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Republic of Namibia

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 106			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (02/07/2020)

- ⊙ The country is in 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 9996	Tested 42
Confirmed 335	Confirmed 42
Active 310	Active 310
Recovered 25	Recovered 1
Death 0	Death 0

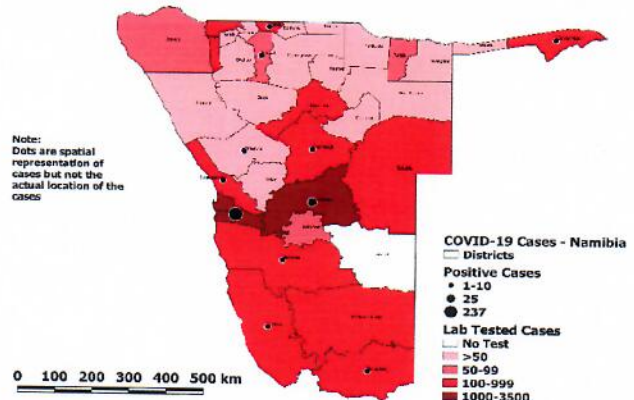


Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 02 July 2020
Dashboard information can be accessed at: <https://cutt.ly/Covid-19-situation-Namibia>

- ⊙ Two-hundred-and-ninety-two **292 (87.2%)** cases are local transmissions while forty-three **43 (12.8%)** are imported.
- ⊙ Cumulatively, eighty-seven (**87**) 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; **288 (86.0%)**.
- ⊙ More female cases **201 (60.0%)** were recorded compared to male cases **134 (40.0%)**.

- 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 **335** confirmed cases since 13 March 2020. Most, **185 (55.2%)** of the cases were recorded during week 27 (Figure 2).

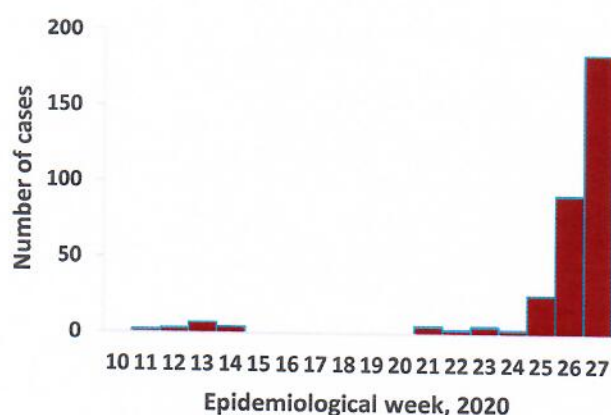


Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases as of 02 July 2020

- ⊙ 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; **1573** calls were answered with **25** alerts investigated over the past 24hrs.

- ⊙ Eight (8) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **288 (86.0%)** followed by Khomas **26 (7.8%)**.
- ⊙ Ohangwena have reported the least confirmed cases (**0.3%**).
- ⊙ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **1876** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **102** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours. Cumulatively, **707** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **184** out of **1146** active contacts were monitored today.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 02 July 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered
Khomas	26	12	14
//Karas	7	5	2
Erongo	288	280	8
Hardap	6	5	1
Zambezi	2	2	0
Otjozondjupa	3	3	0
Ohangwena	1	1	0
Oshana	2	2	0
Total	335	310	25

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories 02 July 2020

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	8524	1596	-	10120
Total sample tested	7637	1515	-	9152
Total sample re-tested	774	70	-	844
Total positive results	301	33	1	335
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	34	8	-	42

- ⊙ To date, **9996** tests have been conducted by NIP & PathCare laboratories (including 844 re-tests).
- ⊙ The highest number of tests were from Khomas (3460) and the lowest from Kavango-West region (10).

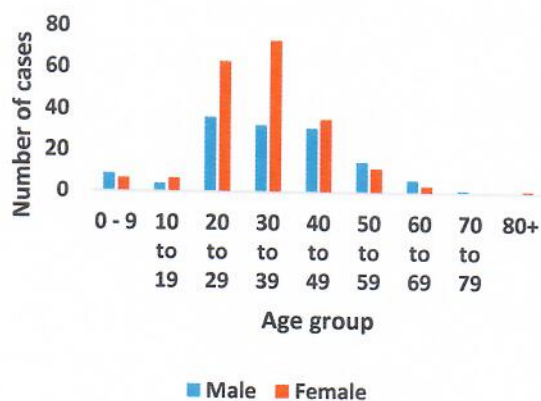


Figure 3: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 02 July 2020

- The most affected ages are within 20 and 39 years **204 (60.9%)**. Those aged 60 and above constitute **11 (3.3%)** of those affected.
- In Namibia, more female **201 (60.0%)** are affected.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 02 July 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Kunene	1	87	67	20
Omaheke	2	118	96	22
Kavango	0	92	71	21
Omusati	1	118	103	15
Oshana	0	113	40	73
Ohangwena	0	286	211	75
Hardap	0	241	170	71
Otjozondjupa	0	412	333	79
Khomas	0	1174	900	274
Zambezi	0	420	376	44
//Kharas	16	491	393	98
Erongo	0	287	204	83
Oshikoto	0	78	59	19
Total	20	3917	3023	894

- Since March 2020, **3917** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **894** people are currently in quarantine with **20** new admissions.
- Since March 2020, **45** people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.

- A total of **247** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours, of which **37.7%** were heading to Khomas region, while **26.7%** were heading to Erongo region.

Table 4. Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighboring countries and destination regions on 02 July 2020

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Zambia	Botswana	DRC	Angola	Zimbabwe	
//Kharas	37	0	0	0	0	0	37
Khomas	86	5	1	0	1	0	93
Omusati	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Oshana	7	0	0	0	1	0	8
Otjozondjupa	13	0	8	0	2	0	23
Kavango	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Ohangwena	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
Hardap	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oshikoto	3	0	0	0	2	0	5
Zambezi	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Erongo	3	30	33	0	0	0	66
Total	161	35	45	0	6	0	247

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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