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DISTRICTS DOING WELL TO COMBAT COVID-19

The country's reaction to Coronavirus has resulted in the most rapid transformation in society by altering the accustomed way of living.

Bakgatla Deputy Paramount Chief - Kgosi Bana Sekai says Bakgatla are adhering to the COVID-19 Protocols.

Speaking on COVID-19 programme, Kgosi Sekai said most of his tribesmen have basic hand-washing amenities at their households which he said was fundamental mechanism COVID-19 prevention.

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide
27,933,388
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He said he was encouraged by the behavior of residents as they are religiously following the set guidelines.

However Kgosi Sekai expressed disappointment on alcohol consumers, saying as the country's ban on the sale of alcohol was officially lifted on Friday, enthusiastic alcohol customers thronged alcohol stores and failed to adhere to social distancing measures.

He said the ban was justified as a measure to prevent gatherings that would upsurge the spread of the virus. He however said he was hopeful that the situation will normalize eventually.

"ke tsaa gore bane da dirisiwa ke gore bane ba na le sebaka ba sa bone metsi aa timolang lenyora, seemo se tlaa boela manong motsamaong ya nako", Kgosi Sekai.

Kweneng District Commissioner Ms Bernice Berman-Mosime hailed the Kweneng District for doing well in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic. She said they used all forms of communication to disseminate clear and actionable guidance information for safe operations through the prevention, and control of COVID-19.

She highlighted they even used loud speakers to inform residents about the dangers of COVID-19 and cautionary measures.

She shared that in an endeavor to combat COVID-19 in the district, Emergency operations centers at the district, sub district and community levels were set up to monitor the COVID-19 situation.

She said a cluster system approach is being used in the district to deal with management of the pandemic. She said overall her take is that Batswana are fully informed about COVID-19.



University of Botswana Sociology Lecturer, Dr Nelson Sello said he was encouraged by the preparedness and response by the leadership at national level and community level.

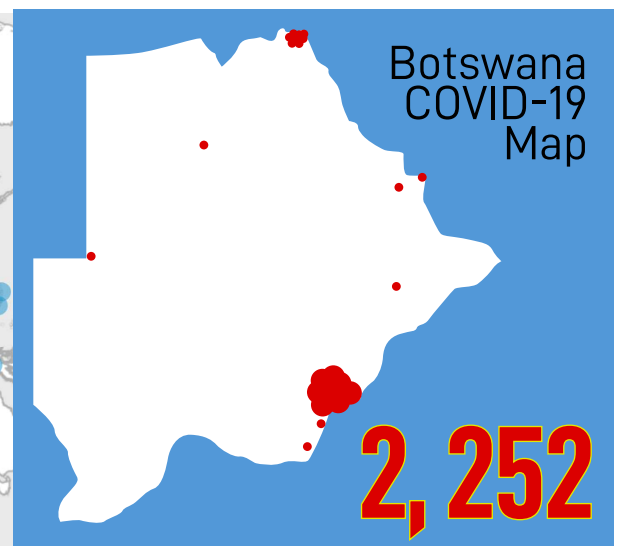
He said it was clear that prevention messages and infection detection methods are effective in response to COVID-19 pandemic.

He expressed that the national and districts strategy would reduce the spread and mortality in the country.

