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GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON REPATRIATION OF BATSWANA IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES AMIDST COVID-19

GABORONE, 15th June 2020: The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to reiterate that the Government of Botswana remains committed to safeguard the welfare of Batswana in foreign countries through the provision of consular services and support through the Botswana diplomatic missions. This includes facilitation of repatriation, where possible.

To date, the Ministry has facilitated the safe return of over 500 Batswana, including those who were stranded in South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe, and in various other countries overseas. Those facilitated from overseas, were part of the 94 nationals who recently returned home, on board a chartered Ethiopian Airline flight, on 3rd June 2020. It should be noted that the costs of the flight to Botswana were borne by the passengers.

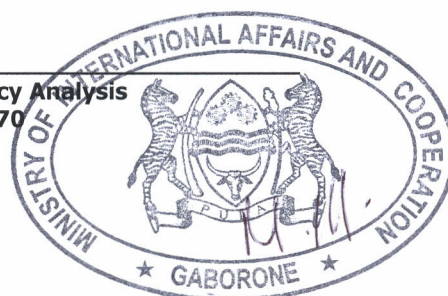
The Ministry wishes to inform that these support services will continue to be provided through the twenty-three (23) Botswana Diplomatic Missions abroad. However, it should be noted that due to budgetary constraints it will no longer be possible for the Government of Botswana to charter any more relief flights.

Nonetheless, the Ministry will through the Botswana Diplomatic Missions continue to engage with other governments and airlines, and advise Batswana who wish to return home on the availability of flights coming to the region. Further information on these services can be obtained from the Botswana Missions abroad and the Department of Protocol and Consular Services at the Ministry's Headquarters.

The Ministry further wishes to encourage Batswana to always register with the nearest Botswana Diplomatic Mission whenever they travel abroad, and to ensure that travel insurance is built into the costs of their journeys.

The Public is also reminded that COVID- 19 protocols remain in effect in Botswana and neighbouring countries. Batswana traveling from or transiting through neighbouring countries are therefore required to fully comply with these measures by among others securing the relevant travel permits. Such permits should be applied for through the

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Botswana Diplomatic Missions in the respective country, and should be secured prior to the trip back to Botswana.

The list of Botswana Diplomatic Missions abroad and their areas of coverage, as well as, their contacts are attached for the appreciation of the public.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

S/N	BOTSWANA MISSION	OFFICE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
1	Australia (Canberra), BOTAUS (Mission also accredited to: New Zealand, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Australia, Fiji, Solomon Islands, and Samoa)	+612 6290 7500	tbareki@gov.bw
2	Belgium (Brussels), BOTEUR (Mission also accredited to: Luxembourg, Netherlands, Italy, Belgium, African Caribbean & Pacific, International Criminal Court, International Court of Justice, Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, World Food Program, World Tourism Organisation)	+32 273 520 70	tbaleseng@gov.bw srmatambo@gov.bw
3	Brazil (Brasilia), BOTBRAZ (Mission also accredited to: Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Venezuela, Guyana, Mercusor, Caricom)	+55 61 3120 1250/1	kemugabe@gov.bw
4	China (Beijing), BOTCHIN (Mission also accredited to: China, Malaysia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Vietnam, Singapore, Pakistan, ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations)	+8610 6539 1616	mtngwenya@gov.bw
5	Ethiopia, (Addis Ababa), BOTETH (Mission also accredited to: Ethiopia, African Union, Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco, and United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Libya)	+2511 371 5422/3	skelaotswe@gov.bw
6	France (Paris), BOTFRA	+3317 890 6920	osekape@gov.bw
7	Germany (Berlin), BOTGEM (Mission also accredited to: Poland)	+490 308 871 95010	info@embassyofbotswana.de
8	India (New Delhi), BOTIND (Mission also accredited to: India, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka)	+9111 4653 7000	mbonang@gov.bw
9	Japan (Tokyo), BOTJAP (Mission also accredited to: Japan, Thailand, Philippines, and Republic of Korea)	+813 5440 5676	ptelekelo@gov.bw
10	Kenya (Nairobi), BOTKEN (Mission also accredited to: Uganda, Seychelles, Un-Habitat, Burundi, UNEP, Rwanda, Sudan, South Sudan, Great Lakes Region, Kenya, and African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN))	+254 20 444 7735	oseeketso@gov.bw
11	Kuwait , (Kuwait City), BOTKUW (Mission also accredited to: Kuwait, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Yemen)	+965 2538 3619	dkgasa@gov.bw
12	Mozambique (Maputo), BOTMOZ (Mission also accredited to: Mozambique, Mauritius, Seychelles, Comoros)	+258 2124 3800	tbatlhoki@gov.bw
13	Namibia (Windhoek), BOTNAM (Mission also accredited to: Namibia, SACU, Republic of Congo, SADC Tribunal, Angola, and SADC Parliamentary Forum)	+26461 221 941/2/7	mamabutho@gov.bw
14	Nigeria (Abuja), BOTNIG (Mission also accredited to: Mali, Cameroon, Ivory coast, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Gambia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Liberia,	+234 97 822 181/782	brpaya@gov.bw

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15	South Africa (Pretoria), BOTSA (Mission also accredited to: Lesotho, Swaziland, Madagascar, and RSA)	+2712 430 9640	kmolomo@gov.bw
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16	South Africa (Johannesburg), BOTBURG	+2711 4033 748	Cbokgolea@gov.bw
			Tmphinyane@gov.bw
17	Switzerland (Geneva), BOTGEN (Mission also accredited to: Austria, Greece, Turkey, Switzerland, United Nations, UN Subsidiary Organs and Other International Organizations Based in Geneva AND Vienna such as: UNCTAD, WHO, WTO, HRC, ILO IAEA, ITU, ICRC IPU, WCC, IOM, UNHCR, IACA, ITC, IFRCRCS, WIPO, UNIDO)	+4122 906 1060	mkoorapetse@gov.bw
			gphologo@gov.bw
18	Sweden (Stockholm), BOTSTOCK (Mission also accredited to: Norway, Lithuania, Denmark, Estonia, Iceland, Latvia, Russia, Holy See, Finland, Poland, Ukraine, Sweden, International Institute of Democracy & Electoral Assistance (IDEA))	+468 5452 5880	tmnoseki@gov.bw
			jurowland@gov.bw
19	United Kingdom (London), BOHICO (Mission also accredited to: UK, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ireland, Israel, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Slovak Republic, Malta, Commonwealth)	+44207 4990 031	jkmoribame@govbw.com
20	USA (New York), BOTSREP (Mission also accredited to: United Nations, Cuba, Jamaica)	+1212 889 2277	IDabutha@gov.bw
21	USA (Washington), BOTWASH (Mission also accredited to: Canada, Antigua & Barbuda, Mexico Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Haiti, IMF, World Bank, USA)	+1202 2444 990/1	wphetlhu@botswanaembassy.org
22	Zambia (Lusaka), BOTCOM (Mission also accredited to: Democratic Republic of the Congo, United Republic of Tanzania, and Common Market for Eastern & Southern Africa (COMESA), Zambia)	+2601 250 555/253 903/2500 19/2520 58	pmachado@gov.bw
23	Zimbabwe (Harare), BOTZIM (Mission also accredited to: Malawi)	+2634 794 645/7/8	EKuhlmann@gov.bw