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## BSE Cushions Local Markets

**B**otswana Stock exchange (BSE) has come up with measures to mitigate effects of Covid-19 pandemic. During a media briefing yesterday, BSE CEO Mr Thapelo Tsheole said that a listed company can raise money from existing shareholders through a rights issue.

Mr Tsheole said even though global financial markets took a knock due to covid-19, BSE is trying by all means to put a floor under risk assets that will support recovery  
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<b>CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS</b> 08/06/2020	
Lab Tests Performed & resulted	26800
Negative Cases	26758
Positive Cases	42
Total Deaths	1
Recoveries	24
Active Cases	1
Transferred Out	16

COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

# 7,085,894

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Mr Thapelo Tsheole

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and strategies effectively in mitigating covid-19 induced downside risks. In addition, he said, a company can conduct a secondary offering which he explained that it's an offering of a sale of new shares by a company that has already made an initial public offering. He stated that there are two types of secondary offerings, a non- dilutive secondary offering and a dilutive offering. He pointed out that, these are some of the means of managing the effects of the time the world finds its self in.

He further said BSE Equity platform allows for companies of all sizes to raise equity capital. He said BSE recently introduced the Tshipidi Small Medium Enterprise Board to facilitate listing of SME's.

The CEO highlighted that a company can issue and list bonds attractive instruments for institutional investor with lower required rates of return. "As for the market performance between January and May, the BSE experienced a decline in Domestic Company Index by - 2.3 compared to Johannesburg Stock exchange which recorded -28.6%" he lamented.

Tsheole said the highest monthly equity turnover in March 2020 stood at 117.7 million shares whereas equity trading

volumes amounted to P119.6 million while the total turnover for the period is P273.9 million. The CEO in monetary terms, foreign companies contributed P76.1 million equity turnover, foreign individuals contributed P 5.3 million while local individuals contributed P 19 million and local companies contributed P 173 million.

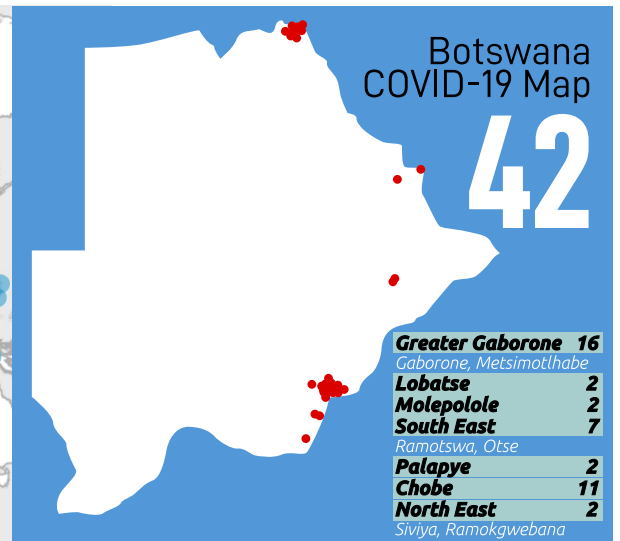
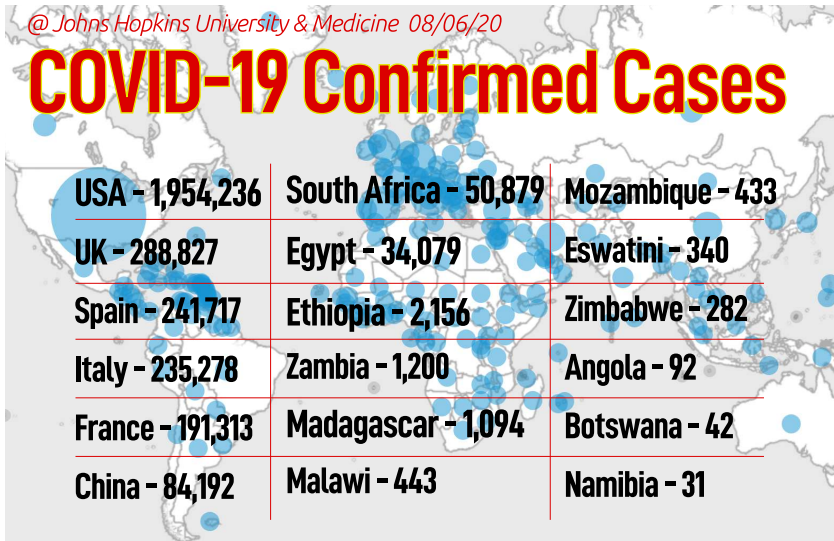
Meanwhile, BSE introduced a monthly virtual opening bell ceremonies and stakeholder engagements.

