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**Teamwork is key  
In the Fight Against COVID-19**  
~Chobe District Commissioner

**C**ollaboration of stakeholders at District level has been deemed critical during the fight against the COVID19 pandemic as it enhances team spirit and cordial relations in speedy service delivery.

Speaking in an interview yesterday, Chobe District Commissioner Ms Sekgabo Makgosa said working together has made it possible to prepare quarantine facilities, truck holding areas and issuance of permits were completed within a limited time.

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

**10,763,604**

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## COVID 19 CASE REPORT

30 June 2020

**46**

BW Confirmed Cases

**28**

BW Recoveries

**17**

BW Active Cases

**1**

Deceased

**106**

New positive tests since 24 June 2020

**181**

Transferred out

**24,892**

Border Tests

**17,398**

BW Tests

**42,290**

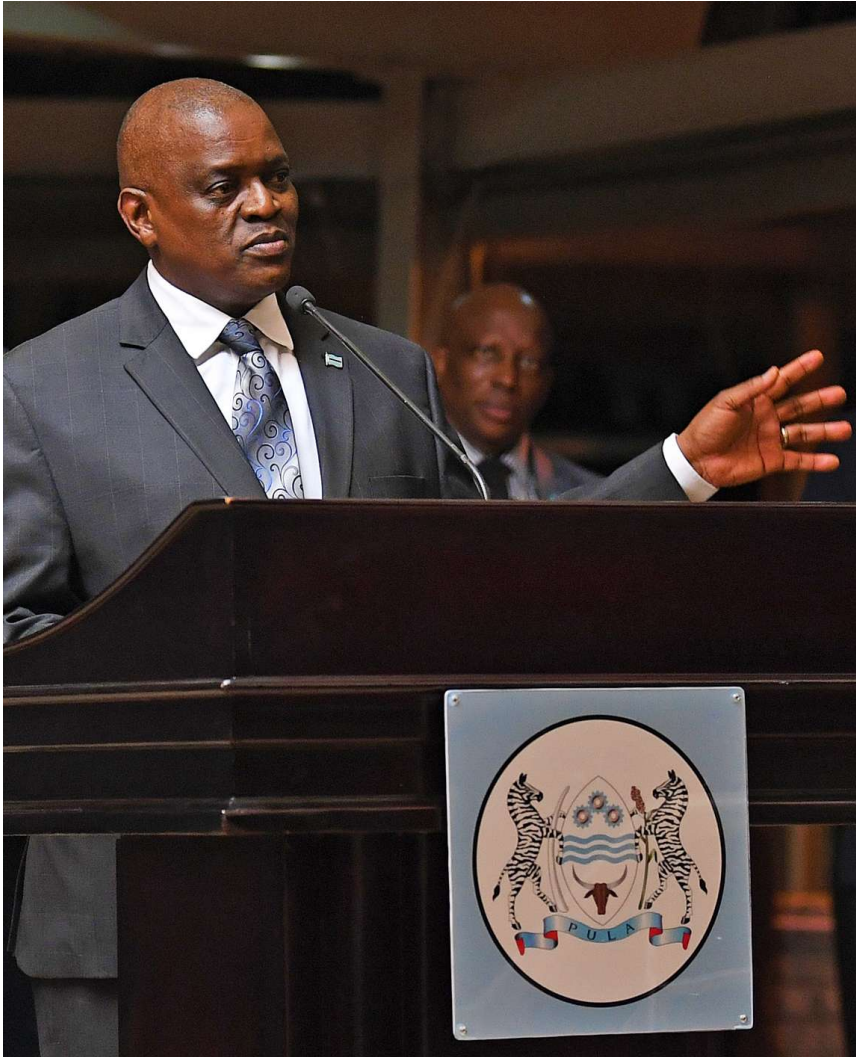
Total Tests

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## President Masisi on Self Quarantine

An official who works closely with His Excellency the President has tested positive for COVID-19.

A media statement from the Office of The President says His Excellency President Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi has with immediate effect gone into self-quarantine, following the mandatory COVID-19 precautionary protocols. Some officers close to His Excellency The President were also quarantined.

