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RENEWED HOPE FOR BOTSWANA'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AS MORE MEDICINES AND MEDICAL COMMODITIES ARRIVE IN THE COUNTRY

Following the announcement by the Minister of Health Hon. Dr Stephen Modise, three weeks ago, that a significant consignment that will last for about seven and a half months, has been procured from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the Ministry of Health is pleased to report that the medicines have already started arriving in the country. Through strategic bilateral arrangements with UAE based government suppliers, the Ministry of Health managed to secure a comprehensive order that will stabilize and strengthen Botswana's national supply chain for months to come.

This timely intervention comprises 338 distinct medicinal products, offering broad therapeutic coverage for all major health conditions, from chronic illnesses to everyday conditions, with a high-priority focus on emergency and critical care medications.

These supplies will empower the public healthcare system to save lives and restore stability to the system. **The initial batches have already arrived in Botswana, with subsequent deliveries scheduled weekly until the final batch arrives in the last week of March 2026.**

This landmark development is expected to restore stability in the country's stock levels and ensure that Botswana receive the medicines they need each time they visit public health facilities. As alluded to in the 2026 Budget Speech, for long term stability, Botswana is currently engaged in Government to Government discussions with the UAE, to conclude a long standing arrangement that will provide the Ministry of Health with affordable medical supplies. The Ministry therefore, reassures the public that distribution to facilities nationwide will continue as the country continues to build an unshakeable foundation for a functioning health system that serves all the people.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Nyanga'.

Dr Christopher Nyanga

For Acting Permanent Secretary