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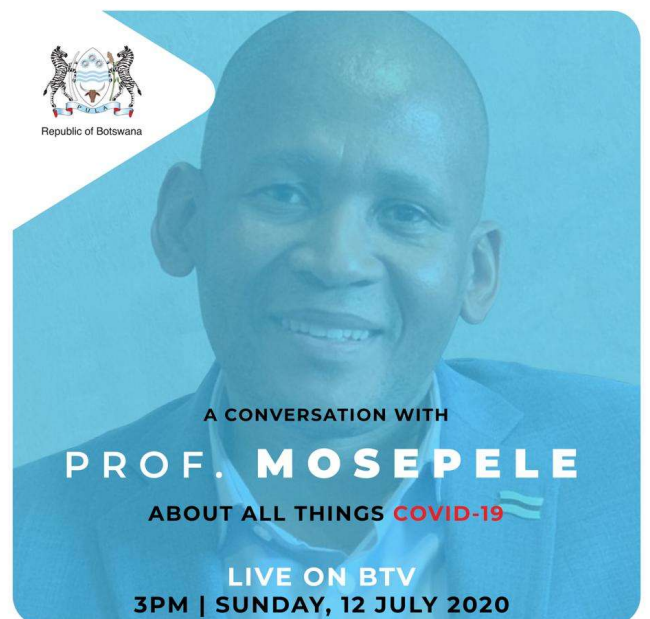
HE President Masisi Addresses the nation amid fuel shortage

President Dr Mokgweetsi E.K Masisi says the advent of COVID-19 and subsequent lockdowns in South Africa have affected Botswana's economy drastically.

In an address to the nation last night, President Masisi highlighted that the fuel shortage that has been experienced across the country in the last two weeks, particularly in the Greater Gaborone and Greater Francistown areas are attributed to various factors.

"South Africa went into a lockdown and when it was lifted, there was a surge in demand for both diesel and petrol putting a strain on their ability to supply, most of the local oil companies are getting their agreed allocations, and they are unable to get anything more than the agreed allocation.

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FUEL RATIONING TO AVERT SHORTAGE

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The situation is so serious that in some instances, oil marketers are limited to two trucks per day", He explained.

His Excellency noted that locally, one of the challenges has been that during the lockdown, fuel stock levels of Oil companies were very low because there was very little activity due to the movement restrictions and as such they did not replenish their stocks on time.

He also cited that the strike action by truck drivers in South Africa, which occurred on 7th July, 2020 also had an impact on supply and will continue if the strike continues. However, he assured the nation that respective Ministers and Senior government officials are continuously engaging their counterparts in South Africa to find lasting solutions to these challenges.

He said Government is actively looking for additional importation routes particularly in Namibia and Mozambique to help meet local demand for fuel. The President said one of the Government decision is that Botswana Oil will source fuel through Namibia and Mozambique and negotiations with importers are at an advanced stage.

President Masi highlighted that Government has decided to review fuel stations' operating hours and ration the sale of fuel as a measures which shall remedy the situation and will effect immediately until the situation normalizes.

The sale of fuel as outlined by the President is as follows:

- Each car will fuel at a maximum cost of Two Hundred and Fifty Pula (P250) only.
- Purchase of fuel with jerry cans will be restricted to Thursdays only.
- There will be no purchasing of petrol with drums or large containers.

Dr Masi cautioned that if people fail to comply with the regulations, Government will have no choice but to take further measures to bring about stability to the supply and demand of fuel.

However His Excellency said the restrictions do not apply to emergency and public transport vehicles

Government may consider reducing the speed limit on highways

Botswana has been experiencing a shortage of fuel since June 27, 2020 and The Government come up with strategic measures to address fuel shortages, with the short and long term solutions.

Addressing the nation last night His Excellency Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi urged Batswana to be mindful of driving at high speed which contributes to the high consumption of fuel.

He cautioned that, Government may consider reducing the speed limit on highways as a temporary measure until the situation normalizes. He also advised the nation to cut down on unnecessary travel and plan each day's travel for efficiency.

President Masisi encouraged Batswana to use public transport and make use of the car pooling method, whenever possible, and to walk or cycle.

"We have tapped into the strategic fuel reserves which normally cover 12 days. At the moment, we are sitting at 8 days cover and we cannot go below five (5) days cover" narrated the President.



COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

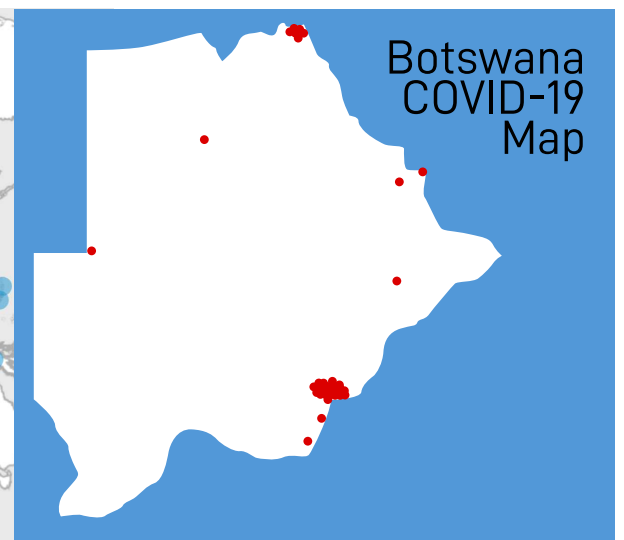
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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 3,105,315	China - 84,992	Eswatini - 1,213
UK - 289,154	Egypt - 79,254	Mozambique - 1,092
Spain - 253,056	Ethiopia - 6,973	Zimbabwe - 885
Italy - 242,363	Madagascar - 3,782	Namibia - 615
South Africa - 238,339	Malawi - 1,942	Angola - 396
France - 207,356	Zambia - 1,895	Lesotho - 91



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BATSWANA URGED TO GUARD AGAINST COVID-19 COMPLACENCY



His Excellency the President, Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi says Botswana must go back to the level of responsibility for which they are known for.