The media release further urges the public to continue to take all precautions to protect themselves against the virus, including washing of hands with water and soap, social distancing and sanitizing where possible.

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

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Coronavirus COVID-19

## 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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# Teamwork is key in the fight against COVID-19

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The District Commissioner stated that with the active collaboration in the District, the team managed to scout for temporary quarantine facilities and established Chobe Brigade and Chobe JSS for such.

She added that they liaised and negotiated with Hotels and Lodges for complimentary accommodation while the District Leadership Consulted Kwa Nokeng Management to provide a holding facility at Pandamatenga for truck drivers who await test results from the points of entry.

She highlighted that there is a need to identify a permanent place that will be used as an isolation centre in case of the worst case scenario.

The District Commissioner said so far the place that meet the requirements of such a facility is Kachikau Clinic although the facility requires furnishing and equipping. She indicated that they are still awaiting feedback from the Ministry of Health and Wellness to use hotels and lodges as alternatives for isolation if budget

allows. Ms Makgosa said the initial identified centres did not meet covid-19 requirements as there were logistical challenges. The District Commissioner said they engaged Chobe District Council's Social and Community Development for assessment of the returning Batswana who did not afford the 50%-part payment for accommodation and food.

"The district is receiving arrivals that are not able to meet the part payment, those accommodated at Regional centre still cannot feed themselves," she said. She added that Chobe Regional Education Centre has since been earmarked as a temporary facility for such cases.

Ms Makgosa applauded the Chobe District private sector for playing a meaningful role in the fight



**Ms Makgosa**

against Covid-19.

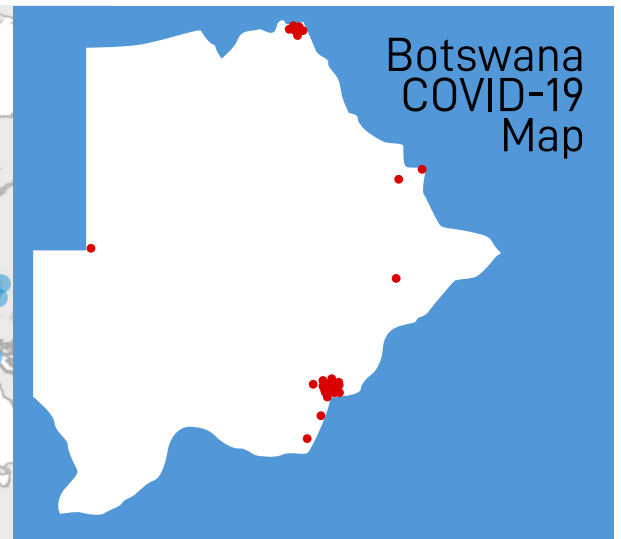
She said they donated a total sum of P65, 270.00 to the District Relief Fund that was opened through the District council.

The funds were used to buy toners for duplication of movement permits, photocopying papers, snacks for issuing permits officers, procurement of thermometers and payment of ablution blocks at the boarder amongst others.

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## COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