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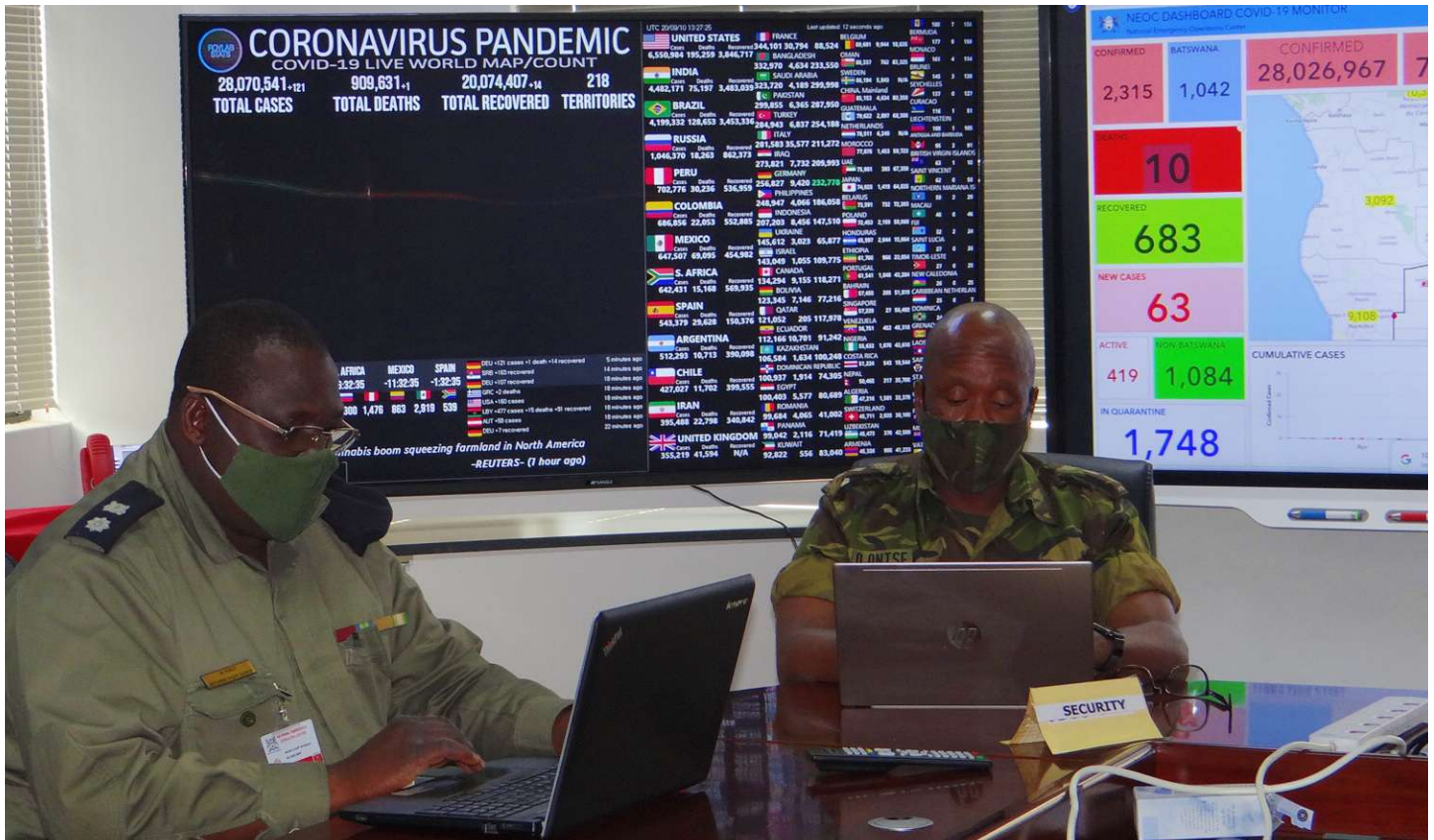
COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 6,373,349	Egypt - 100,403	Zimbabwe - 7,429
South Africa - 642,431	China - 90,112	Malawi - 5,653
Spain - 543,379	Ethiopia - 61,700	Eswatini - 4,936
France - 382,295	Madagascar - 15,624	Mozambique - 4,764
UK - 360,533	Zambia - 13,214	Angola - 3,092
Italy - 283,180	Namibia - 9,256	Lesotho - 1,164



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COVID-19 Adherence a Challenge

Botswana continues to be plagued by offences of failure to adhere to COVID-19 protocols. To aid in prevention of the spread of the COVID-19, the Government declared a State of Public Emergency to accord sufficient time to find strategic ways of containing the spread of the infection and save lives.

With the State of Public Emergency in place, some people have continued to flout the law despite COVID-19 cases continuing to surge.

According to the National Emergency Operation Centre - Operations Unit weekly report (07-10/09/20), 797 people have been charged for different violations of the law.

Thirty nine (39) people were arrested for failing to adhere to liquor regulations and 25 people were caught on the wrong side of the law for gathering illegally.

According to Emergency Powers (COVID-19) AMENDMENT No.4 REGULATIONS, 2020 Published on the 4th May, 2020 "a person in a public place shall wear a face mask or homemade item or appropriate item that covers the person's nose and mouth", Government Gazette.

The wearing of a cloth face mask was made mandatory by the above mentioned statutory instrument, for every person when in a public place to garb a mask. However 661 people have been charged with failure to wear masks in public areas.

Other noted offences are entering the country through ungazetted point of entries (26) and illegal immigrants arrested in the country (46).

Botswana has a cumulative total of 2,252 confirmed positive cases.

Silvio Berlusconi, 83, *reveals he is fighting a 'hellish' case of coronavirus*

Former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi has revealed he is fighting a 'hellish' case of coronavirus and told supporters he 'hopes to make it' after doctors said he was 'No 1' for the severity of his viral load.

The 83-year-old Berlusconi, who was admitted to Milan's San Raffaele hospital on Friday morning, made the comments during a phone call to a candidate from his Forza Italia party during an election rally in northwest Italy.

Berlusconi spoke to supporters in a clear voice, relaying that doctors have told him his viral load is the worst out of thousands of patients tested at San Raffaele.

'The virus is very bad,' he said. 'I'm giving it my all, I hope to make it and to get back on track.'

During the call Berlusconi urged supporters to vote in upcoming regional elections and promised he was 'fighting to leave behind this infernal illness.'

He said: 'I hope to make it and return in person to fight our battles.'

At the time of his admission to San Raffaele, he was showing signs of early stage lung infection.

Earlier in the week he said he tested positive but showed no symptoms.

Then he said he had a fever and felt achy but still vowed to campaign for his Forza Italia party in the upcoming regional elections.

On Wednesday, Italy recorded another 1,434 new infections and 14 deaths to bring the official death toll in the one-time European epicenter of the pandemic to 35,577.

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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

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