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Close to 60 School Girls Impregnated During COVID-19 Lockdown

Mamiki Kamanakao from the National Children's Council says there is evidence that COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns brought anger and frustration and it turned into violence and abuse on the girl child.

She said one disappointing factor is that they have registered 58 pregnancies of underage girls. Discussing the issue on Botswana Television COVID-19 programme, under the headline 'plight of children in COVID-19', She said from the time when containment measures were

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

22,227,913

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Ms Kamanakao

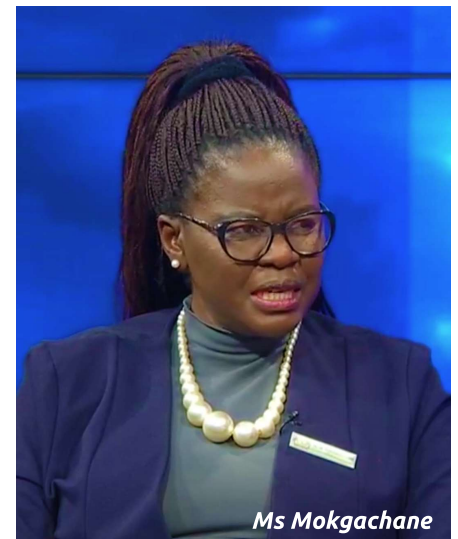
put in place, which included closing of schools and restriction of movement, most children were sexually abused as there was a surge in pregnancy statistics in the first Lockdown.

Ms Kamanakao said within the first Lockdown there were reports that 79 children were sexually defiled, while 49 were raped. She regrettably informed the nation that a pedophile raped a 2-month-old baby girl.

Ms Seitebatso kegakilwe who is a practicing social worker at Child line Botswana buttressed Ms Kamanakao's outcry saying it appears family structures seems to be dismantled. She said family systems needs a proper foundation to avoid such heinous crimes.

She said Gender Based violence and child abuse was a concern that need families intervention. On the general impact on children, COVID-19 Psycho-Social Support Coordinator MS. Margret Mokgachane said children are susceptible to change. She said COVID-19 will impact negatively on the socialization process of their growth.

She said Sustainable Development Goal number 3 advocates for healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages. This goal is earnestly challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic as recently Botswana especially Greater Gaborone Zone



Ms Mokgachane

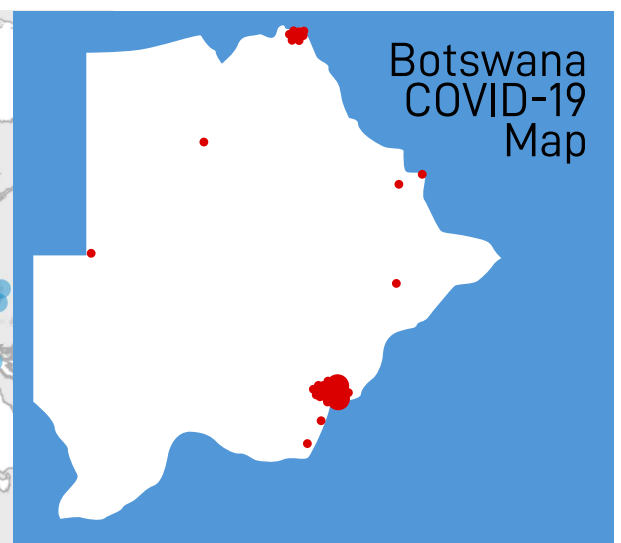
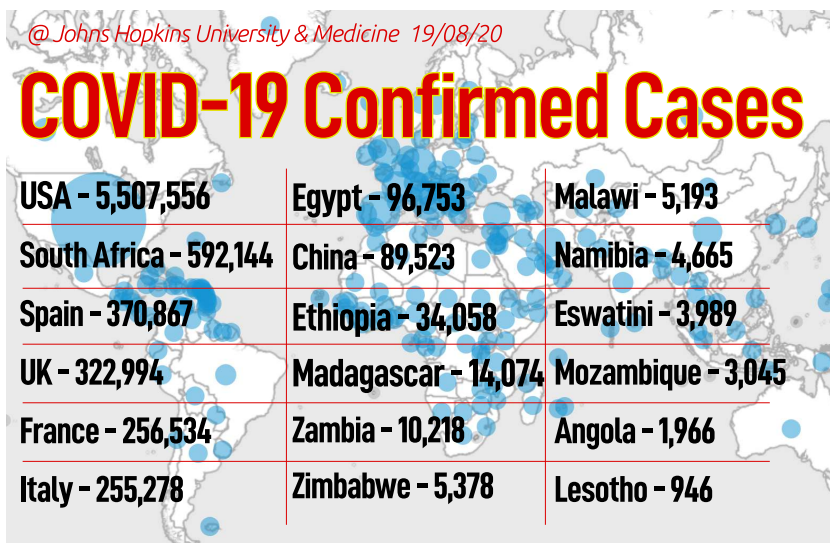
had a surge of COVID-19 positive cases in schools.

