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CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS 28/05/2020

Lab Tests Performed & resulted	19626
Negative Cases	19591
Positive Cases	35
Total Deaths	1
Recoveries	20
Active Cases	5

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Employees are encouraged to continue reporting companies that withhold wages and salaries after benefiting from the COVID-19 government wage subsidy scheme.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Employment, Labour Production and Skills Development, Mr Kabelo Ebineng explained during a media briefing that through the Ministry's toll free number 16650, a considerable number of grievances from employees were registered and resolved during the state of emergency period. Out of 1,229 cases registered, he said 1,036 have been resolved while 18 cases require follow up.

He noted that an audit will also be carried out to assess any possible contravention of the law by companies that benefitted from the subsidy. In the event of a dispute which might emanate from forced leave or retrenchment,

Mr Ebineng encouraged both the employer and employee to follow labour laws to ensure harmonious labour relations.

He observed that the Industrial court is also gearing up for opening and the use of ICT in the form of virtual court hearings will be encouraged.

He emphasised the importance of engaging a Safety Health and Environment officer to help facilitate contact tracing and manage the spread of the virus.

Over P200 million was disbursed by Botswana Unified Revenue Services (BURS) towards COVID-19 government wage subsidy scheme by the end of April 2020.

The purpose of the subsidy was to provide assistance to employees of eligible sectors through payment of their wages and salaries.

Food Parcels to continue beyond Phase 3

Out of a total of 528,993 families have been assessed country wide, 416,347 families were found to be eligible to benefit from the Government food relief initiative for informal workers that were inconvenienced from fending for their families.

Speaking during a media briefing, Mr. Gabriel Seeletso said from those assessed, 405, 017

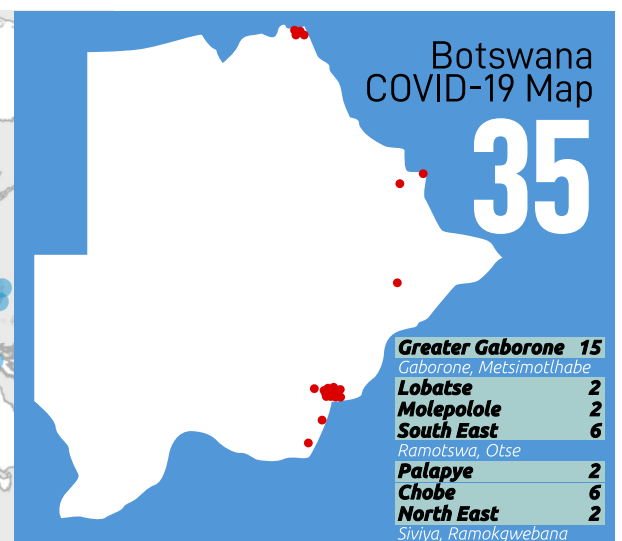
families have already been assisted so far with the food basket. Mr. Seeletso said P 200 million has been availed to continue the provision of the food basket beyond phase 3. He said the programme is going to be different owing to the ease of restriction of movements across the zones as people will now be able to move around fending for their families as the economy has been opened up again.



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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 1,711,313	South Africa - 25,937	Mozambique - 233
UK - 270,507	Egypt - 20,793	Malawi - 203
Spain - 237,906	Zambia - 1,057	Zimbabwe - 132
Italy - 231,732	Ethiopia - 831	Angola - 71
France - 183,038	Madagascar - 656	Botswana - 35
China - 84,102	Eswatini - 279	Namibia - 22



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Council Meetings still suspended until further notice

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development has revealed that full council and district meetings will continue to be halted until further notice. Mr Boipelo Khumomatlhare was giving latest updates during a media briefing this week for his Ministry.

He however noted that provision of other services have not been interrupted. He said there are executive committees that are empowered to make decisions on behalf of the sub districts and at district levels as according to the Local Government Act of 2012.

"The pandemic is an eye opener for the ministry to consider the option of opening bank accounts for pensioners so that their monthly allowances are credited without them physically going to congregate at the Post Offices," he said

He reiterated that, in that way the pensioners can get access to their money whenever they want. He said for other services, the ministry will consider the use of technology to ease congestion and reduce turnaround time.