The President said this last night when addressing the nation about issues affecting the country. He urged the nation not to tire to adhering to COVID-19 health protocols.

“That is why I get concerned when I receive reports that despite all of us having worked hard to keep COVID-19 at bay, we are now becoming complacent.

We must not relax against this invisible but defeatable enemy whose risk is increasing as evidenced by the exponential rise in COVID-19 cases in the region and other parts of the world,” the President highlighted.

He lamented that the Coronavirus pandemic is far from over as evidenced by the rising number of infections and fatalities across the globe adding that in Botswana, it has adversely affected economic activities in the tourism, mining, manufacturing and services industries which are the mainstay of our economy.

The President said he is aware that the pandemic has caused instability to people's lives and the economy.

He said calls have been made to open up all sectors of the economy, however we must guard against the urge to open all areas of society simultaneously or quickly.

Dr Masisi said a sensible and gradual approach to getting back

to the new normal is required to enable us to exist safely with COVID-19 until a cure is found or devise a way to live with it safely.

His Excellency reiterated that in the absence of a cure, we should continue to wage a spirited fight against the spread and transmission of COVID-19.

He said that can only be achieved by adhering all the time to the health protocols of extreme social distancing, regular washing of hands with clean water and soap and the use of hand sanitizers, proper wearing of face masks and avoiding travel unless it is absolutely necessary.

Dr Masisi said the protocols have proven to be effective in the absence of a cure.

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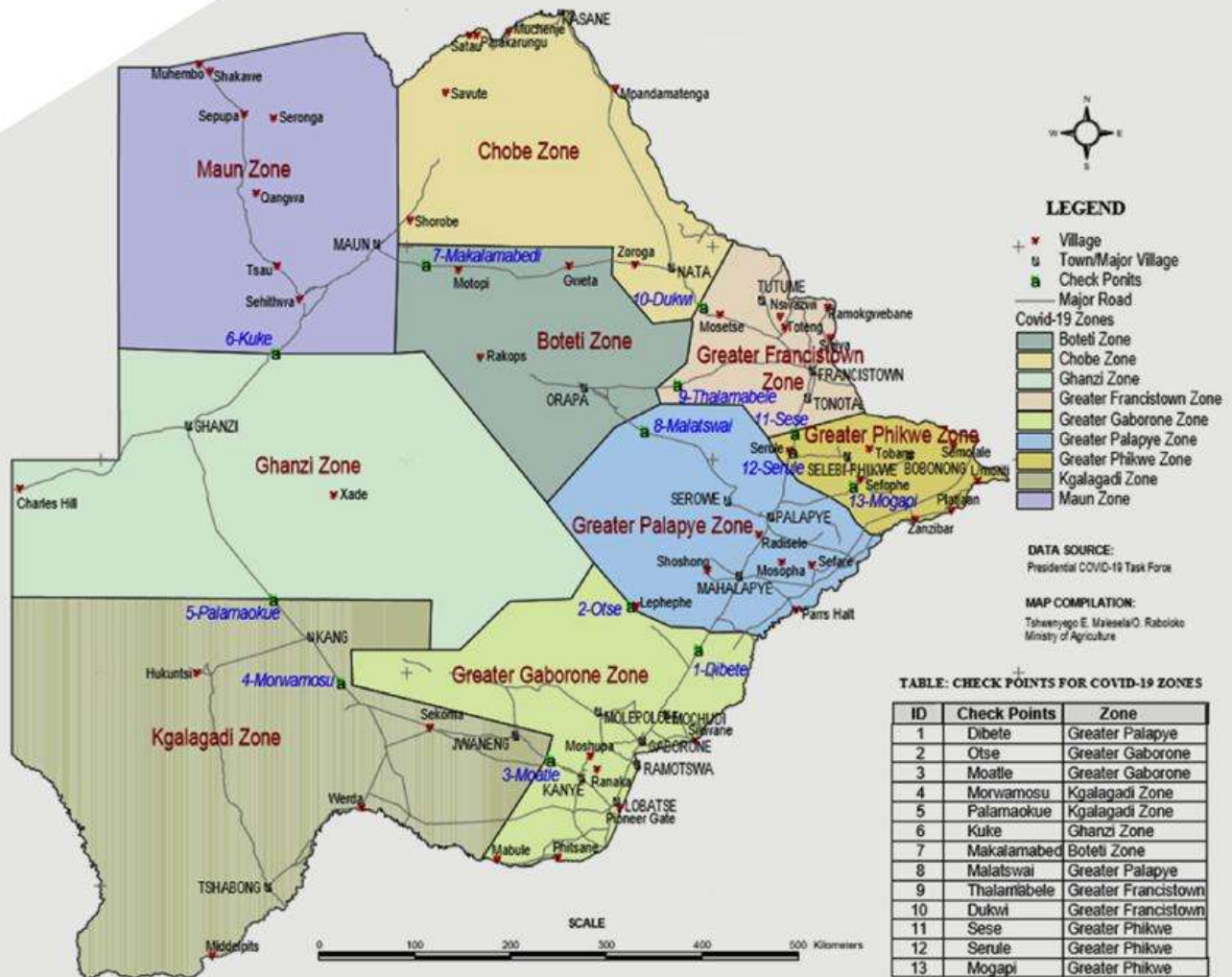
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COVID-19 ZONAL MAP



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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