## One Active COVID-19 Case In Botswana

**Botswana currently has one (1) active COVID-19 case after registering (1) more recovery. Addressing the media yesterday, Director of Health Services Dr Malaki Tshipayagae also announced two (2) new imported cases of COVID-19 bringing the total to 42 confirmed tests in Botswana.**

The cases involve two males who entered the country through the Kazungula border gate. He, however, noted that the two have since been voluntarily transferred back to their home countries upon receiving their results. The latest development means Botswana has 24 recoveries, one (1) death and one (1) active case.

He noted that 16 cases were transferred back to their countries. On another note, Director of Health Services shared that Mogoditshane community testing is underway and the results will be shared with the public soon.



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## The world just reported its highest number of Covid-19 cases in a single day - WHO

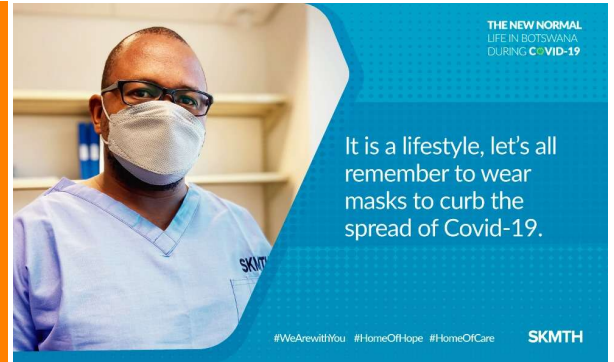
Sunday marked the most Covid-19 cases reported to the World Health Organization in a single day so far during the coronavirus pandemic, W.H.O Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said during a media briefing in Geneva yesterday.

"Yesterday, more than 136,000 cases were reported - the most in a single day so far," Tedros said. "Almost 75% of yesterday's cases come from 10 countries, mostly in the Americas and South Asia."

"Most countries in the African region are still experiencing an increase in the number of Covid-19 cases, with some reporting cases in new geographic areas, although most countries in the region have less than 1,000 cases," Tedros said.

"We also see increasing numbers of Covid-19 cases in parts of Eastern Europe and central Asia," Tedros said, although the situation in Europe overall has been improving.

Tedros added, "At the same time, we're encouraged that several countries around the world are seeing very positive signs." - (CNN)



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7 June 2020 World Food Safety Day

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# Ensure it's **safe**

## Governments must ensure safe and nutritious food for all



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Organization**

***The Minister of Health and Wellness Dr Lemogang Kwapo says the COVID-19 pandemic has forced food industries to have innovative production processes to ensure that food is not only available but safe.***

In his remarks to mark commemoration of World Food Safety Day (WFSD) on June 7th, Dr Kwapo said the world is facing an unprecedented threat from the COVID-19 pandemic, which has caused unparalleled social and economic disruptions.

He said his ministry had made strides in strengthening food safety systems through collaborations with various government and non-governmental agencies including the food industry and consumers.

"The enactment of the Food Control Act of 1993, its subsidiary regulations and other food legislations, are intended to ensure the provision of safe, clean and wholesome food," he said.

Dr Kwapo noted that although there was no substantial evidence to date of COVID-19 being transmitted via food or food packaging, it was critical to maintain the movement of food along the food chain.

"The 'new normal' calls for strengthening food hygiene and sanitation practices as well as implementing food safety management systems", he explained.

The minister added that the World Food Safety Day created an opportunity for awareness among policy makers, food business operators and the nation at large to ensure food safety.

"Whether you produce, process, sell or prepare food, you have a role in keeping it safe," he said.

