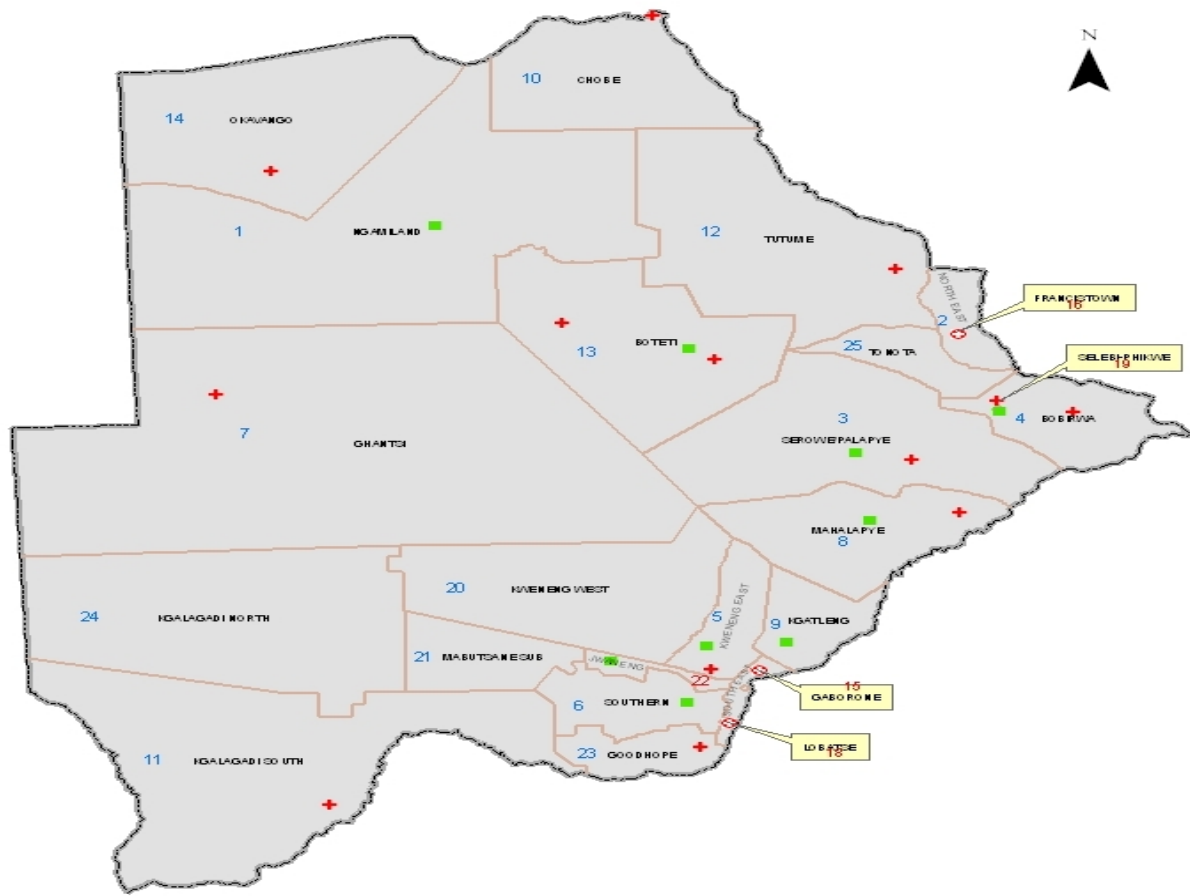


DISABILITY- STATISTICS BOTSWANA

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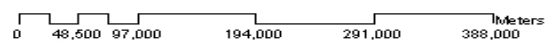
HEALTH CARE DISTRICTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA



LEGEND

- + Primary Hospital
- District Hospital
- ⊕ Referral Hospital
- Health District Boundary
- International Boundary
- 16 Health District Number

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2011-Population and Housing Census

- According to the 2011 census Botswana has reached 2million. Preliminary results show that there were 2 038 228 persons enumerated in Botswana (still at analysis stage)
- In 2001 there were 1 680 863 persons enumerated with total of 58 716 disable persons whilst in 1991 there about 2.2%

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- According to 2006 Botswana Demographic Survey there were 96,125 disabilities
- This just an intercensal survey that used the same sets of questions as in census

Overview –Role of the Government –Disability Issues

- The National Policy on Care for People with Disability outlines the national response to the demand for a co-ordinated delivery of service and care for people with disabilities in Botswana
- It describes the role of various government ministries, the private sector, non-governmental and local organizations, community leaders and members , and persons with disabilities in national

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- Botswana Government (through Office of the President) is planning to undertake a survey on the living conditions among people with disabilities in Botswana in collaboration with Southern African Federation of the Disabled (SAFOD), Botswana Federation of Disabled (BOFOD).

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- This survey is part of a comparative study involving eight (8) Southern African countries
- In Botswana the survey will be a joint undertaking with key partners in the disability fraternity including Disabled peoples' organizations, government institutions, NGOs and civil society organizations.
- In carrying out this study, data will be collected that focus on the living conditions among people with disabilities to adequately capture their voice.
- The main objective and specific objectives of the study are summarised below.

Objectives

- The main objective of the study is to contribute to the improvement in the living conditions among people with disabilities in Southern Africa (and in Botswana particularly), and enhance their level of social participation.

Specific objectives:

- To create database on the living conditions among people with disabilities in the Southern African region
- To initiate a discussion on the concept and understanding of “disability”, particularly from the perspective of developing countries
- To assist organisations of people with disabilities and relevant authorities to understand and utilize disability research results
- To avail information that will assist the Southern African Federation of Disabled People in the establishment of the Disability Resource Centre for Southern Africa through training and technical assistance.

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- To build capacity among people with disabilities and their organizations on research processes and utilization
- To influence positive development in national policies, programmes, and advocacy
- To develop a strategy and methodology for the collection of comprehensive, reliable and culturally-adapted statistical data on living conditions among people with disabilities (with particular reference to the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health - ICF)
- To strengthen research collaboration on the situation of people with disabilities among participating Southern African countries, Botswana included.