She said Socialization is very vital for children, who begin the process at home with family, and continue it at school as it shapes their identity. She advised parents and teachers to be improvise and find better ways for children to play and interact while adhering to social distancing measures and other COVID-19 protocols.

On a positive note she said she was encouraged that 11,300 Batswana have to date requested for psycho social support services, which she said was un usual. She said they managed to offer empathy, nurturance and social guidance to the challenges presented.



Ms Kegakilwe



Non-Completing classes open on the 1st of September 2020

~ Hon Molao

Minister of Basic Education Honourable Fidelis Molao says, following the lifting of Greater Gaborone Zone lockdown by Government, schools in Greater Gaborone Zone were inspected for COVID-19 compliance on Wednesday 12th August 2020 and another round of inspections was done on Saturday 15th August 2020 to ensure safety and readiness of schools to receive staff and teachers.

He emphasized that the opening of schools is conditional on COVID-19 compliance.

Minister Molao reiterated that following confirmation of compliance of schools, staff in the Greater Gaborone schools reported for duty on Monday 17th August 2020.

He said all completing classes

(Standard 7s, Form 3s and Form 5s) in public Government schools within the Greater Gaborone zone returned to school on Tuesday 18th August 2020.

The Minister said all National Mock Examinations are rescheduled for next week and are expected to run from Monday 24th August 2020.

However Minister Molao said all non-completing classes in public Government schools, will return on Tuesday 1st September 2020 while Government Pre-primary classes and learners with profound and multiple disabilities countrywide will remain at home until further notice as earlier announced.

will make their own arrangements on school reopening subject to COVID-19 compliance. He said although Private schools will make their own arrangements, inspection Teams inspected both public and private schools and gave them feedback on the outcome of inspections.

"May I take this opportunity to once again thank schools for the good work they continue to do to ensure safer schools. My plea to parents and members of the public is to keep learners safe from COVID-19 when outside school. The incidence of the virus in schools reflect that of the community hence war should be fought by all and not just be left to schools" appealed Hon Molao.





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ABRIDGED COVID-19 REGULATIONS



USE OF MASKS IN PUBLIC PLACES

A person shall wear a cloth face mask that covers the nose and mouth when in a public place.



TRAVEL

All persons coming into Botswana from high risk countries (as defined by the World Health Organization), shall not be allowed entry into the country until further notice. This excludes returning citizens and residents as well as those performing essential services.



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MEETING

Every meeting shall have a host or convener and should be a maximum of 50 persons. The host or convener of a meeting shall be responsible for the adherence to COVID-19 protocols. No interzonal travel for meetings unless the traveller is the convener.



FAITH-BASED ORGANISATIONS

Faith-based organizations shall - (a) have a maximum attendance of 50 persons; (b) not make provision for food or allow for the sale of food; and (c) have a maximum of two religious services per week.



FUNERALS

(a) Funerals and memorial services shall have a maximum of 50 persons in attendance; and (b) Funerals and memorial services shall not last more than 2 hours and food shall not be provided at such services.



CULTURAL AND TRADITIONAL OCCASIONS

A maximum of 50 individuals and a distance of 1 - 2 metres shall be maintained at cultural and traditional occasions such as - (a) *Go isa mafoko*; (b) *Patlo*; (c) *Magadi*; or (d) *Kgoroso*. Food shall not be served.



SOCIETIES

The following societies may meet - (a) faith-based organizations; (b) any club, company, partnership or association registered by the Registrar of Societies; and (c) political parties, including central committees of political parties with a maximum of 50 persons in attendance.



SOCIAL DISTANCING

A distance of 1 - 2 metres between individual persons shall be maintained in a - (a) Gatherings; (b) Banks; (c) Restaurants, including take-away restaurants; (d) Supermarkets and shops; (e) Pharmacies; (f) Government service departments; and (g) Memorial services.

