



Ministry of Health and Social Services  
Republic of Namibia

| NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 105 |                         |                          |               |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Outbreak Name                             | COVID-19 outbreak       | Country affected         | Namibia       |
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**HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (30/06/2020)**

- ⊙ The country has entered into Stage 4 of the State of Emergency (29 June 2020 -17 September 2020)
- ⊙ Erongo region is in Stage 3 with restrictions in Walvis Bay, Swakopmund, and Arandis Local Authority Areas (from 22 June 2020 until 23h59 of 06 July 2020).

| Total         | Today        |
|---------------|--------------|
| Tested 9954   | Tested 126   |
| Confirmed 293 | Confirmed 36 |
| Active 269    | Active 269   |
| Recovered 24  | Recovered 0  |
| Death 0       | Death 0      |

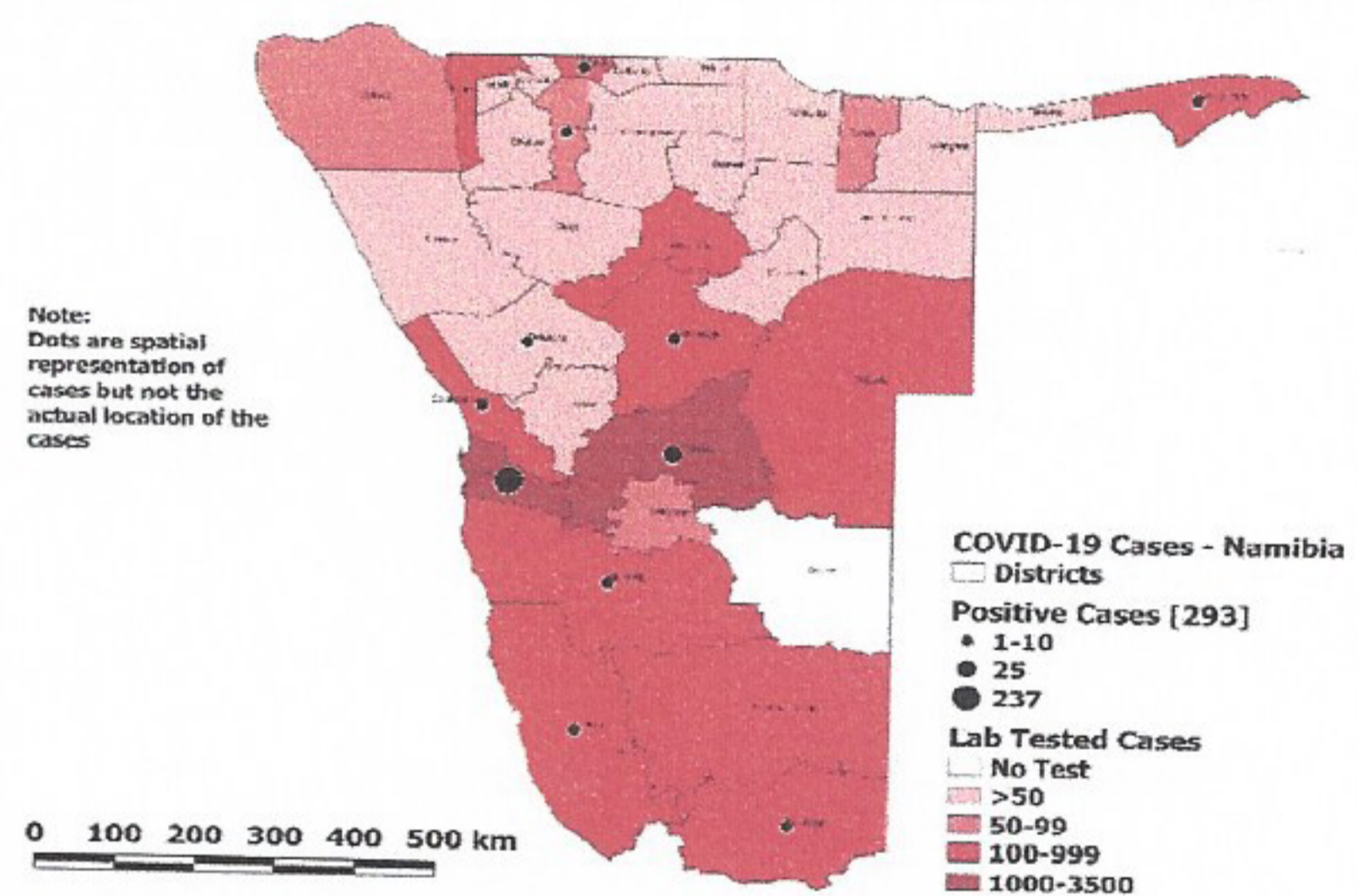


Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 01 July 2020

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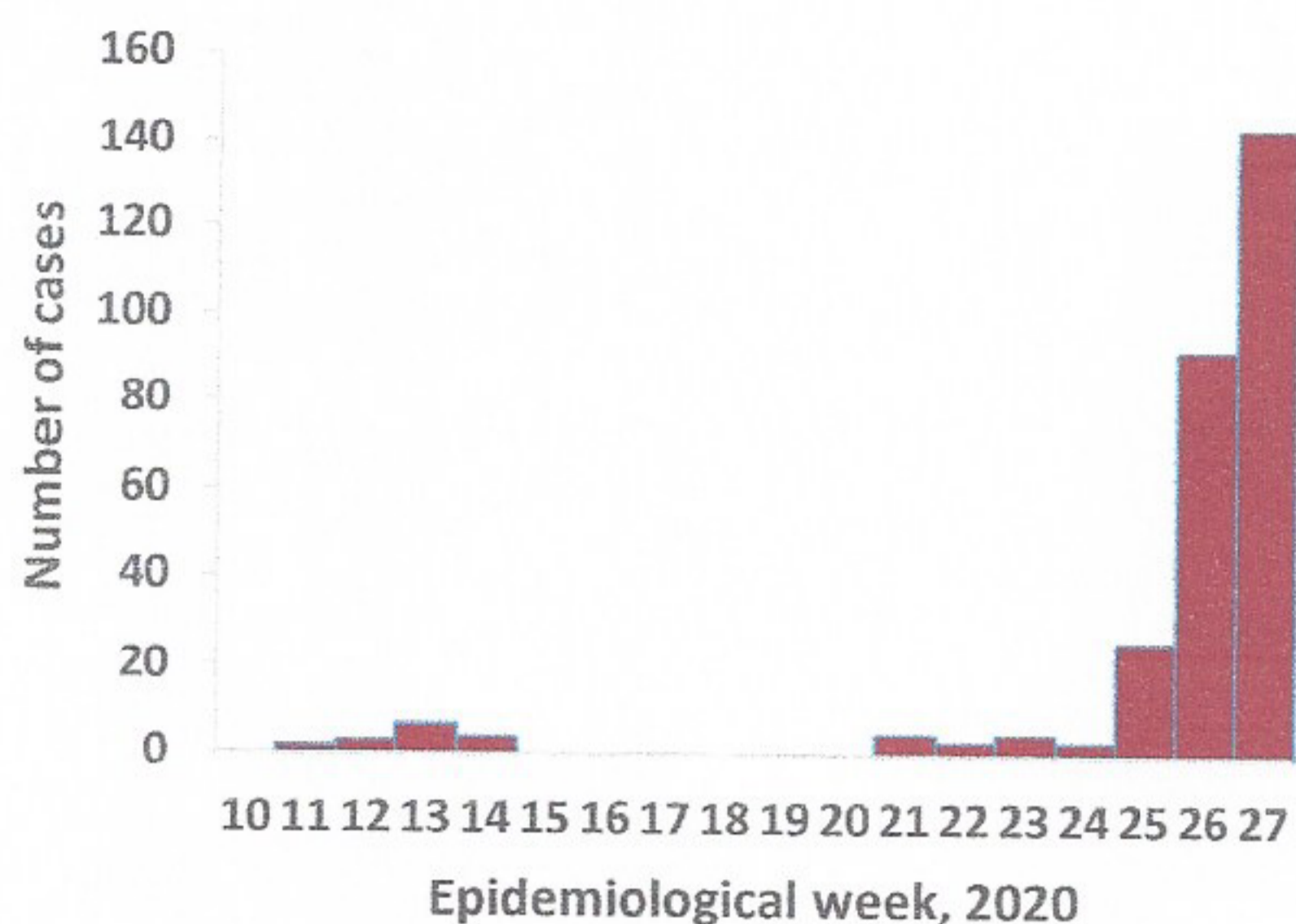
- ⊙ Two-hundred-and-fifty **250 (85.3%)** cases are local transmissions while forty-three **43 (14.7%)** are imported.
- ⊙ Cumulatively, eighty-one (**81**) cases were identified during active case search.
- ⊙ Eight of the 14 regions have reported confirmed cases with Erongo region reporting the highest number of cases; **247 (84.3%)**.
- ⊙ More female cases **174 (59.4%)** were recorded compared to male cases **117 (39.9%)**.

