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## Two NEW COVID-19 Cases as Botswana reaches **40**

**D**irector of Health Services Dr Malaki Tshipayagae yesterday announced two (2) more imported positive cases of COVID-19. The two cases no bring the total number of positive cases to 40. Meanwhile Dr Tshipayagae said the 12 people who tested positive have been voluntarily repatriated to their respective countries.

Despite the rising number of cases, most people who get infected only suffer mild symptoms and make a recovery.

COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

# 6,318,040

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### CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS

02/06/2020

Lab Tests Performed & resulted	23337
Negative Cases	23297
Positive Cases	40
Total Deaths	1
Recoveries	23
Active Cases	4
Transferred Out	12

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# IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRADE ACT AND THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ACT

**G**overnment will expedite implementation of the amended Trade and Industrial Development Acts to contribute towards economic empowerment of citizens.

In a televised national brief, His Excellency the President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi said Government will prioritise the enactment of the Citizen Economic Empowerment and the Economic Diversification Drive laws.

"I also want to assure the private sector that Government will continue to support youth through strategic interventions as we move towards full economic recovery.

There are many lessons that we have and will continue to take away as a nation during this crisis and one of them is the need to fast-track local production of essential goods and services", President Masisi explained.

The Acts were passed by Parliament on the 8th August 2019 and assented into Law on the 28th August 2019. This was followed by development of the Trade Regulations, 2020 and the Industrial Development Regulations, 2020 and their implementation commenced on Monday the 1st of June 2020.

When briefing the media, the Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry Honourable Peggy Serame said the review of both the Trade Act of 2003 as well as the Industrial Development Act of 2006 are part of Government's Doing Business Reforms Roadmap.

She explained that the review aims at reducing the time taken to start a business, hence improving the doing business environment. It also aims to simplify licensing procedures and improve efficiency in the issuance of trade and industrial licenses and registration certificates.

"Further, revised Acts have abolished Licensing Committees; and introduced issuance of both licenses and registration certificates over the counter" she emphasized.

## Trade Act and Regulations

**There are 45 trade licenses under the Trade Act, 2019 and these have been divided into two (2) categories:**

i) Trade activities with immediate health and safety concerns require Licensing, therefore, inspections of business premises, which include environmental health and zoning, should be conducted before start of operation.

ii) The ten (10) activities which will require licensing are: Fresh Produce; Takeaway; Funeral Parlour; Restaurant; Hair and Beauty Parlour; Cosmetic Shop; Agricultural Shop; Optician; Pharmacy and Gymnasium.

**NB:** *Licensing of Petrol Filling Station has since been transferred to Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority.*

## Industrial Act Regulations

Industrial Activities with immediate health and safety concerns, which require licensing include; Animal Feed, Baby Formula, Food, Beverages, Cement, Chemical products or any product that the Minister may prescribe.

# Omang Services remain suspended



**S**ome services including applications for new Omang cards and replacement of expired ones has been suspended until further notice.

Briefing the media yesterday, the Minister of Nationality, Immigration and Gender Affairs Hon. Annah Mokgethi said the decision was made after observing an influx of customers coming to seek related services at the office but did not observe the social distancing protocols.

She noted that expired National Identity Card should be treated valid until the service resumes. Minister Mokgethi said those who have already submitted their applications before the lockdown period can collect their Omang cards from offices where they have applied.

She explained that foreigners whose permits expired during the lockdown can now visit the office for renewal of their permits. Processing of VISA, however, remain suspended.

Hon Mokgethi said during the lockdown period, there was an increase in the number of gender based offences especially kids between the ages of 2 and 7 years. She said the ministry will continue to promote gender equality and gender sensitive policies and procedures on an ongoing basis.

She commended those who offered their houses as accommodation and volunteered their services to gender violence victims.