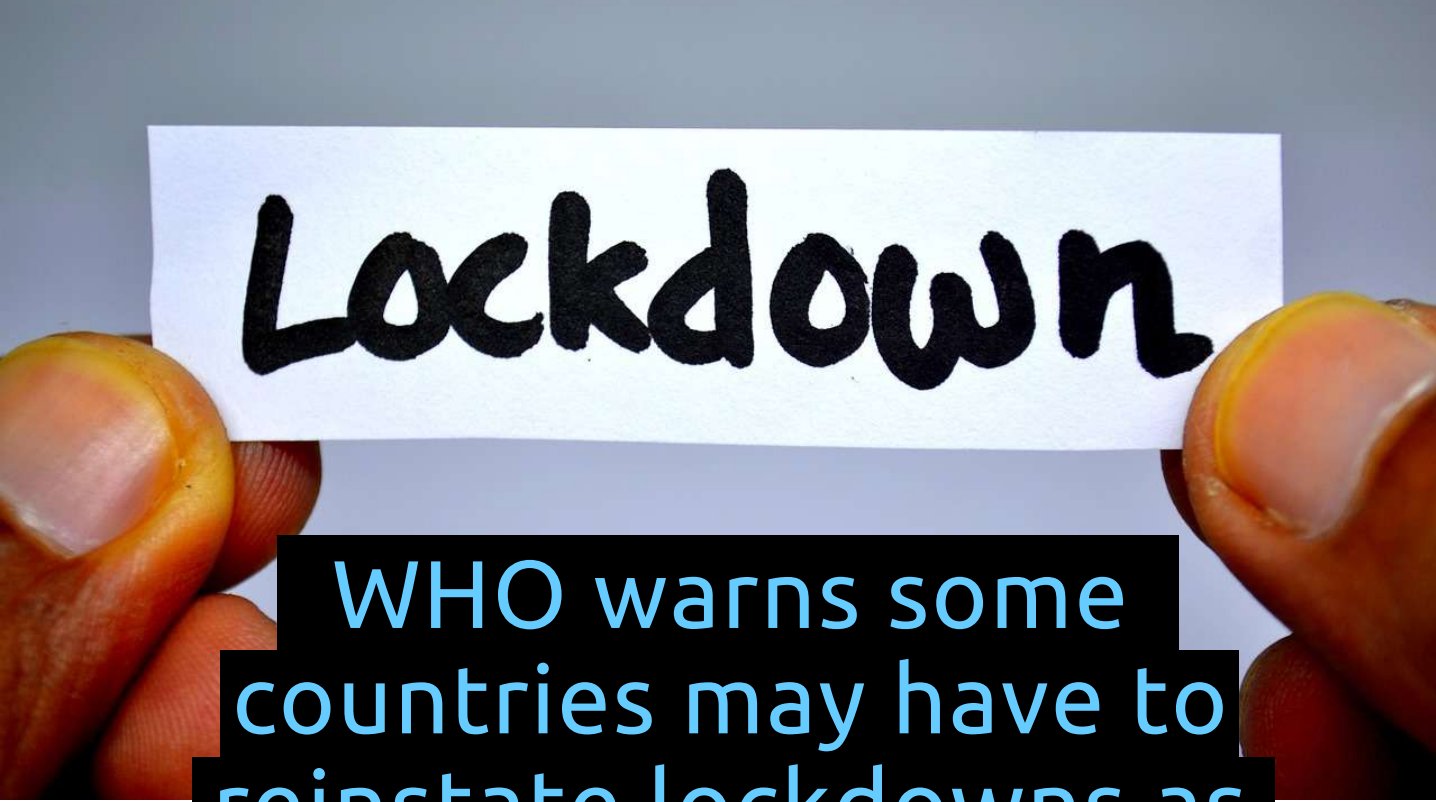
USA - 2,715,124	China - 84,825	Mozambique - 918
UK - 314,992	Egypt - 69,814	Eswatini - 873
Spain - 250,103	Ethiopia - 5,846	Zimbabwe - 605
Italy - 240,961	Madagascar - 2,403	Namibia - 293
France - 203,640	Zambia - 1,632	Angola - 291
South Africa - 159,333	Malawi - 1,342	Lesotho - 35



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# Lockdown

## WHO warns some countries may have to reinstate lockdowns as coronavirus pandemic accelerates

**A top World Health Organization official says some countries with rapidly spreading coronavirus outbreaks might have to reinstate lockdowns and other restrictions to curb the spread of the virus.**

Countries like Spain and Italy successfully drove back severe outbreaks with a comprehensive public health strategy that mobilized the public, said WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

However, some countries have struggled to contain the virus and many still do not have the best systems in place to prevent another outbreak, said Dr. Maria Van Kerkhove, head of the WHO's emerging diseases and zoonosis unit.

"Some countries who have had success in suppressing transmission who are opening up now may have a setback, may have to implement interventions again, may have to implement these so-called lockdowns

again," she said at a news briefing from the agency's headquarters in Geneva. "We hope that we won't have to go into widespread lockdown again. So it's not too late to act fast."

Some of the countries that have responded most effectively to the pandemic have been countries with recent experience handling outbreaks such as SARS in 2003 and MERS in 2013.

