



Ministry of Health and Social Services
Republic of Namibia

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 83			
Outbreak Name	<i>COVID-19 outbreak</i>	Country affected	Namibia
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1. **SITUATION UPDATE / HIGHLIGHTS**

- No new confirmed case was recorded today (09 June 2020)
- Cumulatively, **31** confirmed cases have been reported in the country.
- Of the **31** confirmed cases, seventeen **17 (54.8%)** have recovered; one (1) case recovered today (09 June 2020).
- Twenty-seven **27 (87.1%)** of the confirmed cases are imported while **4 (12.9%)** are local transmissions.
- No death has been recorded, case fatality rate is **0%**
- There is no evidence of community transmission in the country at the moment.
- On 08 June 2020, His Excellency, The President of the Republic of Namibia announced the extension of t the Stage 1 restrictions imposed on the Walvis Bay Local Authority Area on 29 May 2020, is extended to the entire Erongo region;
 - Effective from midnight 08 June 2020 until mignight 22 June 2020.
- The other regions are still under Stage 3 of national lockdown which covers a period of 28 days/ two incubation periods (01 June 2020 – 29 June 2020).

2. BACKGROUND

Description of the cases

- **Index cases:** Two confirmed cases of COVID-19 were reported in Windhoek district on 13 March 2020. The married couple; a 35-year-old male and a 25-year-old female, arrived from Madrid, Spain on 11 March 2020.
- On 07 June 2020, Namibia recorded 2 confirmed cases, bringing the total confirmed cases to 31.
 - Case No. 30 and 31 are 27-years old and 50 years old Namibian females who travelled from India by air via OR Tambo International Airport, South Africa on 24 May 2020. They arrived in Namibia on 25 May 2020 and were placed into supervised quarantine in //Kharas Region.

3. EPIDEMIOLOGY

Since 14 March, 2020 when the COVID-19 outbreak was declared in Namibia, a total of 31 cases have been confirmed. So far, four (4) regions have been affected, of which Khomas region recorded the highest number of cases; 16 (51.6%), while Hardap region recorded the least; 2 (6.5%), as per figure 1, below



Figure 1 Distribution of Confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia, by region as of 09 June 2020

As presented in figure 2 below, Namibia recorded its cases of COVID-19 during epidemiological weeks 11, 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 23 and 24 and most cases (7) were recorded during epidemiological week 13.

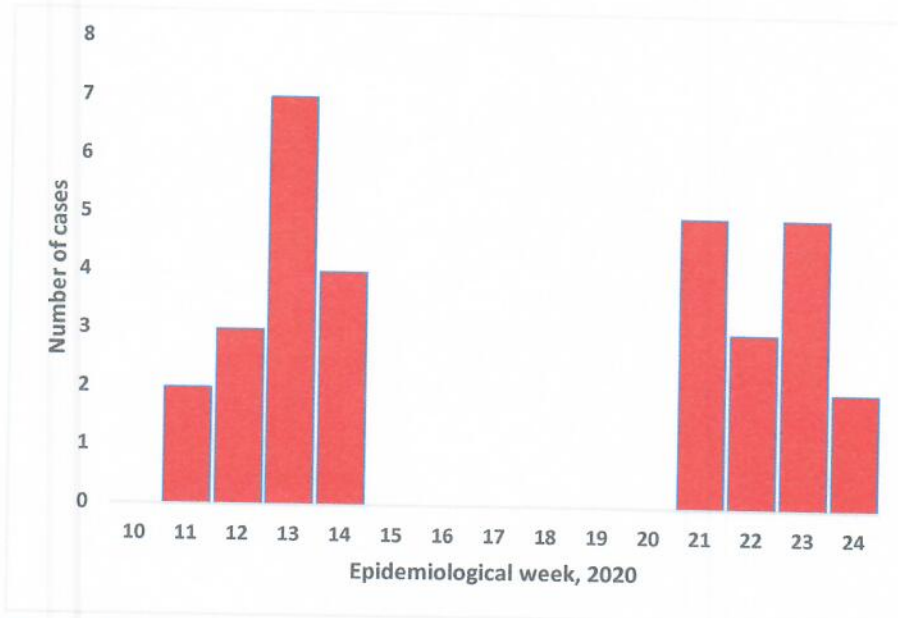


Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia as of 09 June 2020

Of the 31 confirmed cases, more males; **21 (67.7%)** are affected compared to their female counterparts; **10 (32.3%)**.

