

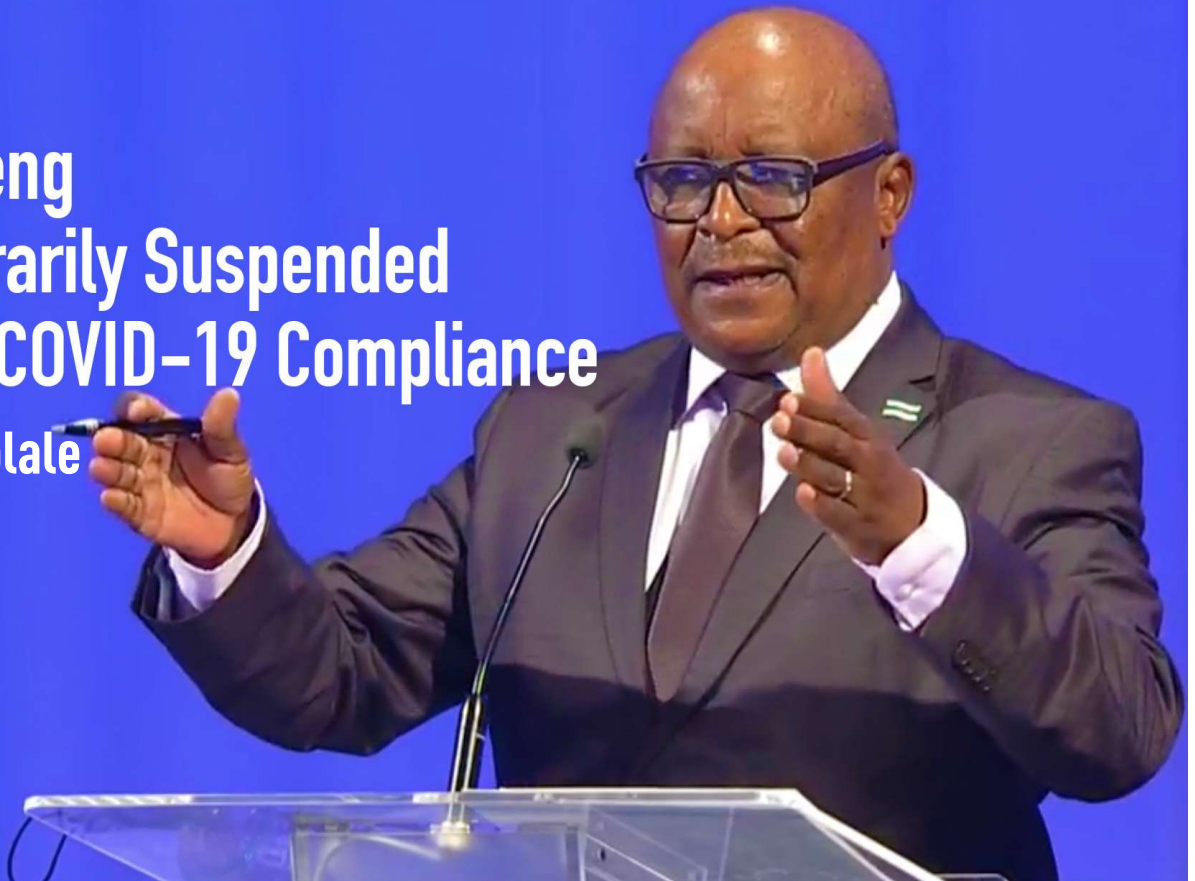


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## Ipelegeng Temporarily Suspended Due to COVID-19 Compliance ~ Hon. Molale



**M**inister of Local Government and Rural Development Honourable Eric Molale says government has no intentions to discontinue Ipelegeng Programme nor has it been Government's intention to seek academic qualifications from Batswana recruited for Ipelegeng.

Addressing members of the media yesterday Minister Molale said However, Ipelegeng was temporarily suspended in order to observe and manage COVID-19 compliance of

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

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containment protocols which includes social distancing and non-sharing of tools. He said his Ministry adheres to the guidelines from the Ministry of Health Wellness and the Presidential task Force on COVID-19. The Minister explained that they have also tabled the issue before Cabinet to map a way forward.

He said Government through his Ministry is actively looking into making improvements to the Ipelegeng Programme with a view to making it more productive and worthy of the budget it attracts on a yearly basis.

On the issue of Scorpions who were roped in to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 virus, "Scorpions were a consequence of the COVID-19 outbreak and were not budgeted for, hence payment of their salaries will be met from possible savings from several programmes budgets, including Ipelegeng Programme" Minister highlighted.

