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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS LEAVES FOR ITALY AND POLAND**

The Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness Dr. Alfred Rabashemi Madigele will on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019 visit Italy. The purpose of the trip is to negotiate the terms of cooperation between the Republic of Botswana and GK Investment Holding Group in Italy.


GK Investment Holding Group is a leading investment and consultancy firm which has facilitated establishment of several partnerships and cross border transactions between Middle East, Europe and Africa. While in Italy the Minister will visit medical facilities, training and educational platforms to benchmark on best practices.

The Honourable Minister will then proceed to Poland from 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019 where he will visit the Medinet Heart Centre to explore their proposal for establishing a regional Centre for Heart Diseases in Botswana. This follows His Excellency the President's visit to Poland last year in which he affirmed the Centre's commitment to establishing a Sub Saharan Centre for Heart Diseases in Botswana.

This partnership is in-line with the national aspirations and the ministry's strategy to position Botswana as a world class Medical Tourism destination. The visit will also offer the two parties an opportunity to engage further on the setting up of a Centre for Heart Disease and Vascular Treatment in Botswana.

The Honourable Minister will be accompanied by the Deputy Permanent Secretary Dr Morrison Sinvula, the Commissioning Manager of Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital Dr. Thato Moumakwa, the Board Chairman of Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital Dr. Goabamang Tsie and other Ministry of health officials.

The Honourable Assistant Minister of Health and Wellness Mr. Sethomo Lelatisitswe will act as the Minister of Health and Wellness from 22<sup>nd</sup> until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019.

  
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