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## The Time is Now to Support Local

**W**ith the 'New Normal' coupled with the closing of borders due to the COVID19 pandemic, a window of opportunity has been provided for locals to produce more and for locals to support and buy more of local produce and services.

With increased buying of local products, there will be increased production and by extension self-sufficiency, while at the same time jobs are kept, and more being created.

This call was echoed even more by His Excellency Dr. Mokgweetsi E.K. Masisi earlier this month when speaking at the Task Force on Covid19 meeting.

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

# 9,504,233

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### COVID 19 CASE REPORT 24 June 2020

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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Over the years, there has been a steady increase in local product offering, improved and innovative service offerings and initiatives that all help to grow the economy.

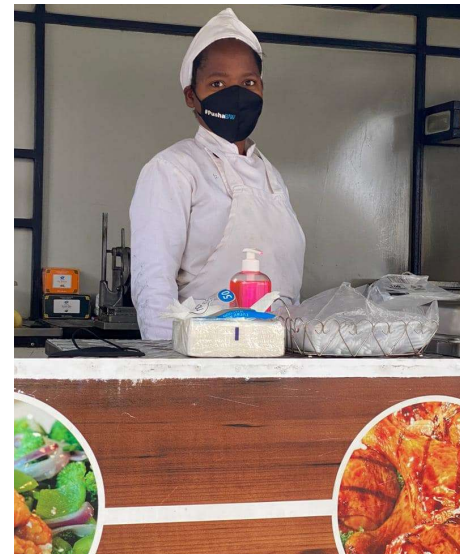
This growth is highly significant on the success and growth of the national economy but can only truly be impactful, long lasting and effective if supported by Batswana.

To this day, the uptake of local products, use of services and support of initiatives has been low for a variety of reasons, some of which include a general lack of knowledge of local products as well as doubts of quality on local products.

With not much coming from outside, this is an opportune time for further enhancement and rallying cries for more Buy Botswana products.

The **#PushaBW** campaign, is a national initiative that aims to encourage Batswana to actively play their part in growing the local economy by buying locally made products, supporting local initiatives and using local services.

It's a call for Batswana to embrace local products and to actively choose to buy them, bearing in mind what that means for the individuals who produce them and the country as a whole.

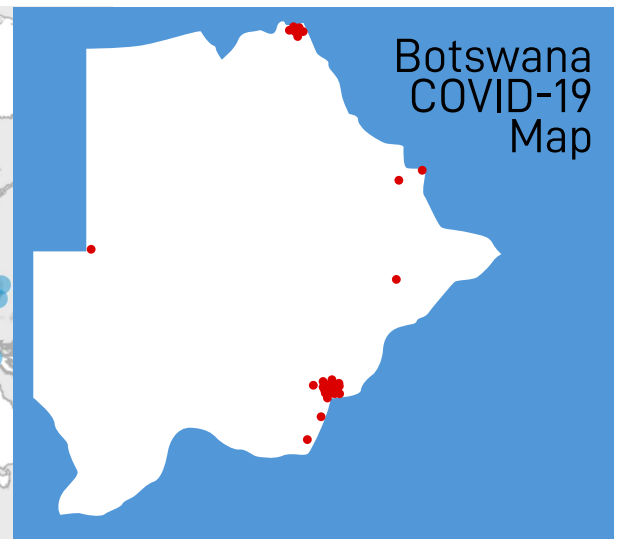


It is for this reason that Batswana are encouraged to support their own, buy local produce and services, so they stay afloat despite the challenges presented by COVID19.

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## COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 2,404,781	China - 84,687	Mozambique - 788
UK - 309,455	Egypt - 59,561	Eswatini - 706
Spain - 247,486	Ethiopia - 5,175	Zimbabwe - 530
Italy - 239,706	Madagascar - 1,829	Angola - 212
France - 197,885	Zambia - 1,497	Namibia - 102
South Africa - 111,796	Malawi - 960	Lesotho - 17



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## Lifting of the Prohibition of the Importation and sale of Tobacco or Tobacco Related Products

**H**is Excellency President Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi in accordance with regulation 30G of the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020, has authorised the Lifting of the Prohibition of the Importation and sale of Tobacco and Tobacco Related Products.

Government gazette issued by the Director of Health Services states that:

(i) A person shall not smoke in any enclosed, indoor designated non-smoking area of any private or public workplace, or in a public place.

(ii) Notwithstanding paragraph (i) smoking may be allowed in a designated area of public place: provided that -

(aa) the area is sealed off from the rest of the premises;  
(bb) a functioning extractor fan is installed in the area and

(cc) social distancing protocols are observed,

(iii) Tobacco products shall not be sold or used in any outdoor place near a school, educational institution, place of worship, health facility, playground, sports or sports arena,

(iv) Shisha or hookah shall not be used, sold or hired,

*“shisha” or “Hookah” is an oriental tobacco pipe with a long, flexible tube which draws smoke through water contained in a receptacle.*

### STOP THE VIRUS! WASH YOUR HANDS.



**Wet** your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.



**Lather** your hands by rubbing them together with soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.



**Scrub** your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the “Happy birthday” song from beginning to end twice.



**Rinse** hands well under clean, running water.



**Dry** hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important things we can do to stop the spread of **COVID-19** and stay healthy

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**CORONA VIRUS IS STILL  
A SERIOUS THREAT!**

# bSafe

- Register for the bSafe Contact Tracing app which replaces manual registration.
- If you don't have a smartphone, either ask someone to register you. Alternatively, register at service points.
- Upon entry at service points you will be required to scan QR Code or provide your national ID number (Omang).

