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The Impact of COVID-19 On the Transport Sector

The transport sector is one of the sectors most impacted by COVID-19. Business Botswana - Transport Sector Chairperson, Mr Bobby Tlhabiwe says due to COVID-19 pandemic, government had to impose restrictions on transport in general in order to limit transmission of the virus.

Giving an update on how COVID-19 has affected the Transport industry on Botswana Television, Mr Tlhabiwe said the unprecedented disruptions caused by the outbreak of COVID-19 has posed a number of challenges on the sector.

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

29,674,488

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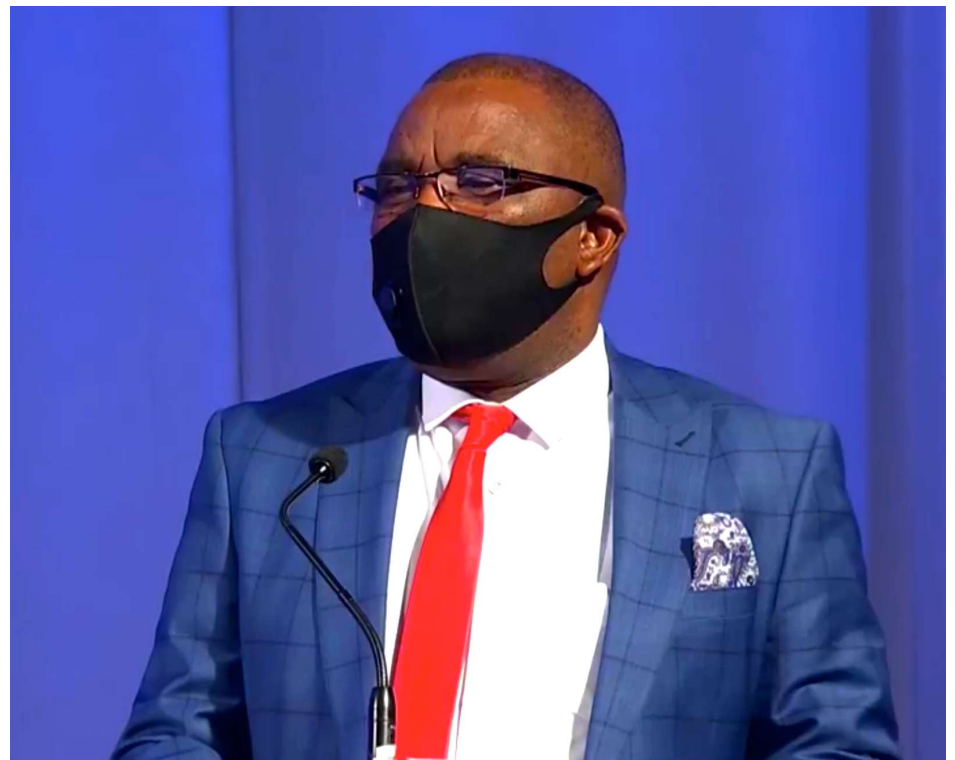
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He said it is important for the Transport Industry to have appropriate response plan for such contingencies.

He noted that they have been working closely with various stakeholders and government to ensure that post COVID-19 the business is still sustainable.

He said Air Botswana, Logistics Freight Companies, Buses, Taxis and Clearing Agencies have tumbled drastically with some having had to scale down or completely shut down.

He implored the Government to continue recognizing Truck Drivers as core essential services who risked their lives for the greater good of the nation.



Mr Tlhabiwe

He said when most business shut their doors and people contained at their houses as the COVID-19 cases were going up, through it all truck drivers continued to roll down Botswana's highways supplying goods.

Mr Tlhabiwe said truck drivers have been among the key front-line responders to the pandemic together with Doctors, nurses and law enforcement officers.

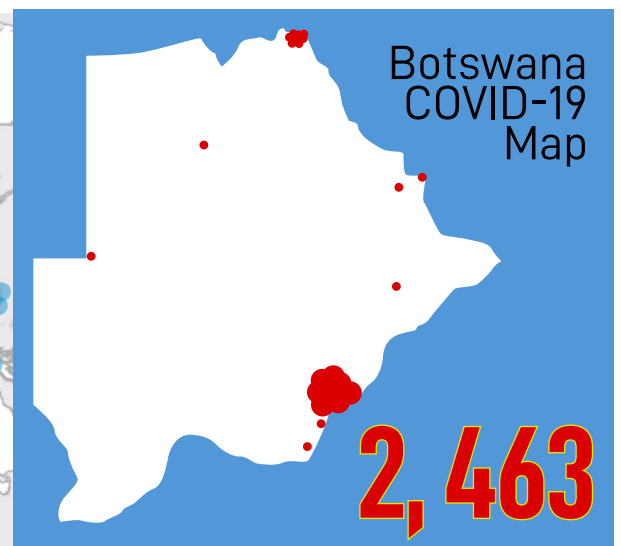
He highlighted that as much as the sector was unpleasantly affected financially, the sector will recover and a smooth transition to normalized operating activities as government has eased a lot of restrictions.

The Chairman pointed out that together with Government the sector ought to promote cost-effective synergies to stabilize the sector in the new normal.

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 6,616,458	Egypt - 101,340	Zimbabwe - 7,576
South Africa - 651,521	China - 90,244	Mozambique - 5,994
Spain - 614,360	Ethiopia - 66,224	Malawi - 5,701
France - 443,869	Madagascar - 15,871	Eswatini - 5,128
UK - 380,667	Zambia - 13,887	Angola - 3,569
Italy - 291,442	Namibia - 9,964	Lesotho - 1,327



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GOVERNMENT OFFICES AFFECTED BY COVID-19

Directorate of Public Services Management last night issued a statement to the effect that COVID-19 positive cases are increasing within DPSM.

