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## **MEDIA INVITATION**

### **MULTI-COUNTRY LAUNCH OF PANDEMIC FUND IN GABORONE** **TOMORROW**

Botswana has been honoured by the World Health Organization Regional Office for Africa (WHO AFRO) to host the **Multi-Country Launch of the Pandemic Fund** to be held in Gaborone from **9–10 December 2025 at Protea Masa Hotel**. This prestigious event positions Botswana as a regional leader in health security and diplomacy. The Ministry of Health, through the Botswana Public Health Institute (BPHI), will therefore, host this event from tomorrow in Gaborone.

The launch will bring together key regional partners and delegates from eight SADC nations that are beneficiaries of the Fund's first rounds: **Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Madagascar, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, and Zimbabwe**. The Pandemic Fund itself, which was established in 2022 and hosted by the World Bank in collaboration with WHO, provides critical grants to countries to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response (PPR) capacities.

**Given its significant national and regional importance, the Ministry of Health invites members of the media to cover the following aspects of the event:**

- a.** Official opening on 9 December 2025 at 0900hrs.
- b.** Cocktail reception session on 9 December 2025 at 1900hrs.

Thank you.

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**Dr Christopher Nyanga**  
**For Permanent Secretary**