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# CIPA REGISTERS OVER 5000 COMPANIES DURING LOCKDOWN

Companies that were registered in June (before 2020) must file their annual return by the 30th June 2020

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Rules For Reserving A Name	Register a Company Limited By Guarantee		Restoration
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	Register an External Company		
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**C**ompanies & Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) managed to beat the odds and continued their business during the Extreme Social Distancing period.

Between April and May 2020, CIPA managed to register 5121 companies using the Online Business Registration System (OBRS) compared to 4347 in the same period.

CIPA Registrar General Mr Conductor Masena told members of the media yesterday that OBRS has increased access to CIPA service and the organisation's operational efficiency.

Mr Masena said currently they are able to register a company and business within 24hrs and therefore urged companies to take advantage of OBRS.

He said the Ministry of Trade and Industry has agreed to their request to extend Re-registration of companies until December 2020 due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Mr Masena also said they did not deregister companies that failed to submit annual returns, adding that the deadline for submission is until the end of State of Emergency.



For her part, Companies and Business Names Registrar Ms Hilda Mocuminyane said re-registration of companies is important for data integrity.

CIPA Authorities also made a call to register trademarks before publishing them on social media since their ideas can be stolen.

**Yes. Respiratory viruses can be passed by shaking hands and touching your eyes, nose and mouth.**

**Greet people with a wave, a nod or a bow instead.**

**Should I avoid shaking hands because of the new coronavirus?**



**#Coronavirus #COVID19**

9 March 2020

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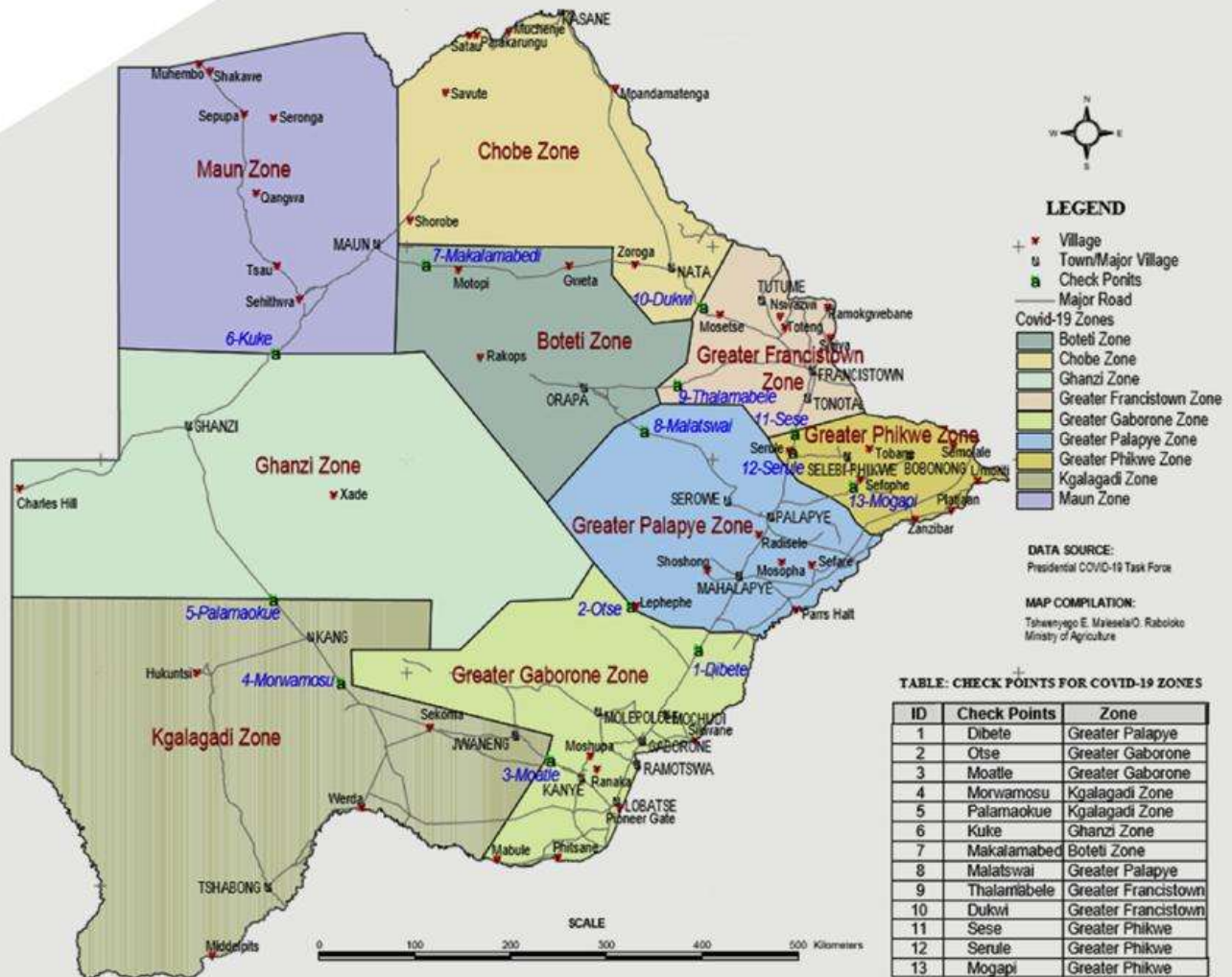
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# COVID-19 ZONAL MAP



## 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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