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PUBLIC AWARENESS ON MALARIA

The Ministry of Health and Wellness informs the public about the ongoing malaria outbreak in the central and southern parts of Botswana. The outbreak started in October 2017 and is expected to continue till the beginning of winter season (End of May 2018).

The sporadic outbreak was reported in Okavango, Ngami, Chobe, Boteti, Tutume, North east, Tonata, Bobirwa, Palapye, Mahalapye, Serowe, Kgatleng, Kweneng, and Moshupa Districts.

Signs and symptoms of Malaria include: Fever, severe headache, chills, sweating abdominal pains, nausea and vomiting, confusion, loss of consciousness Confusion.

The Public is therefore advised to practice the following prevention measures:

- Visit the nearest clinic should you experience the above mentioned symptoms.
- Keep surroundings clean: dewed grass, drain stagnant water and dispose objects likely to collect water like tins, old tires, etc.
- Sleep under insecticide treated mosquito nets while in endemic areas, use insect repellents, wear clothes that cover arms and legs during the evening.
- Seek medical advice from the nearest health facility two weeks before travelling to malaria endemic countries.

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