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## COVID-19 Survivor Speaks

*"As days went by, I experienced pains on my body,  
lost appetite and sense of smell" ~ Mmoulo*

**T**o date Botswana has confirmed a Total of 522 cases and 96 local positive cases of coronavirus out of which 48 have recovered and have been discharged from designated COVID-19 Hospitals.

Among the recoveries, one of Botswana's Covid-19 recovered patient says it was a horrifying experience to be informed that he has tested positive for the deadly virus that has claimed lives of Tens of Thousands people. Mr Babonye Mmoulo said this when briefing

### CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS 15/07/2020

Lab Tests Performed & resulted	56 541
Negative Cases	55 975
Total Positive Cases	522
Local Positive Cases	96
Total Deaths	1
Recoveries	48
Active Cases	47
Transferred Out	326

COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

# 14,538,115

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members of the media over the weekend. Mr Mmoulo said he embarked on an official trip to the United Kingdom and upon return he was tested and was said to be Covid-19 negative. He said as days went by, he experienced pains on his body, lost appetite and a sense of smell.

He said on the 7th day he experienced intense pain and shortness of breath. He said he could not bear the pain and called for medical assistance.

Mr Mmoulo said he later on tested positive and admitted at Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital. He said despite the fact that he received counseling, he was so scarred thinking its end of his life more so that people have been dying from the disease in other countries.

Mr Mmoulo said he was reassured by members of his family, social workers and Psychologists but still did not come to terms with the fact that he was covid-19 positive.

He said days went by and several tests were conducted. He said after some time he was told he is now negative, adding that he however was not discharged even though he was told he was going to be discharged after 14 days. He said the medical personnel wanted to be sure before he could go home.

He said he continuously tested negative and finally was discharged home but was told to isolate for

further 14 days at home. He said it was a difficult scene when he got home and couldn't hug his loved ones but shot straight to the spare room where he sobbed. Mr Mmoulo said he still tested negative after 14 days at home and that's when he was informed that he can freely mingle with his family.

To date, Mr Mmoulo remains negative and fit. Mr Mmoulo said he want the public to acknowledge and appreciate the gravity of COVID-19 and adhere to COVID-19 guidelines and protocols.



For his part, the Presidential Task Force Covid-19 Scientific Advisor Dr Mogomotsi Matshaba said Mr Mmoulo initially tested negative because he was in the disease incubation period where it could not be detected. He said that's why after he stayed for more days he started showing symptoms and tested positive.

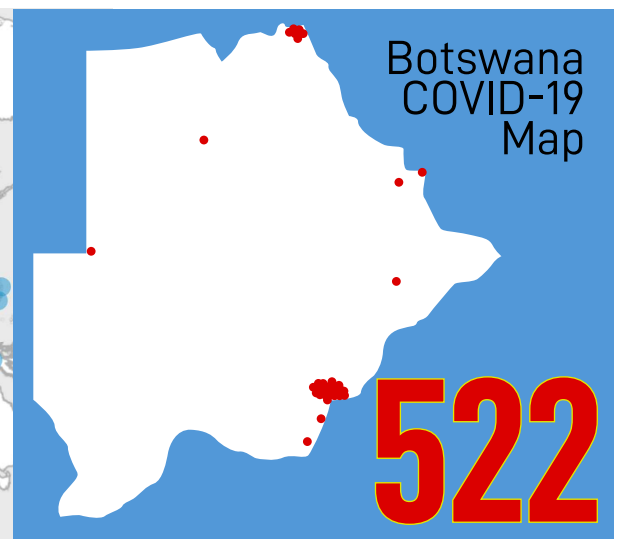
The Advisor said frequent rehydration is of paramount importance among people who are covid-19 positive. He said they tests covid-19 patients several times before they can be declared recoveries just to protect them and their relatives whom they will stay with after being discharged as well as the public.

Dr Matshaba advised patients to research from well recognized websites such of WHO and Centre for Disease Control.

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## COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 3,774,769	Egypt - 87,775	Eswatini - 1,793
South Africa - 364,328	China - 85,314	Zimbabwe - 1,611
UK - 296,364	Ethiopia - 9,503	Mozambique - 1,491
Spain - 260,255	Madagascar - 7,153	Namibia - 1,344
Italy - 244,434	Zambia - 3,326	Angola - 705
France - 211,943	Malawi - 2,992	Lesotho - 359



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# Botswana's COVID-19 Strategy is Effective - Dr Masupu

**T**he Presidential (COVID-19) Task Force Team National Coordinator Dr Kereng Masupu says Botswana's COVID-19 strategy is unique and effective as evidenced by the ongoing border strategy.

"No other country in the region has adopted the Botswana evidence based approach to date" explained Dr Masupu.

Briefing the Media recently, Dr Masupu said repeat testing of high risk persons as often as every 1-3 days is the most effective testing frequency for detecting COVID-19 and should be timely to allow rapid isolation.

The National Coordinator said as part of Botswana's COVID-19 strategy the country will soon start COVID-19 sentinel testing. "Driven by known science about COVID-19 spread, sentinel testing is more effective than mass community testing" explained Dr Masupu.

