



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA



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BENEFIT EXAMINATIONS TO FACILITATE COMPENSATION FOR BATSWANA EX-MINERS FROM SOUTH AFRICAN MINES

The Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs on behalf of the Government of Botswana jointly with Tshiamiso Trust are pleased to announce that the Benefit Medical Examination (BME) to facilitate compensation for Botswana ex-miners from South African mines has commenced in Botswana.

The Benefit Medical Examination is offered to eligible ex-miners in Botswana or their dependents (where the mineworkers passed away) claiming compensation for work related lung diseases; Silicosis or work-related Tuberculosis (TB).

The BME play a pivotal role in the claims process, as the tests provide the required evidence of permanent lung damage from silicosis or work-related tuberculosis and indicate the extent of the disease, so that the correct compensation can be awarded.

The result of the BME will determine if the claimants are medically eligible or ineligible for compensation. The turn-around time from lodging to possible claim is within 6 months. The program will run until the year 2031. The claimants should have performed risk work in one or more of 82 mines owned by the following companies between **12 March 1965 and 10 December 2019**); African Rainbow Minerals, Anglo American South Africa, AngloGold Ashanti, Harmony Gold, Sibanye Stillwater and Gold Fields.

Claimants will be assisted at the Storkfort Health Clinic in Gaborone, which has been accredited by Tshiamiso Trust. In an effort to bring services closer to where claimants are

located, a mobile unit will be dispatched from time to time to attend to bookings made for claimants in Molepolole, Kanye and Palapye.

Former mineworkers who have already lodged their claims will be contacted to schedule their appointments for medical examination, if required. Claimants who have already lodged are encouraged to urgently update their contact details with the Tshiamiso Trust to ensure they can be reached.

Claimants can contact Tshiamiso Trust by means of the following methods:

- Dial the call back number on 00 27 10500 6186. Please note that this is a call back number. Once a call has been initiated and ended, claimants will receive a call back and the call will be connected to the call centre once answered.
- Chat on WhatsApp on 00 27 78 504 9004. Select option 12 from the menu.
- Send a direct message on Facebook: [Tshiamiso Trust- Silicosis Settlement](#)
- Visit a TEBA office:
 - MOLEPOLOLE - TEBA, Modiba Mortuary at the Osman Complex in Khunou Ward
 - phone number 5910592
 - PALAPYE - TEBA, Total Complex, T-Junction Street in Serorome Ward
 - phone number 4920307

Thank you



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