**Chill** No need to panic buy. Observe Social Distancing

Consume in the comfort of your home  
Corona Virus is still a serious threat

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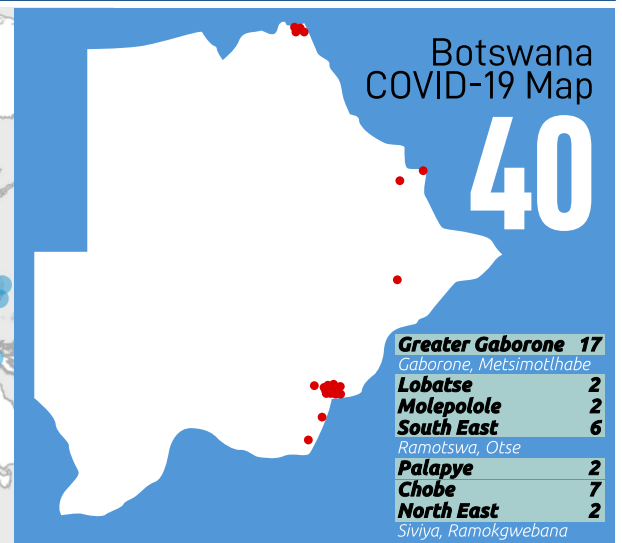
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## COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 1,817,785	South Africa - 35,812	Mozambique - 307
UK - 277,738	Egypt - 26,384	Eswatini - 293
Spain - 239,932	Ethiopia - 1,344	Zimbabwe - 203
Italy - 233,515	Zambia - 1,089	Angola - 86
France - 189,348	Madagascar - 845	Botswana - 40
China - 84,160	Malawi - 336	Namibia - 25



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# National Housing Demand Stands At 17,252

**H**ousing and Infrastructure has been described as essential to the development process of any nation. However, novel COVID-19 has brought into sharp focus the need for adequate infrastructure and housing.

During a media brief, Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Infrastructure and Housing Development Mr Bareng Malatsi thus emphasized the importance of housing in provision of dignity to humanity and protection against elements of weather.

As he gave an update on resumption of work post COVID-19 lockdown and re-opening of the economy, he said the national housing demand stands at 17,252.

Of this number, 7,700 is for Government Pool houses, 3,517 of which is in Gaborone alone. He said as the Ministry opens up applications for pool houses, they are also exploring other options for housing with focus not only limited to civil servants, but the nation at large. The issue of pool housing calls for mindset change from Government being the provider of housing to private individuals providing housing.

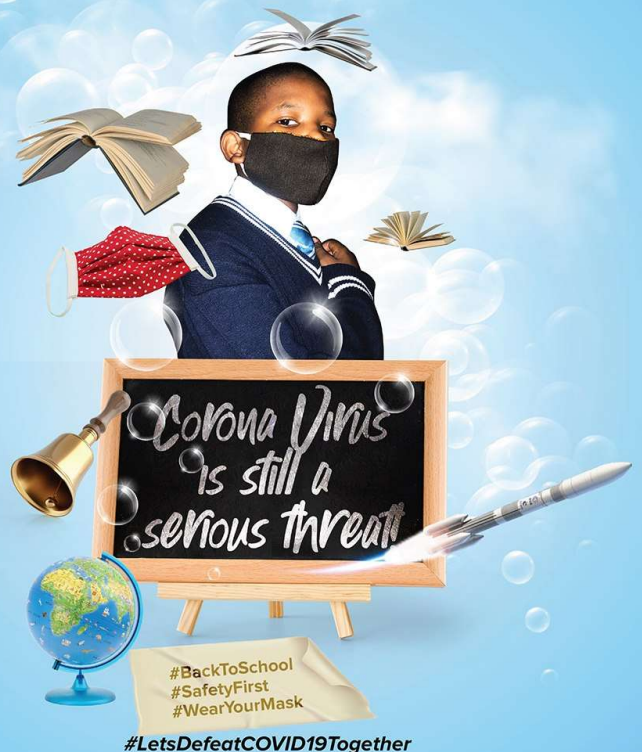
He stated that during previous updates, it was indicated that construction sector has been allowed to gradually resume, subject to strict adherence to COVID-19 protocols. He said it was gratifying that contractors have largely followed the guide to resume work with various construction projects, including housing, being at different levels of project commencement.