**STAGE 4 COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS:**

- ⊙ Public gatherings shall not exceed 250 persons (including weddings, funerals, and religious gatherings)
- ⊙ All persons traveling from abroad including tourists must provide a 72-hours valid COVID-19 negative results certificate, and will be subjected to mandatory supervised quarantine at their own cost.

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

Namibia has recorded a total of **293** confirmed cases since 13 March 2020. Most, **143 (48.8%)** of the cases were recorded during week 27 (Figure 2).



- ⊙ A high number of cases were recorded in the past three weeks as a result of:
  - Spread of local transmission in Walvis Bay district
  - Increased Active Case Search and testing, averaging 300 daily in the past few days.
- ⊙ Call centre continues operation for 24 hours daily; **1979** calls were answered with **22** alerts investigated over the past 24hrs.

Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases as, 01 July 2020

- ⊙ Eight (8) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **247 (84.3%)** followed by Khomas **25 (8.5%)**.
- ⊙ Ohangwena have reported the least confirmed cases (**0.3%**).
- ⊙ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **1773** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **17** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours. Cumulatively, **690** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **115** out of **1076** active contacts were monitored today.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 01 July 2020

| Region       | Total No. of cases | Active cases | Recovered |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Khomas       | 25                 | 11           | 14        |
| //Karas      | 7                  | 5            | 2         |
| Erongo       | 247                | 240          | 7         |
| Hardap       | 6                  | 5            | 1         |
| Zambezi      | 2                  | 2            | 0         |
| Otjozondjupa | 3                  | 3            | 0         |
| Ohangwena    | 1                  | 1            | 0         |
| Oshana       | 2                  | 2            | 0         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>293</b>         | <b>269</b>   | <b>24</b> |

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories 01 July 2020

| Variables                                  | Laboratory |           |              | Total |
|--|------------|-----------|--------------|-------|
|  | NIP        | Path care | South Africa |       |
| Total sample received by the Laboratory    | 8490       | 1588      | -            | 10078 |
| Total sample tested                        | 7603       | 1507      | -            | 9110  |
| Total sample re-tested                     | 774        | 70        | -            | 844   |
| Total positive results                     | 267        | 25        | 1            | 293   |
| Total negative results                     | 7336       | 1482      | -            | 8818  |
| Total sample discarded                     | 68         | 8         | -            | 76    |
| Invalid results                            | 2          | 0         | -            | 2     |
| Total pending results                      | 43         | 3         | -            | 46    |
| Total new suspected cases in last 24 hours | 83         | 43        | -            | 126   |

- ⊙ To date, **9954** tests have been conducted by NIP & PathCare laboratories (including 844 re-tests).
- ⊙ The highest number of tests were from Khomas (3408) and the lowest from Kavango-West region (13).