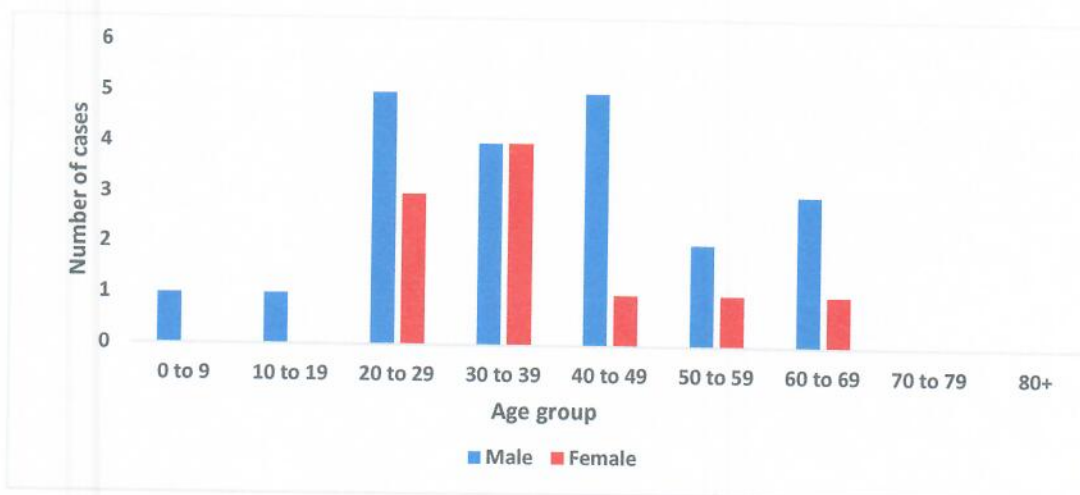


Figure 3: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases in Namibia as of 09 June 2020