Assistant Minister of Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development Honourable Sethabelo Modukanele further reiterated the Minister's sentiments and highlighted that a total of 2,683 scorpions country wide were engaged at B3 salary



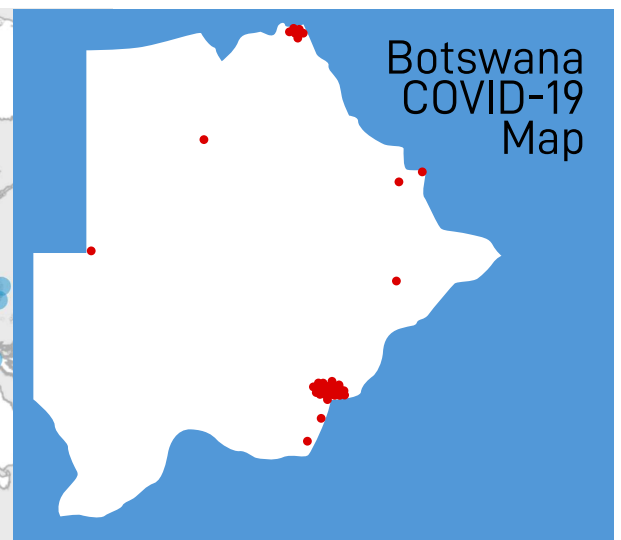
scale which cumulatively adds up to P 172, 718, 125.00 over a ten months period. "Part of this amount will be sourced from the Ipelegeng budget and will no doubt affect the number of people the programme had envisaged to engage", explained the Assistant Minister.

Scorpions were roped in to mitigate the spread of the virus with the expectation to conduct basic risk assessments and recommend appropriate safety measures to students, members of the community and employees of various institutions.

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## COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 3,387,053	China - 85,117	Eswatini - 1,389
UK - 292,931	Egypt - 83,001	Mozambique - 1,268
South Africa - 287,796	Ethiopia - 7,969	Zimbabwe - 1,034
Spain - 256,619	Madagascar - 5,343	Namibia - 864
Italy - 243,344	Malawi - 2,430	Angola - 525
France - 209,640	Zambia - 1,895	Lesotho - 256



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# BATSWANA WARNED AGAINST HARBOURING **ILLEGAL** BORDER JUMPERS

**I**n an endeavor to prevent and contain the spread of coronavirus, the Director of Health Services Dr Malaki Tshipayagae has urged Botswana to be vigilant and report illegal border jumpers to the law enforcement or the village leadership.

Dr Tshipayagae said this on Monday, when giving an update on new COVID-19 cases. He said to date, some border jumpers were arrested and tested positive for Covid-19, hence his plea to Botswana to guard against those who might transmit the virus into the country.

He said at the moment the hotspots are the port of entries and people who cross the border illegally. He noted that the Ministry comprehends that Botswana have relatives in neighboring countries nonetheless said they should not harbor them when they have illegally crossed into Botswana, adding that

their entry might reverse the gains the country has already made against Covid-19.

The Director also highlighted that there are some Botswana who host parties and thus violate Covid-19 protocols. He said if such behavior continues, they might force the country back into lockdown as a measure to prevent possible spread of the virus. He therefore urged the nation to abide by the Covid-19 protocols and exercise caution.

On another note, Dr Tshipayagae regrettably informed the nation that the country has recorded 33 new Covid-19 positive cases of which six are Botswana while 27 are foreigners.

He said to date, there are 32 active cases and 38 recoveries as well as 1 death recorded in the country. He said this brings 71 the total number of Botswana who are Covid-19 positive.


For his part, Botswana Police Service Public Relations Officer, Assistant Commissioner Dipheko Motube said they have reported a considerable decline in crime rates. He said one of the measures they undertook was to dispatch more resources during this covid-19 era to protect the nation.

The Assistant Commissioner said the police are escorting about 200 trucks a day. He said these trucks deliver key essential health commodities and other products to Botswana and other African countries.

Mr Dipheko said key violations of Covid-19 protocols are illegal home brews which has recorded 314 cases from 22 April to 10 July.

Mr Motube also said they have charged people who drink liquor in prohibited areas and those who hosted home parties which violates Covid-19 regulations.





# Lifting of Restrictions for Holding of Meetings, Workshops and Conferences

***Meetings and events world-wide were affected by COVID-19 pandemic. In an endeavor to resuscitate the industry His Excellency the President Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi in accordance with regulation 30G of the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020, has authorised that meetings, workshops and conference may now be convened. Provided that;***

(a) a meeting, workshop or conference shall not have more than 75 persons in attendance at any time,

(b) a person shall not travel across COVID zones for purposes of a meeting, workshop or conference,

(c) a meeting, workshop or conference host may operate where he or she has satisfied the Director of Health Services, or any person authorised by the Director for that purpose, that he or she has the ability to comply with directions for the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 issued by the Director of Health Services as published in the Government Gazette, that -

(i) all persons in attendance of a meeting, workshop or conference shall -

(aa) wear a cloth face mask or homemade item that covers the nose and mouth or another appropriate item that covers the nose and mouth, and

(bb) be provided by the host with clean water and soap to wash their hands or provided with hand sanitizer, and