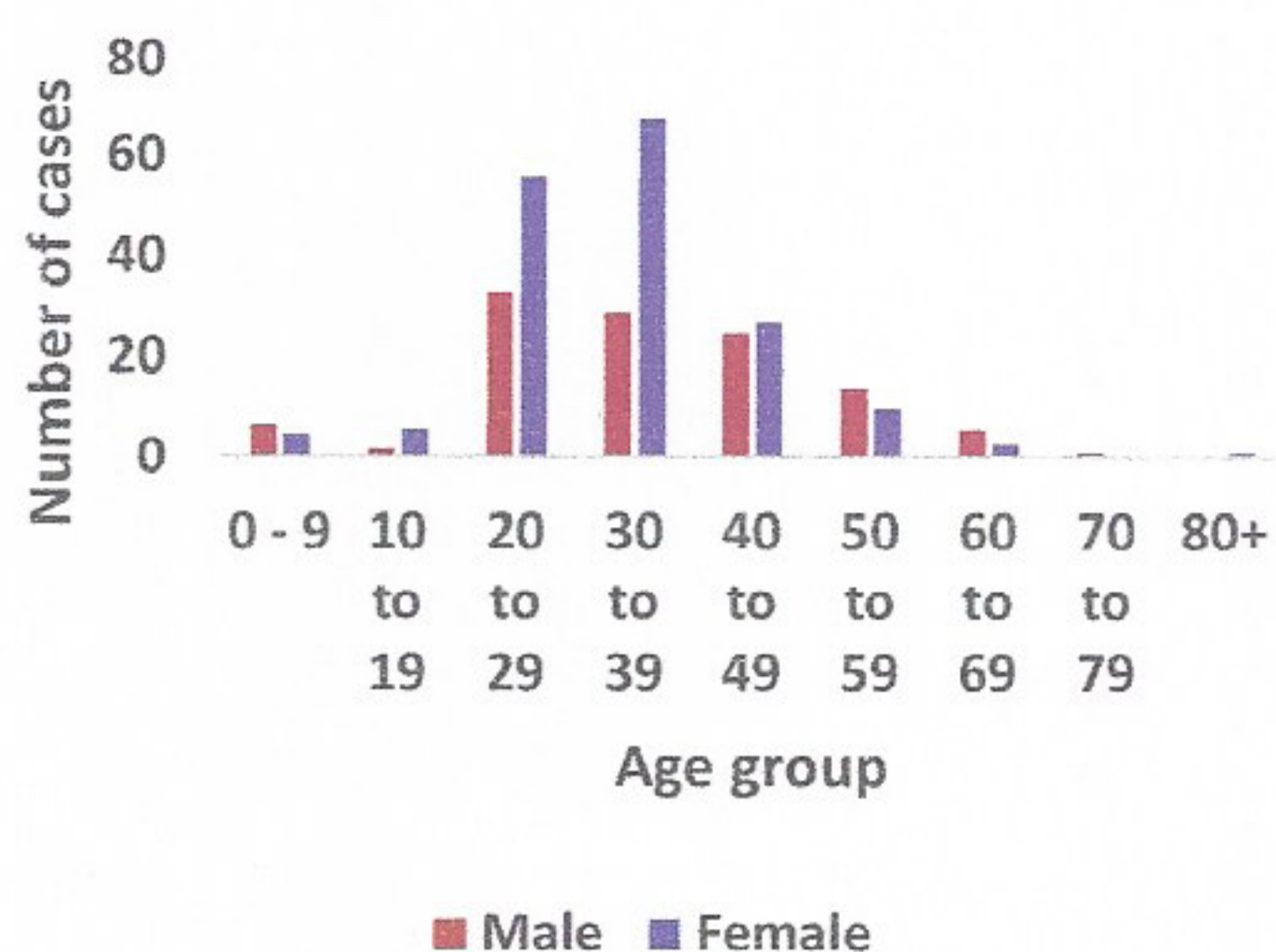


Figure 3: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 01 July 2020

- ⊙ The most affected ages are within 20 and 39 years **186 (63.5%)**. Those aged 60 and above constitute **11 (3.8%)** of those affected.
- ⊙ In Namibia, more female **176 (60.1%)** are affected.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 01 July 2020

