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Impact of COVID-19 On NDB Business Operations

C COVID-19 virus caused a spasmodic shock to the global economy with no definite clarity on the pathway of the pandemic.

National Development Bank (NDB) Chief Executive Officer, Ms Lorato Morapedi said as the pandemic unfolds with economic fallout spreads, they find themselves having to strategize and solicit lasting tangible steps to recalibrate their business.

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

16,330,977

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CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS 28/07/2020

Lab Tests Performed & resulted	66 744
Negative Cases	66 005
Total Positive Cases	739
Local Positive Cases	119
Total Deaths	2
Recoveries	63
Active Cases	54
Transferred Out	620

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She said NDB is expecting a total credit losses of about 64 million Pula losses due to customers not paying the money they owe the Bank. She said as a strategy to combat COVID-19, the Government announced a lockdown in the country a similar action taken by many governments around the world.

She said to support NDB funded businesses during the pandemic, the bank set aside 100 million Pula



towards forbearance measures to cushion the businesses against the adverse effects of COVID-19. These included Repayment holiday, Extension of repayment periods, Waivers on Penalty interest and Moratorium period extension. She said they introduced for forbearance measures to accommodate the borrower's affected cash flow situation caused by the pandemic.

On another note, Ms Morapedi said the Bank has been included under the BECI Credit Guarantee Scheme which covers 80% of the security towards working capital finance to cushion projects from the effects of COVID-19.

The CEO highlighted that given Botswana's urgent need to attain food security and reduce the food import bill, the bank's repositioning will ensure that focused investments are made into the agricultural sector to foster commercialization of impactful farming activities.

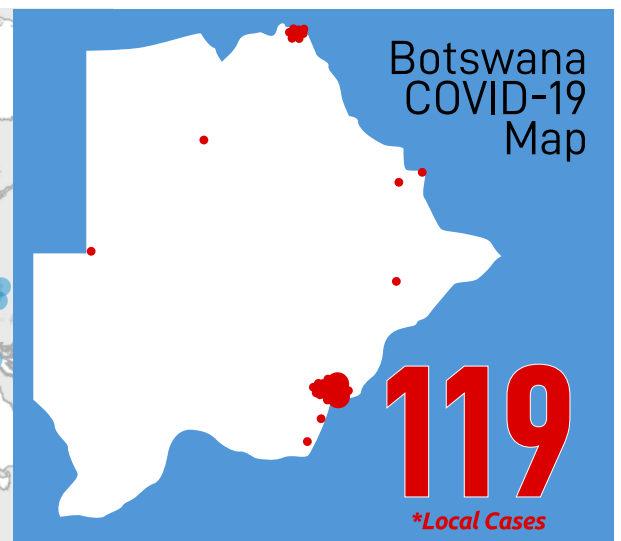
She said NDB continues to focus on implementation of the Letsema 2019-2022 Strategy which is aligned to the Government's transformation agenda which identified agriculture as an area of focus among others.



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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 4,309,230	Egypt - 92,482	Zimbabwe - 2,704
South Africa - 452,529	China - 86,889	Eswatini - 2,316
UK - 302,290	Ethiopia - 14,547	Namibia - 1,917
Spain - 278,782	Madagascar - 10,104	Mozambique - 1,701
Italy - 246,488	Zambia - 5,002	Angola - 950
France - 220,352	Malawi - 3,709	Lesotho - 505



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Business Of Parliament



Government is said to have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic through the Economic Response Plan whose components included assistance to business, the workers and the households.

Answering a Parliamentary question, Minister of Finance and Economic Development Honourable Thapelo Matsheka said a number of measures were put in place for the purpose of business stability. He said some of the interventions that were implemented to stabilize business included, Loan guarantee, reduction of the bank rate, restructure existing loans to extend the loan repayments period and BURS allowing deferral of 75% of any quarterly payments between March and September 2020.

For Support to the workers, Honourable Matsheka said government through the Economic Response Plan assisted around 200 000 employees from approximately 16 000 companies at an estimated P 807 million. He noted that P350 million Pula was spent on food hampers and 429 255 households were assisted.

Minister Matsheka said beyond the stabilization period government is developing an Economic Recovery and Transformation Plan (ERTP) with the aim among other things to support the general business environment. He highlighted that ERTP provides medium and long term measures to mitigate the economic impact of the pandemic, support business and underpin the restoration of economic growth.

He added that the ERTP specifically recognises the tourism industry as being the industry that is hardest hit due to COVID-19 and that it is likely to be amongst the slowest to recover from the pandemic.



Hon. Matsheka

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Minister Matsheka said as some sectors of the economy were affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic there seem to be glim of hope as some sectors begins to recover.

Minister Matsheka was answering a question from the Leader of Opposition Dumelang Saleshando who wanted to know if Government will put in place measures to address risks facing businesses, workers and households on account of COVID-19.



Hon. Shaleshando

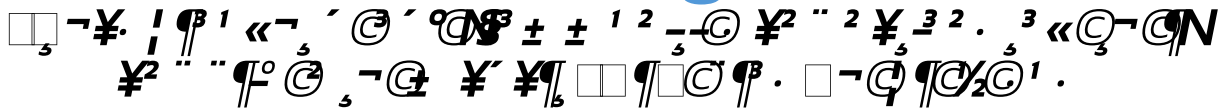
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World Health
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COVID-19 has changed our world



World Health Organization Director General, Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus says this Thursday will mark six months since his organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of international concern.

During his opening remarks at the media briefing on COVID-19, he said almost 16 million cases were reported to WHO, and more than 640,000 deaths and the pandemic continues to accelerate.

He said in the past 6 weeks, the total number of cases had roughly doubled. "When I declared a Public Health Emergency of international concern on the 30th of January - the highest level of alarm under international law, there were less than 100 cases outside of China, and no deaths" stated the Director General.

He said as required under the International Health Regulations, he will reconvene the Emergency Committee later in the week to re-evaluate the pandemic and advise accordingly.

Dr Ghebreyesus said countries and communities that have followed COVID-19 advice carefully and consistently have done

well, either in preventing large-scale outbreaks - like Cambodia, New Zealand, Rwanda, Thailand, Viet Nam, and islands in the Pacific and Caribbean - or in bringing large outbreaks under control - like Canada, China, Germany and the Republic of Korea. These are just a few examples, but there are many more that could have been listed.

"The bottom line is that one of the most fundamental ingredients for stopping this virus is determination, and the willingness to make hard choices to keep ourselves and each other safe, said WHO Director General.

Over the past 6 months, WHO has worked tirelessly to support countries to prepare for and respond to this virus.

Dr Ghebreyesus said WHO has brought together thousands of experts from all over the world, in many disciplines, to analyze the evolving evidence and distil it into guidance an act he said it has never before W.H.O produced such a large volume of technical advice in such a short period. [WHO](#)

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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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