(cc) observe the social distancing requirements of

being at least two meters apart from each other, (ii) the checking of body temperature of all persons in attendance of a meeting, workshop or conference is carried out by the host, and where a person's body temperature is 37.4 degrees Celsius and above, such person shall not be allowed to access the meeting premises and the person shall be referred to the Director,

(iii) daily disinfection of premises where a meeting, workshop or conference is held, under the supervision of the Director,

(iv) a 30 minutes break every 2 hours during a meeting, workshop or conference to allow for ventilation of the facilities where the premises are enclosed,

(v) the premises where a meeting, workshop or conference shall be closed, upon direction of the Director, where there is a reasonable suspicion that a person who has had accessed premises has come into contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 or that a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 has had access to the premises,

(vi) a meeting, workshop or conference host shall, for purposes of contact tracing, maintain a register containing the personal details and contact details of all persons accessing the premises, and

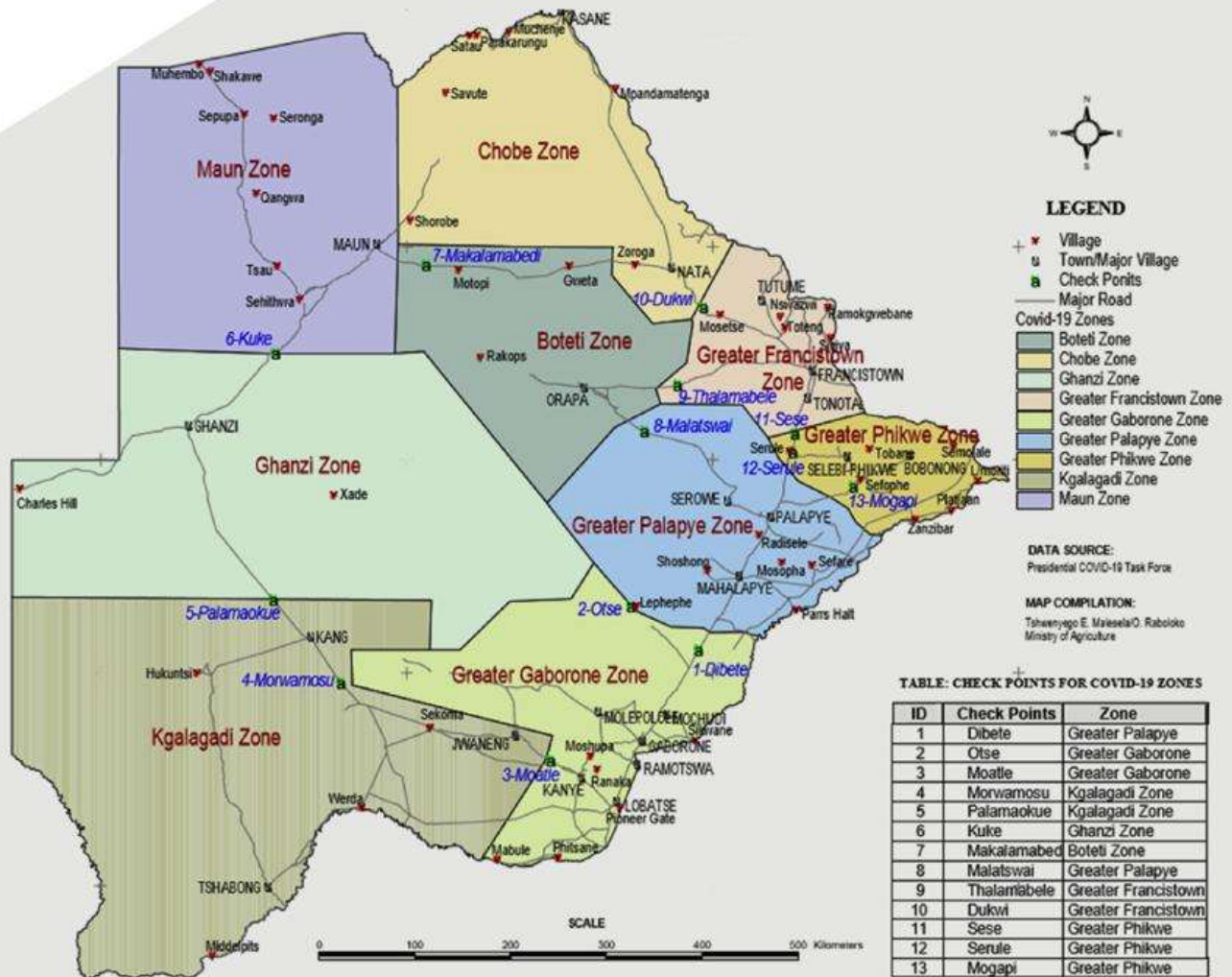
(vii) the register referred to in paragraph (vi) shall be open for inspection by the Director of Health Services for the purposes of contact tracing, and shall be open for inspection by a law enforcement officer for investigation of an offence under the Regulations.





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# COVID-19 ZONAL MAP



## KNOW YOUR ZONES

*Extreme Social Distancing ended on 20th May 2020 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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