| Region       | Newly quarantined 24 hours | Cumulative number | Number discharged | Number in quarantine now |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Kunene       | 0                          | 86                | 67                | 19                       |
| Omaheke      | 0                          | 116               | 95                | 21                       |
| Kavango      | 0                          | 92                | 71                | 20                       |
| Omusati      | 1                          | 117               | 102               | 15                       |
| Oshana       | 1                          | 113               | 40                | 73                       |
| Ohangwena    | 0                          | 286               | 211               | 75                       |
| Hardap       | 19                         | 241               | 170               | 71                       |
| Otjozondjupa | 0                          | 412               | 333               | 79                       |
| Khomas       | 0                          | 1174              | 900               | 274                      |
| Zambezi      | 6                          | 420               | 376               | 44                       |
| //Kharas     | 0                          | 475               | 362               | 113                      |
| Erongo       | 0                          | 287               | 204               | 83                       |
| Oshikoto     | 2                          | 78                | 59                | 19                       |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>29</b>                  | <b>3897</b>       | <b>2990</b>       | <b>907</b>               |

- ⊙ Since March 2020, **3897** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- ⊙ A total of **907** people are currently in quarantine with **29** new admissions.
- ⊙ Since March 2020, **45** people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.

- ⊙ A total of **338** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours, of which **47.3%** were heading to Khomas region, while **8.9%** were heading to Erongo region.

Table 4. Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighboring countries and destination regions on 01 July 2020

| Destination  | Country of departure |          |           |          |          |          | Total      |
|--------------|----------------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
|              | RSA                  | Zambia   | Botswana  | DRC      | Angola   | Zimbabwe |            |
| //Kharas     | 97                   | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 97         |
| Khomas       | 143                  | 1        | 11        | 0        | 5        | 0        | 160        |
| Omusati      | 0                    | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| Oshana       | 7                    | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 7          |
| Otjozondjupa | 16                   | 1        | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 18         |
| Kavango      | 1                    | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          |
| Ohangwena    | 7                    | 0        | 0         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 8          |
| Hardap       | 6                    | 0        | 0         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 7          |
| Kunene       | 3                    | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 3          |
| Omaheke      | 0                    | 0        | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          |
| Oshikoto     | 4                    | 0        | 0         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 5          |
| Zambezi      | 0                    | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1        | 1          |
| Erongo       | 16                   | 6        | 7         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 30         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>300</b>           | <b>8</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>338</b> |

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- ⊙ Thirty-two (32) Community-Based Health Workers were trained at Swakopmund District, Erongo Region
- ⊙ IPC Protocol for assessing the Health Care Worker's Risk for COVID-19 were developed.
- ⊙ Assessing and supervising PPE procurement capacity is ongoing
- ⊙ IPC Standard Operating Procedures for the Aviation Industry and Correctional Facilities under development.
- ⊙ Integrated teams sent to Kavango and Zambezi regions to give technical support for a period of 7 days.
- ⊙ Regions have intensified surveillance on travellers from Erongo region for early case detection.
- ⊙ Targeted testing in Walvis Bay is ongoing .
- ⊙ Stage 4 State of Emergency COVID-19 Regulations were gazetted on 28 June 2020

### CHALLENGES

- ⊙ Inadequate isolation units, at health facilities in the regions.
- ⊙ Inadequate PPE
- ⊙ Inadequate nasopharyngeal swabs and appropriate transport media.
- ⊙ Prolonged turn-around time of results at NIP.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- ⊙ 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.

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