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Catching Malaria During the COVID-19 Pandemic - A Serious Health Risk



Communities living along the Okavango Delta have been advised to protect themselves from Malaria during this current malaria season due to the prevailing circumstances of COVID-19.

Speaking during a Community Acting Together to Eliminate Malaria (CATTEM) model awards held at Sekondomboro recently, the Acting Okavango District Health Management Team Head, Dr Bokwena Moali cautioned that catching malaria during COVID-19 pandemic era could pose a serious health risk.

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

27,200,943

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COVID 19 CASE REPORT

06 September 2020

1039

Total Confirmed
Batswana Cases

537

Active Cases
(Batswana)

493

Recovered
Batswana

9

Deceased

124

New positive tests since 04 September 2020
(110 Batswana / 14 Foreign Nationals)

1,087

Transferred out

71,359

Border Tests

62,612

Local Tests

133,971

Total Tests

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The Okavango Delta

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She noted that people with weakened immune system are at high risk of getting severely sick from COVID-19.

She therefore challenged such communities to adopt malaria prevention and control measures to reduce malaria transmission.

The Acting DHMT Head said despite the interventions put in place, there is still high number of malaria cases particularly among the young age groups.

She further said the district has unfortunately recorded one death amongst the youth in 2019. She consequently pressed the youth to collectively help fight malaria.

She posited that Gudigwa village had the highest Indoor Residual Spray (IRS) coverage of 92% in the district, which she said was a commendable effort. The Acting DHMT Head encouraged other CATTEM teams to work collectively to achieve good results this season.

She urged the communities to use different media platforms to acquire knowledge as large crowds of people are prohibited from gatherings.

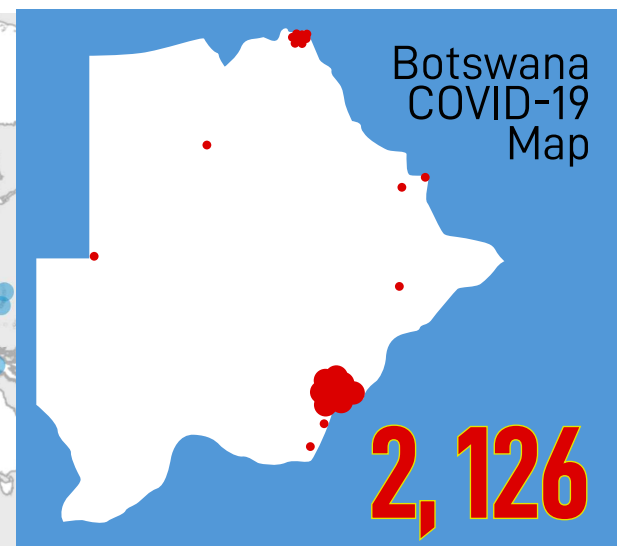
Lastly she implored the community to take responsibility in eliminating malaria.

On the day, Kauxwi village was awarded a floating trophy and appreciation certificate for being the most performed CATTEM team.

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 6,289,964	Egypt - 99,863	Zimbabwe - 7,116
South Africa - 638,517	China - 90,070	Malawi - 5,614
Spain - 525,549	Ethiopia - 58,672	Eswatini - 4,853
France - 367,095	Madagascar - 15,352	Mozambique - 4,444
UK - 352,448	Zambia - 12,776	Angola - 2,965
Italy - 278,784	Namibia - 8,810	Lesotho - 1,148



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MATERNAL HEALTH IN THE COVID-19 ERA

Family Planning Programme Coordinator in the Ministry of Health and Wellness, Ms Sifelani Malima says during the national lockdown, access to health resources was a challenge which led to unplanned pregnancy and abortions.

Ms Malima narrated on Botswana Television COVID-19 programme recently that the pandemic altered the programming background for sexual and reproductive health care.

“We have observed declining client numbers across all channels possibly due to transport unavailability, movement restrictions or fears of infection”, narrated Ms Malima. She further highlighted that a lot of women go through a lot of health risks during pregnancy.

Ms Malima noted that despite challenges posed by COVID-19, Botswana government recognizes Sexual Reproductive Health care services as essential. She highlighted that the Ministry of Health and Wellness has prioritized maternal health



(antenatal care, post-natal care, delivery, family planning), child welfare and Antiretroviral therapy as minimum essential packages of services that should not be interrupted even during the period of extreme social distancing.

She said the Ministry of Health and Wellness is committed to reducing maternal death by responding to unprecedented ways to reduce mortality as a result of COVID-19.

She said that from January this year to date 55 maternal deaths were registered as compared to 53 recorded during the same period last year.

In 2015 United Nations General Assembly established Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to continue the work started through the millennium development goals (MDGs). The SDGs provide an overarching umbrella under which decades of work in maternal and newborn health come together.

Sustainable Development Goals By 2030 aims to reduce the global maternal mortality ratio to less than 70 per 100 000 live births.

SDG 3 aims to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

Manchester City Duo Test Positive For Coronavirus

Manchester City players Riyad Mahrez and Aymeric Laporte have both tested positive for coronavirus.

Both players are currently observing a period of self-isolation in accordance with Premier League and UK government protocol. Neither is displaying symptoms of the virus.

City added in a statement: "Everyone at the club wishes Riyad and Aymeric a speedy recovery ahead of their return to training and the new season."

Mahrez tweeted in response to messages of support from City fans: "Thank you for all the nice messages, I'm good. Stay safe everyone take care of you."

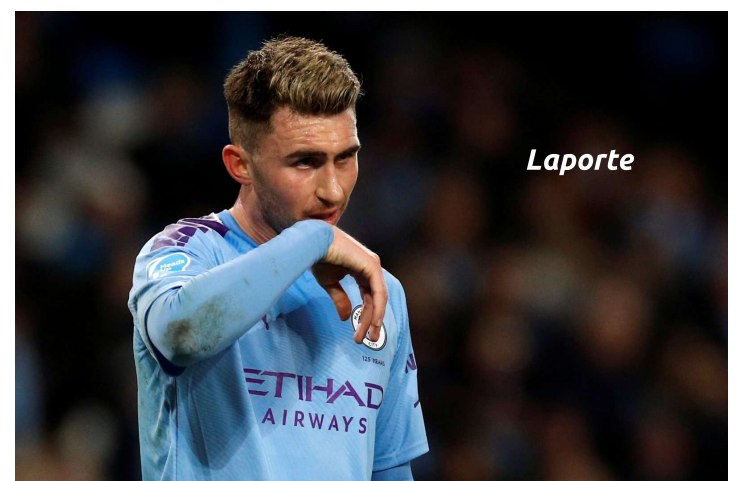
And Laporte added: "Thanks everyone for your messages, everything is going as well as possible, I am following the protocol for the next few days and I will be back soon, take care of yourself."

City will skip the opening weekend of the Premier League season after being permitted to sit out the first weekend because of their late finish to the 2019/20 season due to their Champions League exertions.

City will instead feature just twice in the Premier League in September - the trip to Wolves followed by their first home match of the season against Leicester. *SKY Sports*.



Mahrez



Laporte



Republic of Botswana

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

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