



PRESIDENTIAL (COVID-19) TASK FORCE BULLETIN

COVID-19 | LOCKDOWN

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Government introduces e-Permit

The Presidential (COVID-19) Task Team in collaboration with Botswana Institute for Technology, Research and Innovation (BITRI) has introduced an Electronic Permit application system for exceptional movement of persons during the State of Public Emergency.

The purpose of the electronic permit is to monitor movement of people in case of contact with a person who tests positive for COVID-19 and to prevent the possibility of spreading the corona virus due to overcrowding at District Commissioner and other Government Offices across the country.

The transition to the online application will greatly promote extreme social distancing and help curb possibility of the spread of the covid19 virus.

The permit is available on the government portal www.gov.bw

PREVENT THE SPREAD
OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



WASH HANDS AFTER
BLOWING YOUR NOSE

2,023,663

COVID-19 confirmed cases reach
2 Million Mark worldwide

@ Johns Hopkins University & Medicine 15/4/20

CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS

14/04/2020

Lab Tests Performed & resulted	3441
Negative Cases	3428
Positive Cases	13
Total Deaths	1
New Confirmed Cases	0



Floods threaten Okavango

The District Emergency Operation Centre in Okavango is highly alert as the water levels are continuing to rise in Okavango river system.

Some of the villages likely to be flooded include, Kauxhwi, Xakao, Ikoga, Etsha 13 and others. Should floods arise during the 28 days of extreme social distancing, consequently, this might put a strain on government efforts in the fight against COVID-19. The floods

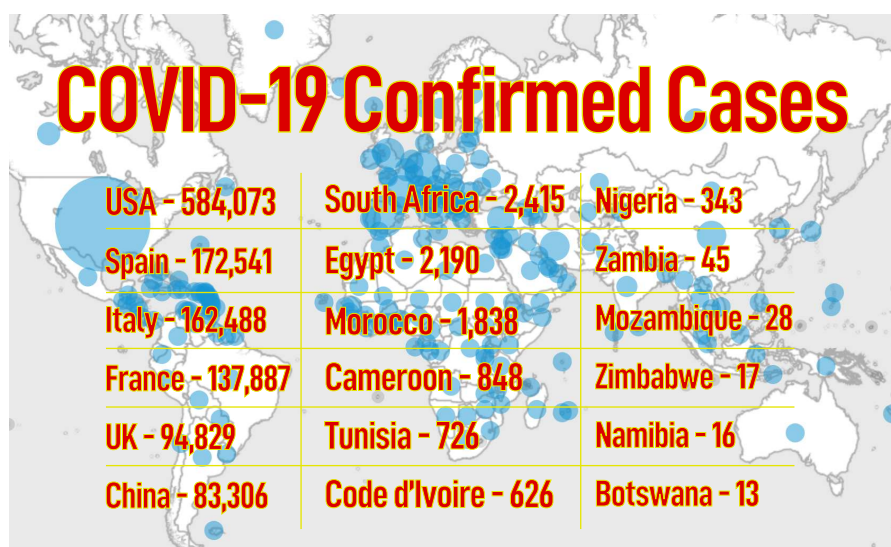
will compromise the lockdown protocols by creating some movements within the villages and also create diseases like malaria and diarrhoea.

The recent measures as at 14th April 2020 is 3.1m and the threshold level for flooding is 3.5m. It is just 0.41m before villages' downstream start to experience some flooding. In the Chobe area

as of 01 April 2020, the water was heading towards Kachikau, Satau and Parakarungu and high alert for possible flooding is strongly advised especially for the Molapo farmers and those using Kachikau to Parakarungu road.

The river has already affected some fields in Mabele and Kavimba. The authorities in Chobe and Northwest Districts are closely monitoring the situation.

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COVID-19

A threat to global economy

The "COVID-19" shock is likely to trigger a recession in some countries and a deceleration of global annual growth. Some experts are forecasting a worse scenario bordering on economic recession.

According to UNCTAD, the duration and depth of the crisis will depend on three variables: how far and fast the virus spreads, how long before a vaccine is found, and how effective policy makers will be in mitigating the damage to our physical and economic health and well-being.

The uncertainty surrounding each of these variables is adding to people's sense of anxiety, which is a fourth

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variable that will shape crisis outcomes. COVID-19 has the potential of significantly causing a global economic meltdown as most of the world's major economies are adversely affected such as: China, United States of America (USA), European Union (EU) and Asian markets. Notably, governments of the USA, EU region have imposed restrictions on certain exports, while the Republic of South Africa (RSA) has closed their borders.

Moreover, global markets have been volatile due to the fear caused by the virus outbreak and some Trading Exchanges have suspended trading activities.

According to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), global economic growth prospects remains uncertain, with an expected GDP growth rate of 2.4 percent in 2020 from the 2.9 percent forecast of November 2019.

Further, the growth prospects from China indicates that growth shall slip below 5 percent in 2020, before an upward swing of over 6 percent in 2021.

Additionally, all the growth forecast of the major economies have been revised downwards due to adverse impact on business confidence, financial markets, the travel sector and disruption to supply chains.

(Botswana Investment Trade Centre)

Ba ga Mmanaana observe Extreme Social Distancing



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CNN US President Donald Trump announced Tuesday he is halting funding to the World Health Organization while a review is conducted.

Trump said the review would cover the WHO's "role in severely mismanaging and covering up the spread of coronavirus." Trump's announcement comes in the middle of the worst global pandemic in decades and as he defends his own handling of the outbreak in the United States.

The US funds \$400 million to \$500 million to the WHO each year, Trump said. Trump said Tuesday if the WHO had acted appropriately, he could have instituted a travel ban on people coming from China sooner. He said the WHO made a 'dangerous and costly' decision to oppose travel restrictions from China.

US contribution to the global pandemic response, including its role as 'the largest supporter of the World Health Organization dates back to 1948.

The announcement about the halting of funding came days after a major US ally, the United Kingdom, announced an additional £65 million contribution to the WHO.

During the period of a lockdown every person shall remain confined to their place of residence, inclusive of the yard space to avoid contact outside his household.

Emergency Powers Act (Cap. 22:04)

Any person who relays any information to the public about COVID-19 from a source other than the Director of Health Services, and the WHO commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding P100 000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, or to both.

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Nigeria extends lockdown

Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari has announced an extension of the lockdown in the capital Abuja, Lagos and Ogun states in order to sustain the fight against the coronavirus pandemic.

The initial 14-day lockdown was due to end Monday night but has now been extended by 14 days. Essential workers, food shops and pharmacies will however be allowed to operate during the lockdown. In a televised national address on Monday, President Buhari said the fight against coronavirus is a matter of life and death.

He said although the lockdown has put Nigerians in a difficult situation, it was



necessary to save lives. Mr Buhari said the initial two weeks of the restriction order had helped the authorities to trace people who had contacted those already infected. He thanked Nigerians for their sacrifice and for complying with the government's guidelines in fighting the pandemic. So far Nigeria has confirmed 343 cases of the virus with 10 fatalities.

Apart from the federal government's lockdown of the capital Abuja, as well

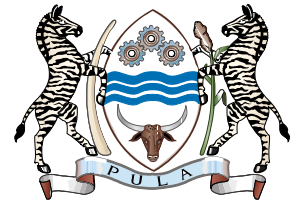
as Lagos and Ogun states, a number of state governments across the country have also imposed restrictions as more people test positive for the virus. Many Nigerians continue to complain that they have not benefited from relief food and cash allocated to poor families by the government.

Mr Buhari said the relief food programme will be extended to an additional one million families in the next two weeks.

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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
- 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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