Refusal to be Quarantined	Obstructing /Assaulting a law enforcement officer	Violation of transport permit in contravention of COVID 19 Regulations	Unlawful gathering of more than two persons	Prohibited sale of tobacco	Operation outside Limitation of hours of trade	Unlawful manufacture of Sanitisers	Unlawful operation of Non Essential supply business during lockdown
South Central	0	0	0	82	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
South	0	0	0	121	0	0	3	0	3	2	0	1 (motor spare parts shop)
North Central	0	0	0	101	0	0	3	3	2	0	0	0
North	0	0	0	111	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

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# COVID-19 E-PERMIT APPLICATION SYSTEM

## Applying for Permits for Exceptional Movement of Persons during the State of Public Emergency

### Stage 1 | Registration

- I. Log on to [www.gov.bw](http://www.gov.bw)
- II. Applicant's Details A (Personal details)
- III. Contact details of 2 household members  
(Fill out your contact details)

### Stage 2

- I. Click on Category of Permit (Fill appropriate Part)
- II. Essential Services (State)
- III. Transport of Essential Goods
- IV. Special Permit (Select reason)

### Stage 3

- I. Notification by sms if Approved
- II. Notification by sms if pending
- III. Notification by sms if not approved

**-NB APPLY THE NEXT DAY IF NOT APPROVED**

### Please Note

**I. The best Permit is to stay home and save lives**

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