The Director Ms Goitseone Mosalakatane told the Presidential Task Force Bulletin that risk assessment was being conducted and that once done, they will decide on a way forward in line with COVID-19 protocols.

Still on the same front, Department of Gender Affairs, Registrar of Societies and NGO Council Offices at Central Business District are closed due to confirmed cases of COVID-19.

A notice from the Ministry of Nationality, Immigration and Gender Affairs says the services rendered by the above mentioned offices are suspended until further notice.

The public is urged to contact Ministry Head Office at 3611444, 3611446 and toll free number 0800 600 777

Meanwhile Princess Marina Hospital Diabetes Clinic located at Gaborone Block 6 has reopened for the public.

This follows the closure of the clinic last week after some staff members tested positive for COVID-19.

The Hospital Superintendent Dr Tshepo Machacha told the Presidential Task Force Bulletin in an interview that they reopened the clinic on Monday.

He said the whole aim is to make sure that diabetes patients receive utmost care they deserve as well as looking into the welfare of their staff.

Dr Machacha said they will continue to make sure that all protocols are followed to avert possible spread of the pandemic.

He urged the general public and frontliners to be vigilant at all times.

SOUTH AFRICA MOVES TO LEVEL 1



President Cyril Ramaphosa announced that South Africa is moving to Level 1 of the lockdown.

Cabinet decided on Wednesday that the country should move to alert Level 1 as of midnight on Sunday, 20 September 2020.

"This move recognise that levels of infection are relatively low and that there is sufficient capacity in our health system to manage the current need," Ramaphosa said.

The country will gradually and cautiously ease restrictions on international travel.

"We will be allowing travel into and out of South Africa for business, leisure and other travel with effect from 1 October 2020," Ramaphosa said.

Ramaphosa said the curfew hours will now apply between midnight and 4am.

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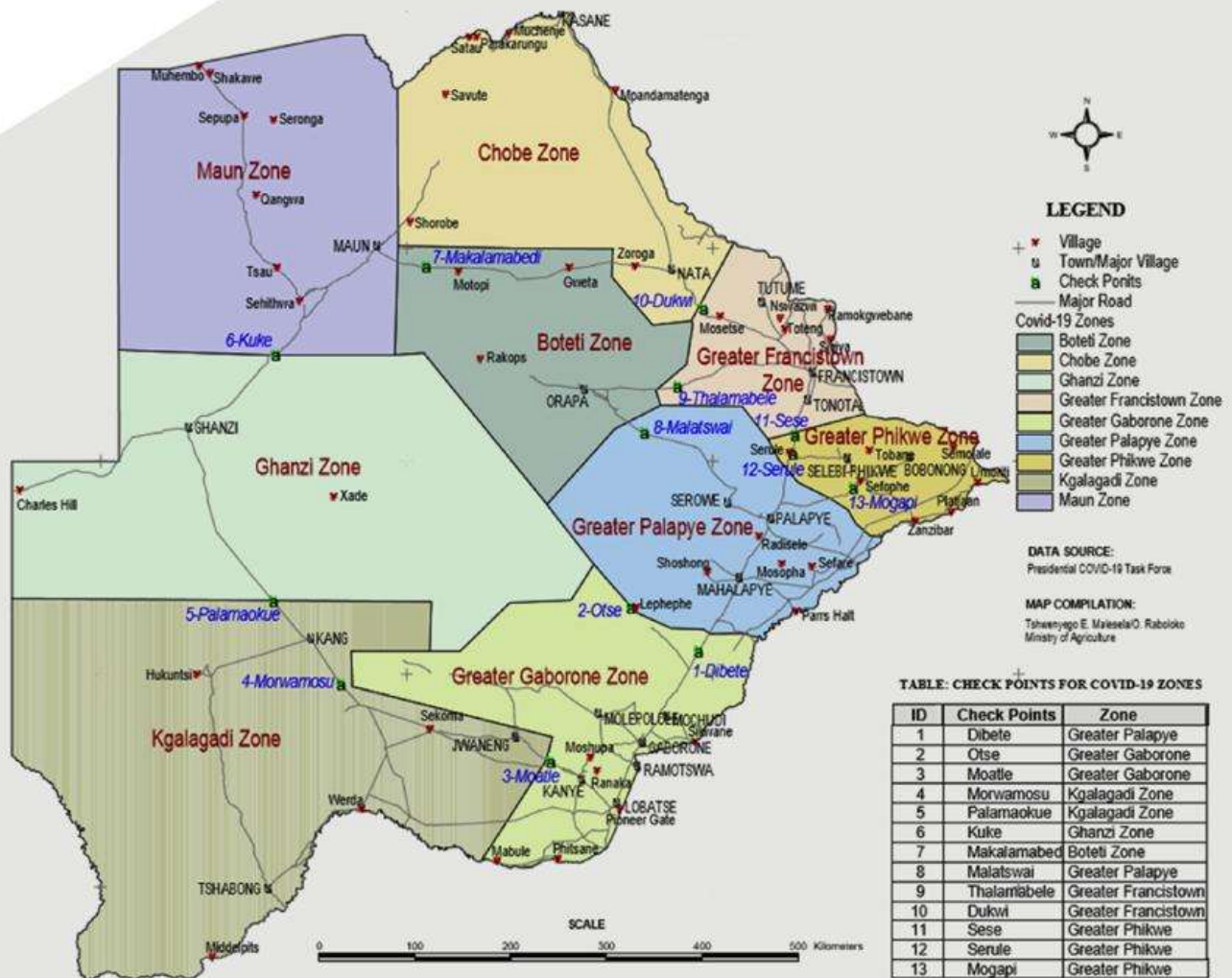
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COVID-19 ZONAL MAP



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

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