



# PRESIDENTIAL (COVID-19) TASK FORCE BULLETIN

COVID-19 | LOCKDOWN PHASE 1 Issue 24 | Tuesday, 05 May 2020

Day 33

## Special Meeting of Parliament

Today at 1400Hrs  
Boipuso Hall  
Live on BTV



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### Steve Harvey Donates PPE To Botswana

**P**opular American TV host and a friend to Botswana Mr Steve 'Mothusi' Harvey and his wife Marjorie 'Lesedi' Harvey have donated 5 tonnes of Personal Protective Clothing (PPE) to Botswana. *To page 3*

*"Remember to maintain social distancing, cough into your inner elbow, continue washing your hands with clean water and soap or use sanitizers. We are known to be a resilient nation. Together we will win this war." ~ President Masisi*

SAY NO TO TOBACCO  
IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 AND ALWAYS

HIGHER CHANCE OF TRANSMISSION  
FROM HAND TO MOUTH

<b>CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS</b>	
04/05/2020	
Lab Tests Performed & resulted	9066
Negative Cases	9043
Positive Cases	23
Total Deaths	1
Recoveries	8
Active Cases	14

# LEA trade through digital channels



**L**ocal Enterprise Agency's Chief Executive Officer has said the advent of the 4th Industrial Revolution has introduced business disruption as a strategy for market entry and penetration. Dr Racious Moatshe said the COVID-19 pandemic has however brought about disruption on a scale that is unprecedented.

He said at the end of March 2020, LEA conducted a snap survey to assess the impact of COVID-19 on LEA registered SMMES across the LEA branches country-wide. According to the CEO, the survey covered 382 enterprises, and revealed the following notable highlights;

- 63% of businesses surveyed had suspended operations, with an average

reduction in monthly revenue of 47%. The 382 enterprises have 2,669 employees, with a total wage bill of P5.9 million.

- The tourism sector, which accounts for 27% of the jobs in the survey, bore the brunt of the impact, with a 72% revenue loss in March 2020, which put 729 jobs at risk.

The 142 (37%) enterprises that remained operational faced challenges that jeopardised their viability. The challenges included amongst others challenges in importing raw materials, reduced revenue due to COVID-19 related restrictions and inability to pay fixed costs (salaries, rentals, loans etc).

Dr Moatshe said it is imperative for enterprises to trade through digital

channels in order to remain relevant in the 4IR. He revealed that LEA is working towards availing access to online resources tailored towards building SMMES capabilities, with focus on business continuity and to assist with business recovery.

On the overall, in order to leapfrog and leverage on ICT as a business enabler, LEA has partnered with stakeholder institutions to collectively explore value chain opportunities for digitization and online trading platforms for producers to link with the retailers and other sources of markets with the plan being to pilot with the horticultural produce.

## The Lockdown Extended in Phases

### Phase I

The current lockdown conditions period will be extend by one week, from May 1st to May 7th, 2020. During this period, The Government will also develop and finalize regulations for a phased lifting of lockdown rules in low risk sectors.

### Phase II

Starting from May 8th to May 14th, Government, will lift in a phased manner, some lockdown rules while at the same time introducing additional plans for further lifting of the remaining lockdown rules.

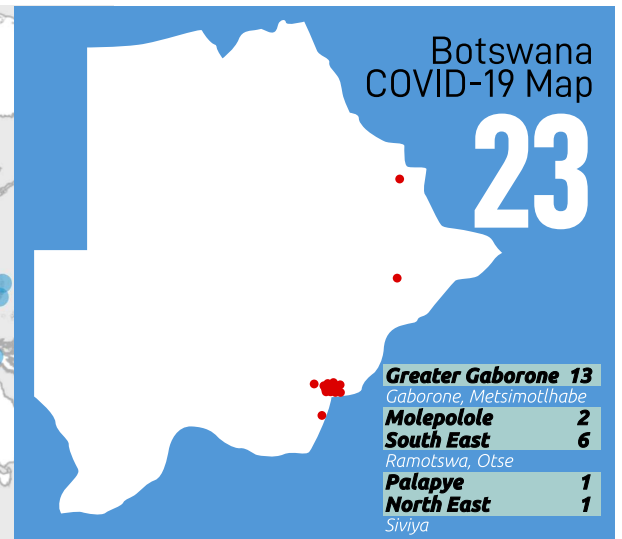
### Phase III

From May 15th to May 22nd, which will be the final week of the lockdown extension, Government will lift the remaining rules from the original lockdown rules implemented on March 30th, 2020.