Photo: Botswana Housing Corporation



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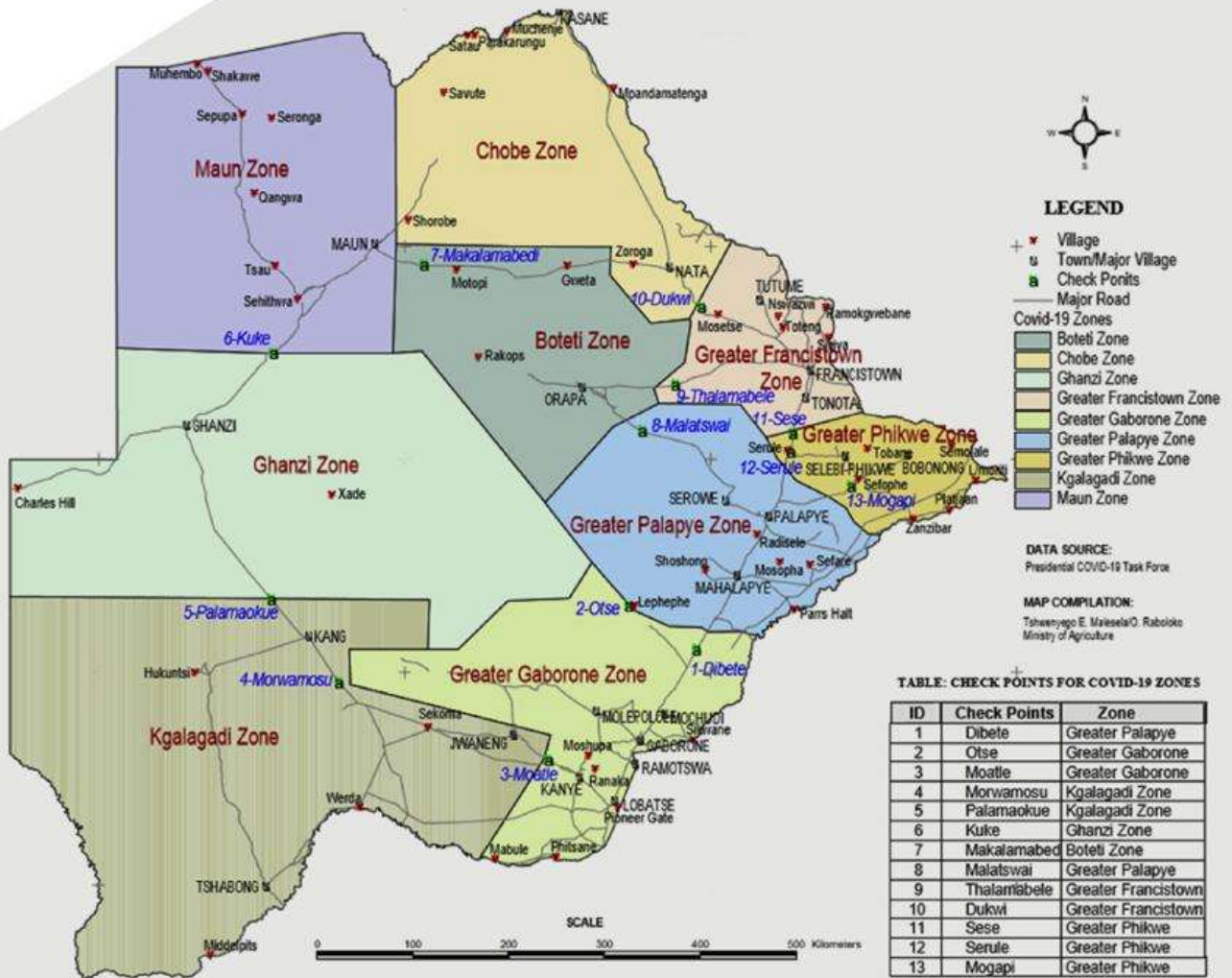
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# COVID-19 ZONAL MAP



## KNOW YOUR ZONES

*Extreme Social Distancing ended on Wednesday 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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