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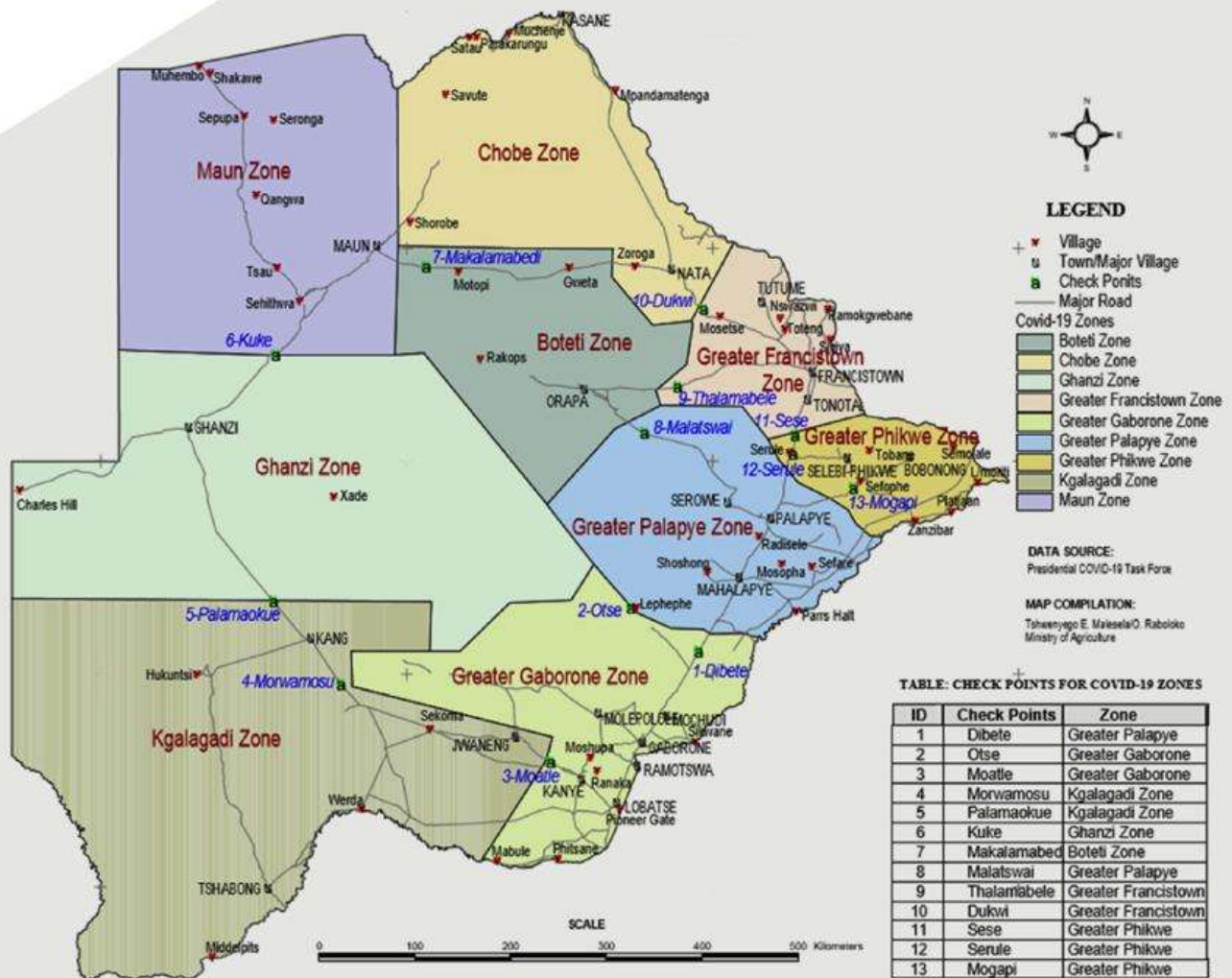
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COVID-19 ZONAL MAP



KNOW YOUR ZONES

Extreme Social Distancing ended on 20th May 2020 signaling the end of the three phases which were introduced to curb the spread of the virus in the country. The Presidential Task Force has developed a surveillance plan to monitor the disease. This resulted in the different zones to create cohorts for easier monitoring, easier tracing of contacts of positive cases and to avoid uncontrollable spread across the country.

The Inter-Zonal permit is therefore a requirement for people to travel from one zone to the other. Thirteen law enforcement check points have been designated across the country to monitor movements of people.

The nine (9) COVID -19 Zones are as follows;

1. Greater Gaborone zone
2. Greater Palapye zone
3. Greater Selibe Phikwe Zone
4. Greater Francistown
5. Boteti zone
6. Chobe zone
7. Maun zone
8. Gantsi zone
9. Kgalagadi zone