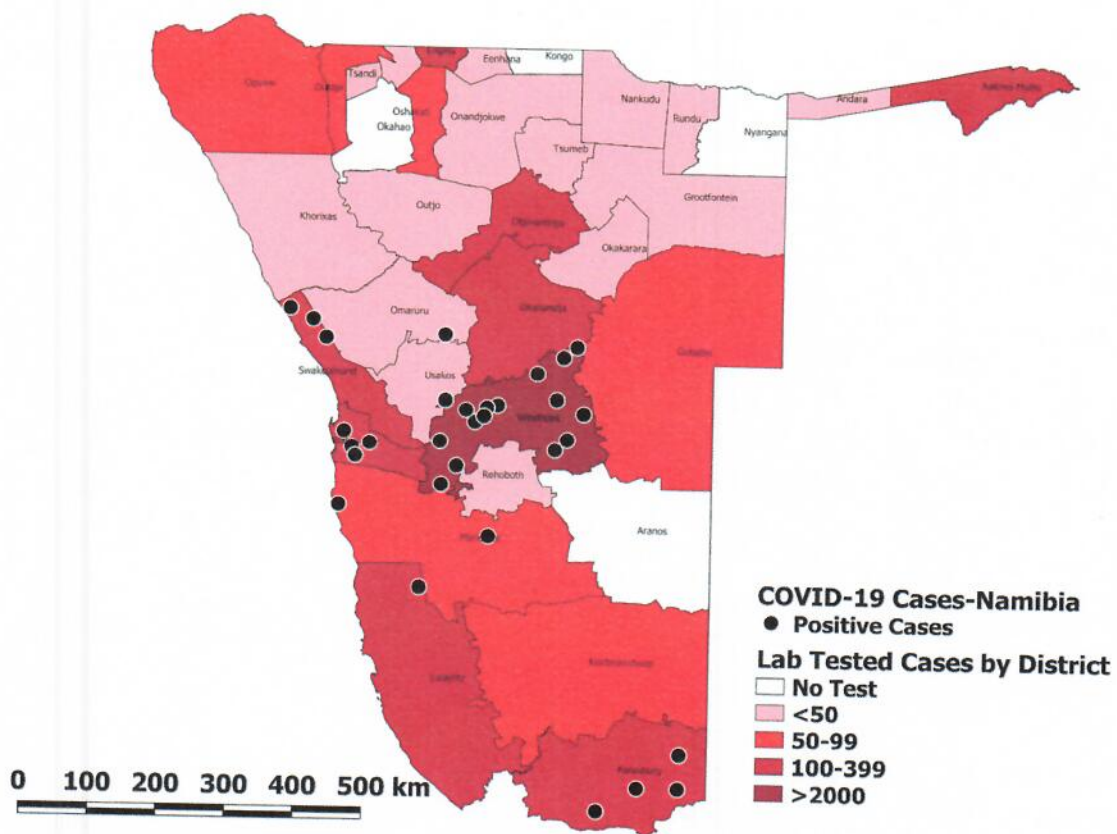


Figure 4: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 09 June 2020

4. PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION / RESPONSE INTERVENTIONS AND SURVEILLANCE

- **Case definitions as of 20 March 2020:**

Suspected case:

A. A patient with acute respiratory illness (fever and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory disease, e.g., cough, shortness of breath), AND a history of travel to or residence in a location reporting community transmission of COVID-19 disease during the 14 days prior to symptom onset; OR

B. A patient with any acute respiratory illness AND having been in contact with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case in the last 14 days prior to symptom onset; OR

C. A patient with severe acute respiratory illness (fever and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory disease, e.g., cough, shortness of breath; AND requiring hospitalization) AND in the absence of an alternative diagnosis that fully explains the clinical presentation.

Probable case: A suspect case for whom testing for COVID-19 is inconclusive. Inconclusive being the result of the test reported by the laboratory

Confirmed case: A person with laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 infection, irrespective of clinical signs and symptoms

- **Active surveillance working case definition as of 20 April 2020**

A patient diagnosed with Upper/Lower Respiratory Infection (Mild or Severe) presenting any of the following signs and symptoms: cough, sore throat, fever, chills, myalgia/body pains or shortness of breath in the past 7 days.

- **Surveillance activities**

- Call centre continue operations for 24 hours every day; **895** calls were answered at the hotline today (09.06.2020) and **9** alerts were investigated.
- Namibia COVID-19 dashboard accessible via a link on the MoHSS's website <http://www.mhss.gov.na/> or at <https://cutt.ly/Covid-19-situation-Namibia>
- Active case search in all regions is on going.
- Contact tracing and monitoring is ongoing (**see Table 1**).
- Mandatory supervised quarantine of all persons arriving from abroad is ongoing (**see Table 2**).
 - All people are tested upon entry into mandatory quarantine for rapid detection of positive cases.
 - All people in quarantine are monitored daily for 14 days and are being tested on day 12 before release on day 15 if they test negative.

Contact tracing Summary

As of 09 June 2020, a total of **497** contacts have been identified. Four hundred and twenty-three (**423**) contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up and **62** are still active and being monitored daily for 14 days (**Table 1**).

Table 1: National contacts tracing summary for COVID-19 as of 09 June 2020

Variables	High	Medium	Low	Total
Total Number of contacts listed for follow up (potential)	164	96	271	531
Total Number of contacts identified (cumulative)	163	96	238	497
Total number of Contacts never reached	1	0	33	34
© Total Number of contacts lost to follow up	0	2	5	7
Total Number of contacts that developed signs & symptoms	25	9	9	43
Total Number of contacts that tested positive (became cases)	4	1	0	5
Number of active contacts monitored/followed in the last 24hrs	20	14	28	62
Total number of Contacts completed 14-days follow up	139	81	203	423

© Seven contacts are lost to follow up, all are non-Namibians and have travelled back to their countries of origin.

As of 09 June 2020, a total of **2643** persons who came into the country have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country. Of the 2643, **1884** have been discharged and **759** are currently quarantined (Table 2).

