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The current Covid-19 pandemic is above all a global health crisis. As of the 24th of June 2020, the world has recorded over 9 million confirmed cases and over 400 000 deaths due to the illness.

Beyond the abrupt impact on health, the current pandemic has major implications for global economies and energy use. Many countries around the world have reported dire challenges in the fuel industry and Botswana has not been spared. Botswana consumes 1.3 billion litres of fuel per annum mostly imported

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

9,323,932

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COVID 19 CASE REPORT

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29

BW Confirmed Cases

25

BW Recoveries

3

BW Active Cases

1

Deceased

92

Transferred out

21,334

Border Tests

15,534

BW Tests

36,868

Total Tests

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from South Africa with limited quantities from Namibia and Mozambique. The Chief Executive Officer of Botswana Oil Mr Meshack Tshekedi informed members of the media yesterday that ever since May, the country experienced low supply of diesel and unleaded petrol.

"There is currently a shortage of fuel in the country, initially it was the diesel and now it's the unleaded petrol," he said. He added that fuel producers in South Africa, which is the primary supplier are rationing supply to Botswana. The act he explained that it has not led to product shocks in the country.

Mr Tshekedi said the positive outlook in the industry is that 6 Botswana companies with a total of 30 trucks transport fuel into the country.

For his part Botswana Oil Chief Operating Officer Mr Moseitlho Kenamile said Botswana had a strategy to augment the supply in the country.

"We have been working with the Department of Energy Affairs to minimize the impact of rationing" he explained.

He shared that the Department approved the procurement of fuel from Namibia and Mozambique though it is costly compared to South Africa. Mr Kenamile highlighted that government also approved use of 8 million litres of fuel in the fuel reserves stored in the country.

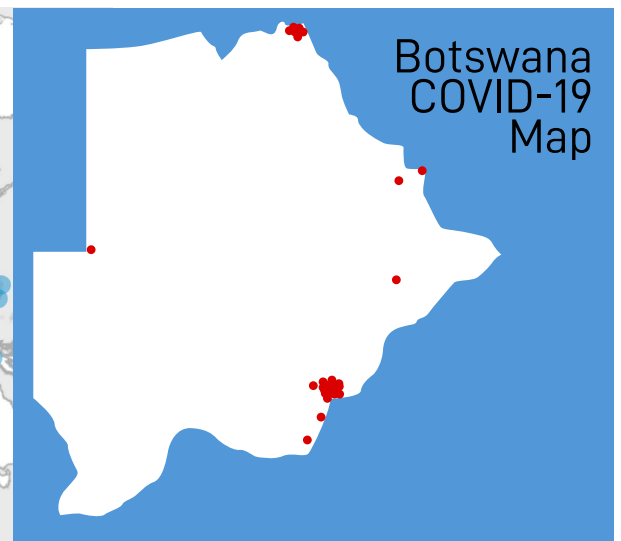
He further said plans are at advanced stage to complete the Tshela Hills Depot where fuel from South Africa will be stored. He also indicated that the Ghanzi depot will be further developed and will store fuel from Namibia while the one in Francistown will stockpile fuel from Mozambique.

Even though the country experienced a decline in the fuel supply, Botswana benefited from the fuel prices drop. The pump prices fell by over P1, 00 hence the joy of motorists. Mr kenamile said they are engaging with South African companies to let Botswana to run this business.

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 2,364,874	China - 84,658	Mozambique - 762
UK - 308,334	Egypt - 58,144	Eswatini - 674
Spain - 247,086	Ethiopia - 5,034	Zimbabwe - 525
Italy - 239,410	Madagascar - 1,787	Angola - 189
France - 197,804	Zambia - 1,489	Namibia - 76
South Africa - 106,108	Malawi - 848	Lesotho - 17



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E-Thuto wins UN Public Service Awards



Minister for Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration Hon. Kabo Morwaeng has implored the public service employees not to wait for the next actual Public Service Day celebrations to show their innovation but to always explore more creative ways of achieving more with less in their daily work activities.

He encouraged Ministries and Departments to find more innovative ways of rewarding excellence and hard work.

Minister Morwaeng was giving remarks in an honor of the United Nations Public Service Day celebrations where the Ministry of Basic Education's e-Thuto project was announced as a recipient of the prestigious 2020 United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA) under the category of 'Promoting digital transformation in the Public Sector'.

He said were it not for the COVID19 pandemic and associated travel restrictions, the team would have travelled to South Korea to receive

the award. The e-Thuto's creative initiative is about 'ICT Integration into Teaching and Learning.'

"Ministry of Basic Education's E-Thuto Project Team has made us super proud as a country, more so that their project is relevant to the new normal of digital transformation brought about by COVID-19 challenges," he said adding that as the country continue in its journey to transform Botswana from a resourced based to a knowledge economy, "we urge all Public Service employees and Batswana at large to explore their innovative and creative capabilities to come up with more sustainable projects like e-Thuto, to innovate, leapfrog and speed the socio economic development of this country, and create a legacy that future generations will all be proud of."

Minister Morwaeng stated that since the year 2012 when Botswana joined through excellence awards and innovative projects, the celebrations grew not only aesthetically but also in the presentation of more innovative projects which if pursued further the projects could achieve

desirable output for the benefit of the society at large.

He said it is through partnerships and networks like the Public Service Unions that Government continually make use of the Public Service Awards celebration platform to exchange experiences ranging from best practices; innovative ideas and approaches for improved service delivery. "That is why it is important to always motivate staff and acknowledge hard work," he said.

The annual United Nations Public Service Day celebrations is meant to acknowledge and recognise the worth of Public Service employees as well as to highlight their contribution to the community at large. In 2016 the review of the celebrations was done and the United Nations found it appropriate to align the celebrations with the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

This year's theme is 'Action Today, Impact Tomorrow-Innovating and Transforming Public Services and Institutions to realise the Sustainable Development Goals.'



NAMIBIA will be the first country in the southern African region to open up its borders to international tourists after the outbreak of the global Covid-19 pandemic. This is to avert continued job losses in the tourism sector - albeit under strict conditions.

This was announced by President Hage Geingob revealing that a ministerial task force, led by the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, would commence an assessment of opening up to international tourism from countries with a lower Covid-19 risk.

Pohamba Shifeta, minister of environment, forestry and tourism recently said the tourism industry stands to bleed Namibian Dollars N\$20 billion at the current rate of zero tourist arrivals. The sector employs over 100 000 Namibians.

The President announced that Namibia will move to stage 4 of the lockdown exit strategy early next month, balancing economic operations with the health of Namibians. President Geingob said Namibia would allow foreign tourists with Covid-19-free certificates into the country. During stage 4, public gatherings of 250 people at a time are allowed.

Tourists would have to be tested for Covid-19 upon entry, and undergo a mandatory two-week quarantine period at their own cost. The Namibian Newspaper.



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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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