Following the success of the first celebration in 2019, this year again WFSD reinforces the call to strengthen commitment to scale up food safety as made by the Addis Ababa Conference and the Geneva Forum in 2019 under the umbrella of "The Future of Food Safety".

World Health Organisation, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is facilitating Member States efforts to celebrate the World Food Safety Day.

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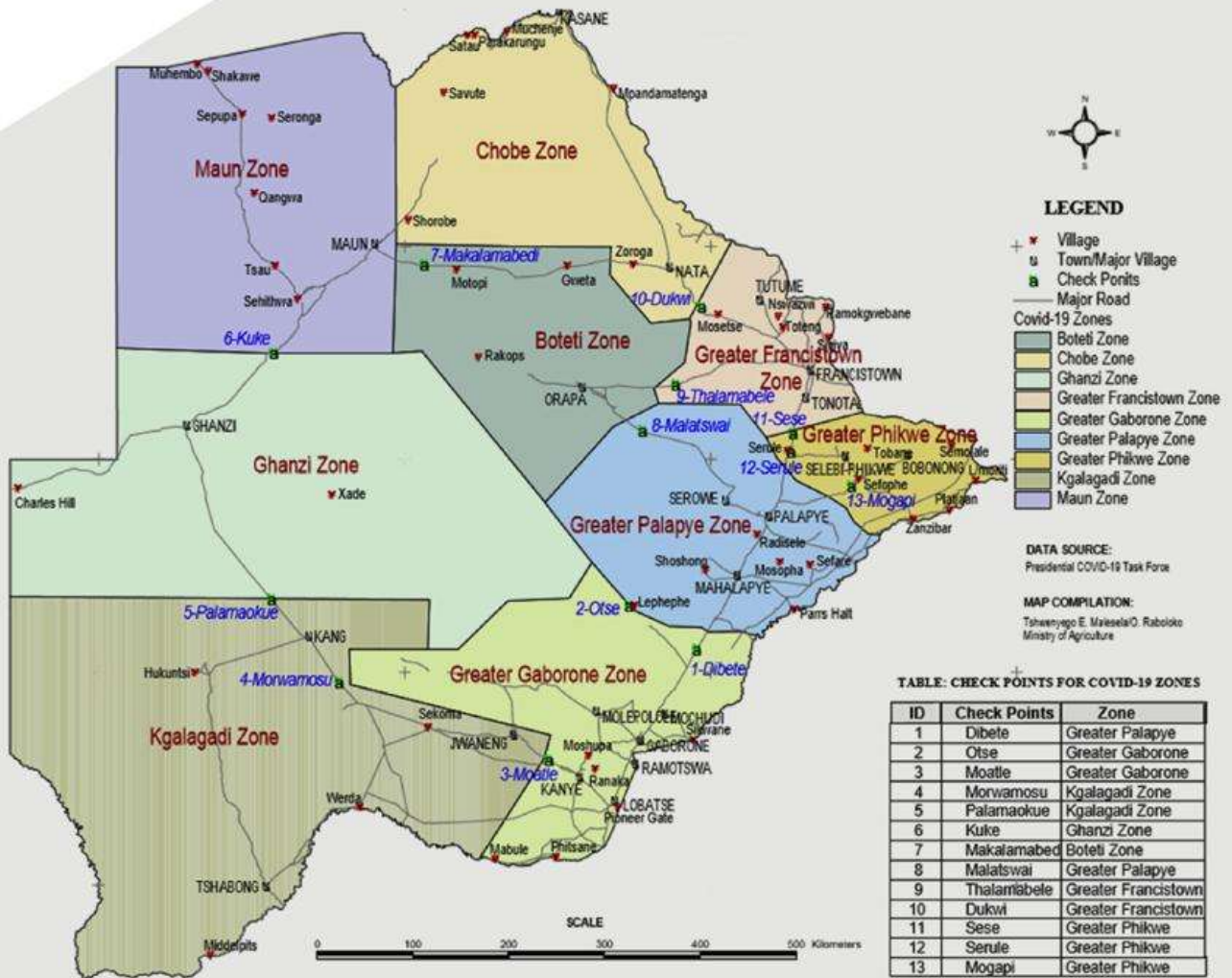
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# COVID-19 ZONAL MAP



## 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;*

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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