Table 2: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities as of 09 June 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24hrs	Cumulative number of people	Number of people discharged	Number of people in quarantine now
Kunene	0	53	53	0
Omaheke	2	90	56	34
Kavango	5	65	50	15
Omusati	0	101	81	20
Oshana	3	23	18	5
Ohangwena	4	185	147	38
Hardap	3	143	134	9
Otjozondjupa	0	325	298	27
Khomas	16	857	461	396
Zambezi	2	337	288	49
//Karas	0	280	193	87
Erongo	0	142	81	61
Oshikoto	14	42	24	18
Total	49	2643	1884	759

Table 3. Distribution of truck drivers who came into Namibia from neighboring countries and their destination regions on 09 June 2020

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	South Africa	Zambia	Botswana	DRC	Angola	Zimbabwe	
Karas	63	0	0	0	0	0	63
Khomas	119	0	0	1	3	0	123
Oshana	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
Otjozondjupa	6	0	0	0	1	0	7
Kavango	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Ohangwena	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
Hardap	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Kunene	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Omaheke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erongo	10	47	0	1	0	0	58
Total	214	47	0	2	7	0	270

The majority **214 (79.3%)** of the truck drivers departed from South Africa to various destinations, of which the highest number (119) was headed to Khomas Region (Table 3).

LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS

- As of 08 June 2020, a total of **5085** (including **334 re-tested**) COVID-19 specimens have been tested in the two laboratories (NIP and Path Care) as per Table 5 below:

Table 5: COVID-19 specimens recorded at NIP and Path care Laboratories as of 09 June 2020

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	4043	1118	-	5161
Total sample tested	3668	1083	-	4751
Total sample re-tested	307	27	-	334
Total results positive	23	7	1	31
Total results negative	3645	1076	-	4721
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Total sample missing	0	0	-	0
Total results pending	0	0	-	0
Total results inconclusive/indeterminate	0	0	-	0
Total new suspected cases in last 24 hours	84	25	-	109

COUNTRY COORDINATION, PLANNING AND MONITORING

- Reviewed and incorporated inputs to the COVID19 organogram from the deputy incident manager, and agreed to submit these through the pillar lead to IM/Senior executives for their final inputs and endorsement.
- UN Namibia donated assorted flow charts and posters on surveillance covering contact tracing structure, contact identification and categorization, case definition, laboratory results sharing structures.

CASE MANAGEMENT:

- Out of the 31 cumulative confirmed cases, 17 have recovered after testing negative twice for COVID-19 at 48 hours' interval.
- Of the 14 active cases, 1 is still in ICU but in a stable and improving condition. The other 13 are clinically stable.

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL:

- IPC activities are on going:
 - Distribution of PPE according to the Regional plans
 - Monitoring of IPC in health facilities
- Three additional members have been recruited from CDC and Quality Assurance to support the national IPC team.
- Continuous monitoring of national IPC stock levels
 - Full PPE – 2349
 - Respirators - 6087
 - Medical masks – 1309

LOGISTICS.

- Facilitation of the allocation of quarantine facilities around the country and transportation of discharged people from quarantine facilities is ongoing.

POINTS OF ENTRY:

- Ongoing screening and inspection of incoming travellers and trucks at points of entry and check points.

RISK COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

- The COVID-19 Communication Center continues to update the public on the status of the outbreak, the impact on different sectors and address rumours around COVID-19.

PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Continous provision of health education, psychosocial support services to persons in need;
 - Confirmed cases and their families
 - People in quarantine

5. CHALLENGES:

- Inadequate isolation units at health facilities in the regions.
- Insufficient PPE and swabs for sample collection from suspected cases identified through active case search in some districts.
- Inadequate nasopharyngeal swabs and appropriate transport media.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS AND WAY FORWARD:

- Establish fully equipped isolation units at health facilities in the regions.
- Logistics pillar to continue with the procurement and distribution of sufficient PPE to the regions to ensure that response is not interrupted.
- NIP to continue sourcing for swabs and appropriate transport media for all districts.

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