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## COVID-19 RECOVERED PATIENT SHARES HIS ORDEAL

**B**otswana Police Officer, Mr Thato Maphorisa shared his story of recovery on Botswana Television after having tested positive for COVID-19.

Mr Maphorisa says he arrived in Botswana from the United Kingdom on the 22nd of March 2020 and he was tested together with his colleagues. Mr Maphorisa says terror enthralled him when he tested Positive on the 17th of April.

"When I was on Isolation at Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital, I did not experience any symptoms and I was

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

# 24,215,678

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**CORONA VIRUS IS STILL  
A SERIOUS THREAT!**

### STAY ALERT AND AVOID CONTRACTING COVID-19

It Could Irreversibly Damage Your  
Immune System.

**AVOID IT! COMPLY WITH ALL  
COVID-19 HEALTH PROTOCOLS**

*Own your space. Own your health!*

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healthy, however after a few days I started feeling dizzy and I could not walk properly and I had stressful vivid dreams", narrated Mr Maphorisa.

He said upon having tested negative twice, he was released from the Health facility however he had brain fogginess and short term memory loss as he would forget his Computer login passwords and other things.

When asked by the presenter how he was feeling, Mr Maphorisa said by following instructions from the clinicians he believes he is 95% to full recovery as he can now drive himself confidently.

Although he is grateful that he is healing, Mr Maphorisa said one of the complications is that, he is now hypertensive and taking medication.

Through the health system he is closely monitored by a Physician in Serowe. He said generally all health care personnel were thorough in their assessments and showed compassion.

Professor Mosepele who was with the COVID-19 survivor in the studio, said it can take months for one to recover.

Professor said he was humbled by the bravery displayed by Mr Maphorisa who continues to share his journey with Batswana.

Professor Mosepele said for all those that are living through this, sharing their story is one way of healing.

Mr Maphorisa

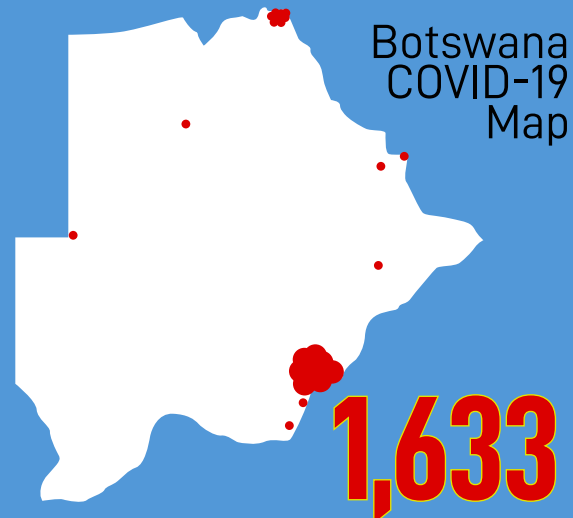


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## COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 5,825,810	Egypt - 97,825	Zimbabwe - 6,251
South Africa - 615,701	China - 89,805	Malawi - 5,474
Spain - 419,849	Ethiopia - 45,221	Eswatini - 4,387
UK - 330,969	Madagascar - 14,592	Mozambique - 3,590
France - 291,374	Zambia - 11,376	Angola - 2,332
Italy - 262,540	Namibia - 6,431	Lesotho - 1,051

Botswana  
COVID-19  
Map







## Manchester United Midfielder Paul Pogba Tests Positive for Coronavirus.

*The 27-year-old Paul Pogba had been named in France's squad for their upcoming Nations League matches next month. Pogba had remained in England during his time off and was pictured enjoying a night out at the swanky Cipriani Restaurant in London on Saturday night with his heavily pregnant wife Maria Zulai Salgues and friends.*

Tottenham midfielder and Pogba's compatriot Tanguy Ndombele has also been removed from Didier Deschamps' squad after being diagnosed with the virus.

The £89m United man will now have to spend 14 days in self-isolation, meaning he will miss the start of the club's pre-season preparations next Wednesday while Ndombele will also be unable to train with Tottenham.

World Cup winner Pogba is the latest Premier League player to test positive for Covid-19.

It was revealed on Wednesday that Chelsea have had to place eight players in quarantine after six players tested positive on their return from sunshine trips around Europe. [The Mail](#)



### STOP THE VIRUS! WASH YOUR HANDS.



**Wet** your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.



**Lather** your hands by rubbing them together with soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.



**Scrub** your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy birthday" song from beginning to end twice.



**Rinse** hands well under clean, running water.



**Dry** hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important things we can do to stop the spread of **COVID-19** and stay healthy.

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## Media Release

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# DEVELOPMENTS IN POTENTIAL COVID-19 VACCINES ENCOURAGING

The Presidential COVID-19 Task Force is following global developments on potential vaccines for the coronavirus closely. For example, the Russian Federation announced in the past month that it has developed Sputnik V, a COVID-19 vaccine candidate. The United States of America is undergoing the final vaccine test phase before rolling it out to the general public while another potential coronavirus vaccine is also being tested by the United Kingdom.

Despite these encouraging efforts, the public is advised that once there is sufficient and reliable scientific information on any of the potential vaccines, it will be communicated.

It is also important to emphasize that clinical trials, as well as regulatory processes, will first

need to show that any of the COVID-19 vaccines under development are safe for public use.

Meanwhile, the Presidential COVID-19 Task Force reminds the public that the most effective way to combat COVID-19 is to continue practicing the necessary protocols such as social distancing, wearing masks appropriately, sanitizing and washing hands with water and soap frequently.

Thank you.

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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