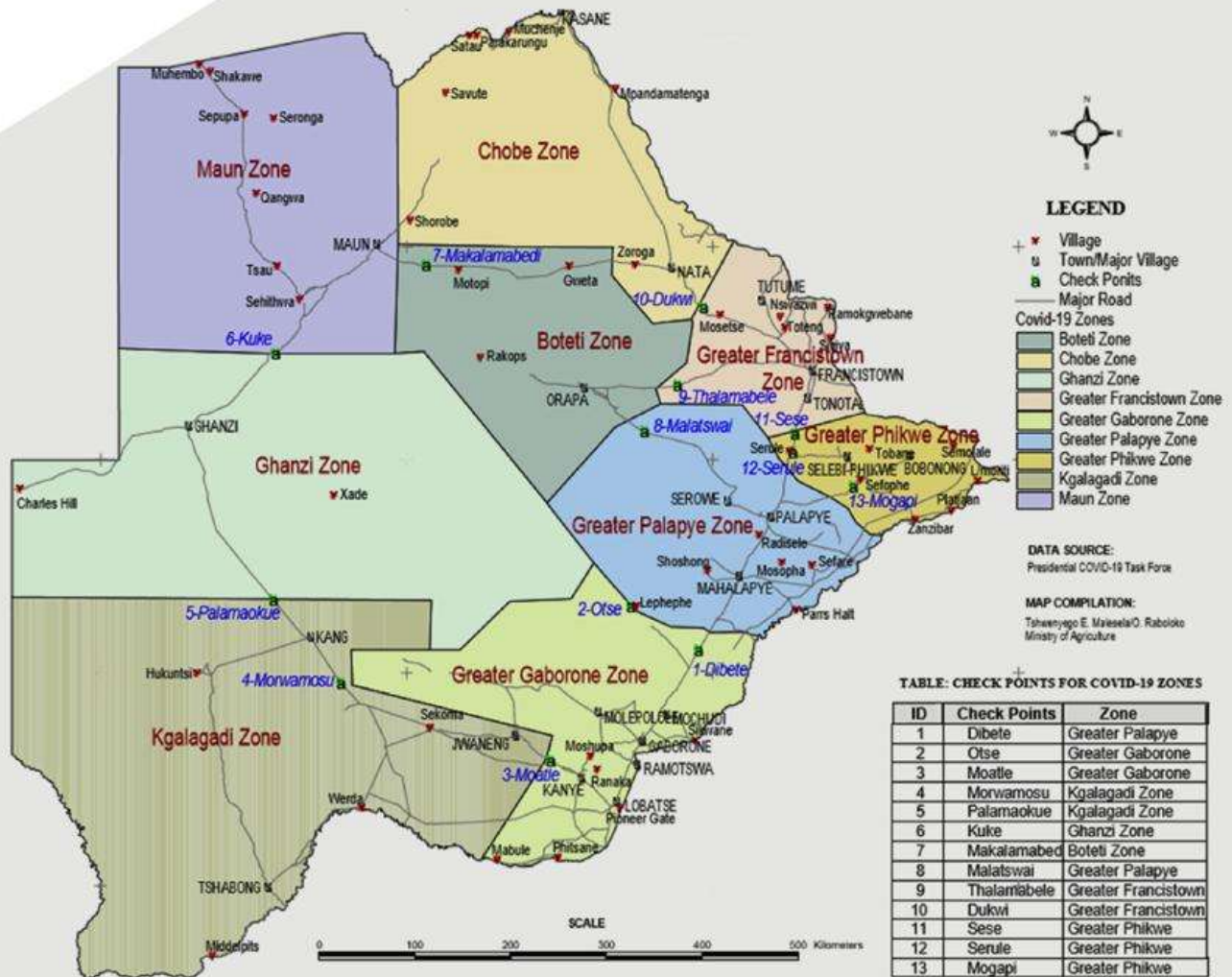
Globally, the pandemic is still accelerating, Tedros said earlier in the briefing. He added that over the past week, more than 160,000 coronavirus infections have been confirmed around the world every single day.

**The virus has now infected more than 10.5 million people globally and killed at least 512,331 people, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University.**



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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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