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## COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 1,552,985	Egypt - 6,813	Mozambique - 80
Spain - 217,466	South Africa - 6,783	Malawi - 41
Italy - 211,938	Madagascar - 149	Angola - 35
UK - 191,831	Ethiopia - 140	Zimbabwe - 34
France - 168,969	Zambia - 137	Botswana - 23
China - 83,965	Eswatini - 116	Namibia - 16



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# Steve Harvey Donates PPE To Botswana

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The equipment which includes masks, gowns, gloves and goggles is expected in Botswana today. At the beginning of the Corona Virus outbreak, Mr Harvey offered to assist Botswana any way possible in the fight against Covid-19. Commenting on the donation, Mr Harvey said Botswana gave his family a warm reception and that the country has become his second home. Mr Harvey added "I remain committed to standing with the people of Botswana."

His Excellency the President Mokgweetsi Masisi said the donation is a most precious gift from Mothusi. "I express the warmest gratitude on behalf of the people of my country, Botswana and on my own behalf. Mr Harvey has been true to his name," said President Masisi.

For his part, the Coordinator of the Presidential Covid-19 Task Force Dr Kereng Masupu applauded Mr Harvey's gesture saying it will help in combating the spread of Covid-19 in the country. "Mr Harvey's donation shows that he is a true friend of Botswana and is committed to its long term well-being," added Dr Masupu.

# South Africa ease restrictions



South African Minister of Trade and Industry Ebrahim Patel says around 1.5 million workers in selected industries returned to work yesterday. The Southern African country gradually eased its strict covid-19 lockdown on Friday the 1st.

The lockdown which kicked started on the 27th March 2020 to contain the spread of the virus had serious economic factors. Upon realizing that the country was plunging into deeper economic turmoil, President Cyril Ramaphosa took a decision to categorically ease lockdown restrictions in an endeavor to balance between the economy and public health.

South Africa's lockdown took five weeks having registered 6,783 confirmed cases, 131 deaths and 2,549 recoveries.

**COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide**

# 3,552,985

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## Truck Monitoring 29-30 April 2020

BORDER	Arrival	Departure
Tlokweng	73	71
Ramatlabama	79	55
Martin's Drift	29	87
Pioneer	58	42
Mamuno	47	54
Kazungula Road Border	20	6
Kazungula Ferry	39	20
Ngoma	0	0
Ramokgwebana	1	11
Mohembo	1	0
Sub Total	347	346
<b>Total</b>	<b>693</b>	

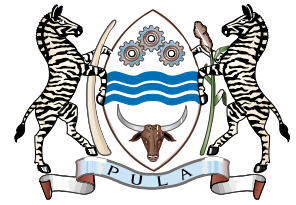
**HOW TO PUT ON, USE, TAKE OFF AND DISPOSE OF A MASK**

**To remove the mask: remove it from behind (do not touch the front of mask); discard immediately in a closed bin; clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water**

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# APPLY ONLINE

[www.gov.bw](http://www.gov.bw)

## COVID-19 E-PERMIT APPLICATION SYSTEM

### Applying for Permits for Exceptional Movement of Persons during the State of Public Emergency

#### Stage 1 | Registration

- I. Log on to [www.gov.bw](http://www.gov.bw)
- II. Applicant's Details A (Personal details)
- III. Contact details of 2 household members  
(Fill out your contact details)

#### Stage 2

- I. Click on Category of Permit (Fill appropriate Part)
- II. Essential Services (State)
- III. Transport of Essential Goods
- IV. Special Permit (Select reason )

#### Stage 3

- I. Notification by sms if Approved
- II. Notification by sms if pending
- III. Notification by sms if not approved

**-NB APPLY THE NEXT DAY IF NOT APPROVED**

#### Please Note

**I. The best Permit is to stay home and save lives**

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