Dr Masupu explained that

Botswana's first cases of severe respiratory acute syndrome by Coronavirus were first reported at the end of March 2020. Since then several additional imported cases, followed by small clusters of local transmission.

Majority of these cases were asymptomatic and did not show evidence of coronavirus and most of the recent cases also have been largely imported.



He elaborated that sentinel testing exercise will be conducted in pre-selected sites from people who are considered high risk for transmission, factoring in unique to local settings such as borders, border villages, bus/taxi ranks, shop attendants and security personnel among others.

He said COVID-19 cases identified through the sentinel testing would help assess if there is community transmission in the country.

He added that testing of asymptomatic people permits individuals to appreciate their own risk and risk to others.

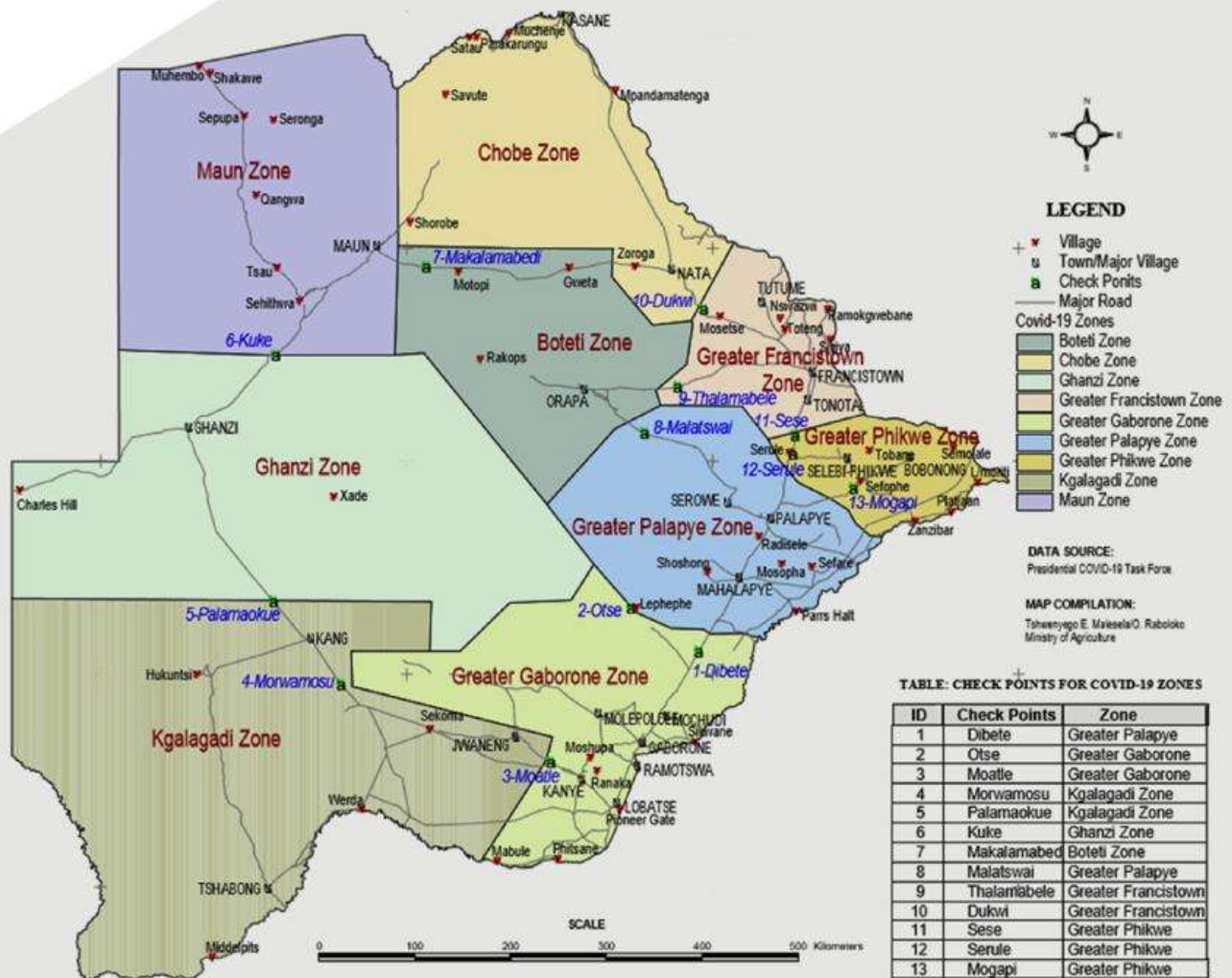
He implored members of the media to stand ready to educate and encourage the community to participate in this exercise so that more people can come get tested.

Countries have been in the grip of the COVID-19 which has led to tens of thousands of deaths and overburdened most Healthcare systems.



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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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**CORONAVIRUS IS STILL  
A SERIOUS THREAT!**

# FROM "I" TO "US"...

**Team building means marching  
in step. Let US all:**

- Sanitise.
- Maintain social distancing.
- Wear masks.
- Remember to bSafe. Use the app.

*Own your space. Own your health!*