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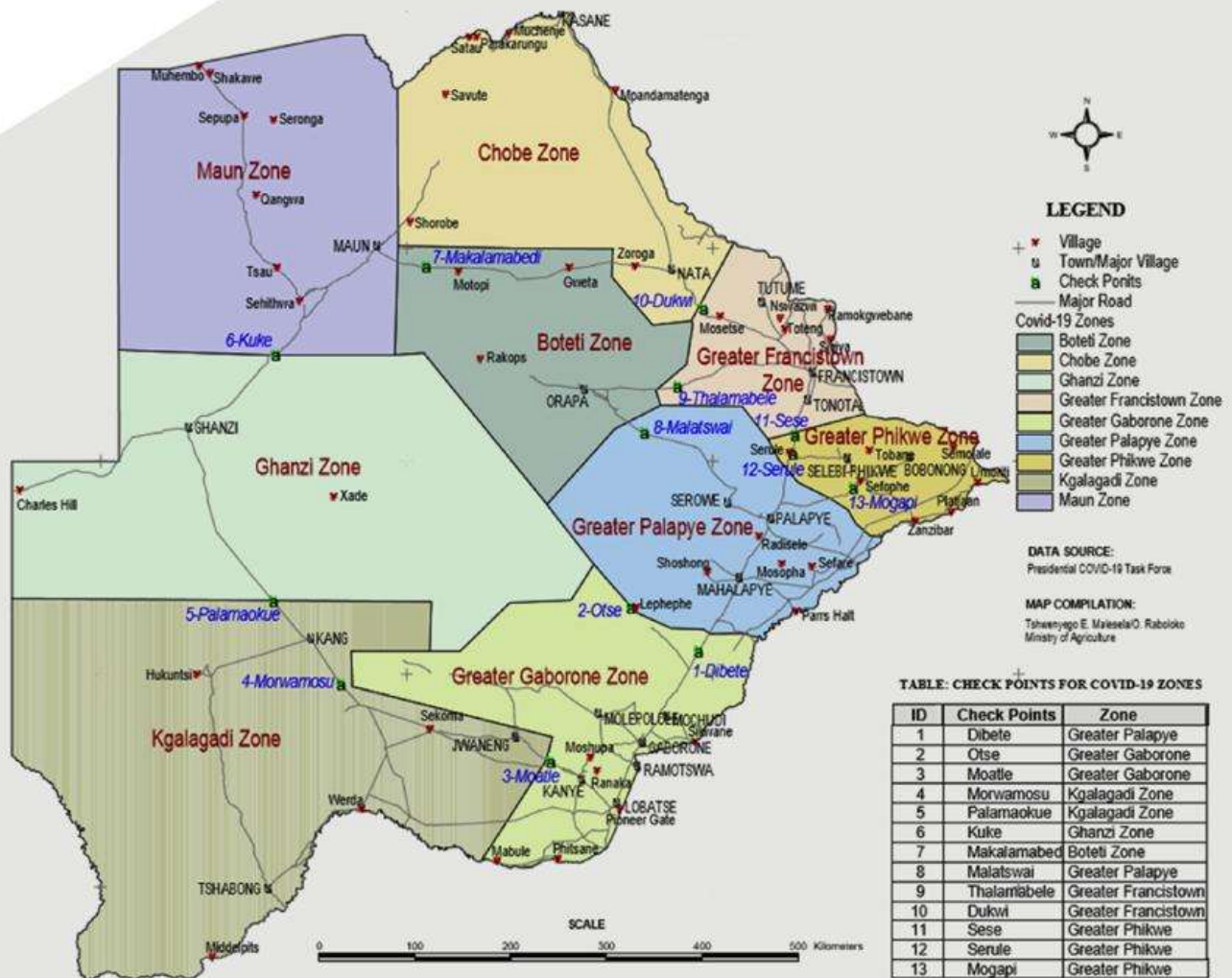
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COVID-19 ZONAL MAP



KNOW YOUR ZONES

Extreme Social Distancing ended on Wednesday 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;

- Greater Gaborone zone
- Greater Palapye zone
- Greater Selibe Phikwe Zone
- Greater Francistown
- Boteti zone
- Chobe zone
- Maun zone
- Gantsi zone
- Kgalagadi zone

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