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President Masisi Salutes Teachers

His Excellency the President Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Masisi has urged teachers to be innovative, flexible and apply themselves to ensure that curriculum delivery and syllabus coverage during the new normal is completed in the most efficient and effective manner.

President Masisi said this on Friday when he saluted the teaching community on a day to mark Teachers' Day which is usually commemorated on June 5th.

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

6,944,916

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CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS

04/06/2020

Lab Tests Performed & resulted	24582
Negative Cases	24542
Positive Cases	40
Total Deaths	1
Recoveries	23
Active Cases	4
Transferred Out	12

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He said measures such as e-learning, flip school, the double shift model and flexi lesson schedules should be explored to provide the best learning platforms and environment for children. "However, one of the silver linings arising from this crisis is that we have had to introspect on how we do things and identify new methods of delivering education to ensure the realisation of the aspirations of our National Vision 2036 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal on Quality Education," he said.

During these unprecedented times of COVID-19 global pandemic, President Masisi said, there is a need to embrace Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) for information dissemination and social interaction. President Masisi shared that according to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) latest statistics, Botswana boasts of one of the highest literacy rates not just in Africa but across the world at over 86% literacy for people aged 15 years and older.

He described these phenomenal statistics as a critical foundation that was laid by teachers in the yester years, who saw not just the value of education but how it could effectively transform an individual and ultimately the nation.

He advised learners to realize the importance of education and the need to take control of their destiny through dedication and hard work. He said to bridge the gaps created by the COVID-19 pandemic, more collaboration between stakeholders is necessary and the role of parents

in their children's education can never ever be overemphasized. He highlighted that traditionally, Teachers' Day is marked by national celebrations, awards and an unveiling of social responsibility projects. However, this year no celebrations will be held due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

World Teacher's Day, also known as International Teachers Day, is an international day which was established in 1994, and it commemorates the signing of the 1966 UNESCO/ILO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers.

RESUMPTION OF SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY (DRTS)

The Department of Road Transport and Safety has resumed some of its services. However, the department encourages members of the public to avoid congestion and observe social distancing when obtaining services at the offices as per the COVID-19 protocols.

The following services have resumed:

- All services for registration of vehicles
- Renewal of motor vehicle licenses
- Testing of vehicles for road-worthiness
- Renewal of permits
- Operations of Driving Schools

Note: All disc licenses which expired during the lockdown period should be renewed on or before 30th June 2020 to avoid penalties. Meanwhile, the Driver Testing Services will remain suspended and will resume as per the schedule below:

Service Resumption Dates:

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| - Renewal of Driver License | July 2, 2020 |
| - Driver License Practical Testing | July 2, 2020 |
| - Renewal of Professional Driving Permits | July 2, 2020 |
| - Driver License Bookings For Theory Test | August 31, 2020 |

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 1,927,428	South Africa - 45,973	Malawi - 409
UK - 287,621	Egypt - 32,612	Eswatini - 333
Spain - 241,550	Ethiopia - 2,020	Zimbabwe - 279
Italy - 234,998	Zambia - 1,089	Angola - 88
France - 191,102	Madagascar - 1,052	Botswana - 40
China - 84,187	Mozambique - 424	Namibia - 29

Botswana
COVID-19 Map

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Greater Gaborone	16
Gaborone, Metsimothabe	
Lobatse	2
Molepolole	2
South East	7
Ramotswa, Otse	
Palapye	2
Chobe	9
North East	2
Siviya, Ramogwebana	

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The Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry has revised businesses trading hours as per the Government Gazette below.



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EMERGENCY POWERS ACT (Cap. 22:04)

EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) REGULATIONS (Cap. 22:04 (Sub. Leg.))

Trade and Business Trading Hours

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that His Excellency the President acting in accordance with regulation 30G of the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020, has authorised that —

- (a) the following may operate between the hours of 0800 hours and 2200 hours —
 - (i) agricultural shop,
 - (ii) bakery,
 - (iii) butchery,
 - (iv) funeral parlour,
 - (v) general dealer,
 - (vi) pharmacy or chemist, or
 - (vii) supermarket, and
- (b) the following may operate between the hours of 0600 hours and 2200 hours
 - (i) a restaurant, and
 - (ii) a take away, and
- (c) fuel filling station may operate for 24 hours.

DATED this 4th day of June, 2020.

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Postponement Of Key Sporting Activities Affect Athletes Income

Botswana National Olympic Committee Chief Executive Officer Mr Tuelo Serufho says preparations for next year sporting activities have been affected.

When briefing members of the media, Mr Serufho said all major sporting games like Olympics and Commonwealth games have been moved to 2021 and 2022 respectively.

He said the World Athletics body was going to host world championships in 2021 and they have been forced to move them to 2022 which was supposed to be the commonwealth games year.

Mr Serufho said local athletes such as Galefele Moroko who qualified for the Olympics is going to miss on competitive games such as the Diamond League. He said the Diamond League promotes athletes and thus make income through endorsements.

He also highlighted that athletes lost on appearance fees and prize money for such games. The CEO said



Mr Tuelo Serufho, CEO - BNOC

some athletes have contracts with key sponsors and have base fees that one gets for doing well.

On the positive side, Mr Serufho said all athletes that have already qualified for Olympics won't lose their qualification, adding that they have more time to increase the number of those that will qualify for Tokyo Olympics that have been postponed to 2021. He said they managed to continue with some incentives for athletes through sponsorships like Tokyo 2020 scholarships where the lowest paid athlete gets about P2500 for accommodation.

The CEO also indicated that athletes that returned from camp continue to get camp allowance and food hampers for sustenance. Others athletes benefitted from Mascom Wireless by getting free data to communicate with their coaches.

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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;

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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