



**Ministry of Health and Social Services
Republic of Namibia**

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 109			
Outbreak Name	<i>COVID-19 outbreak</i>	Country affected	<i>Namibia</i>
Date & Time of this report	<i>05.07.2020 22:00 hrs</i>	Investigation start Date	<i>13 March 2020</i>
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (05/07/2020)

- ⊙ The country is in Stage 4 of the State of Emergency (29 June 2020 -17 September 2020)
- ⊙ Walvis Bay, Swakopmund, and Arandis Local Authority Areas in Erongo region will remain in Stage 3 (from 07 July 2020 until 23h59 of 03 August 2020).

Total	Today
Tested 11905	Tested 549
Confirmed 485	Confirmed 73
Active 460	Active 460
Recovered 25	Recovered 0
Death 0	Death 0

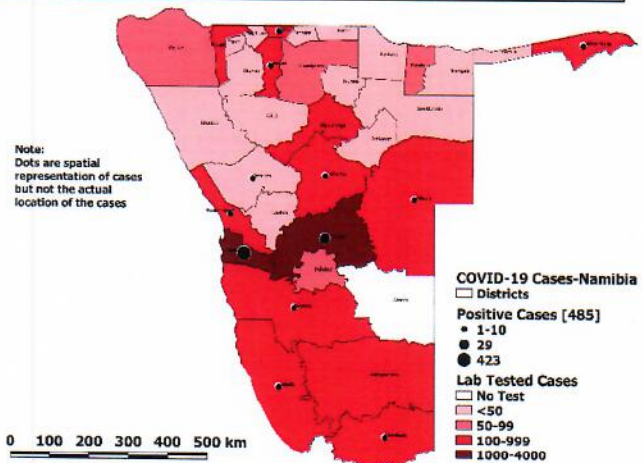


Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 05 July 2020
Dashboard information can be accessed at: <https://cutt.ly/Covid-19-situation-Namibia>

- ⊙ Four-hundred-and-forty-one **442 (91.1%)** cases are local transmissions while forty-three **43 (8.9%)** are imported.
- ⊙ Cumulatively, **110** 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; **435 (89.7%)**.
- ⊙ More female cases **287 (59.2%)** were recorded compared to male cases **198 (40.8%)**.

- STAGE 4 COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS:**
- ⊙ Public gatherings shall not exceed 250 persons (including weddings, funerals, and religious gatherings), AND a maximum of 10 people for the whole of Erongo region.
 - ⊙ 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

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

Namibia has recorded a total of **485** confirmed cases since 13 March 2020. Most, **210 (43.3%)** of the cases were recorded during week 27 (Figure 2).

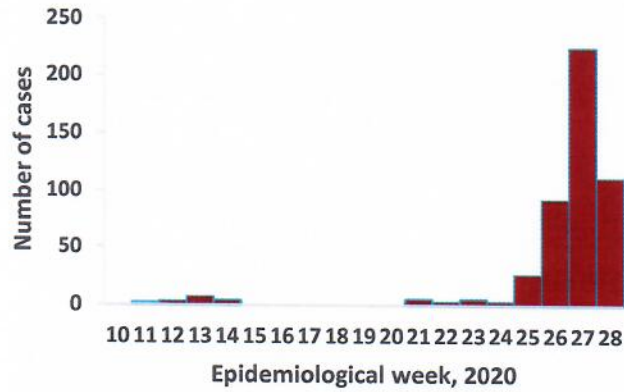


Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 05 July 2020

- ⊙ Eight (8) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **435 (89.7%)** followed by Khomas **28 (5.8%)**.
- ⊙ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **2069** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **3** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours. Cumulatively, **759** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **142** out of **1303** active contacts were monitored today.

- ⊙ 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; **1289** calls were answered with **28** alerts investigated over the past 24hrs.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 05 July 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered
Khomas	28	14	14
//Karas	7	5	2
Erongo	435	427	8
Hardap	6	5	1
Zambezi	2	2	0
Otjozondjupa	3	3	0
Ohangwena	2	2	0
Oshana	2	2	0
Total	485	460	25

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories 05 July 2020

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	10280	1746	-	12026
Total sample tested	9303	1631	-	10934
Total sample re-tested	864	107	-	971
Total positive results	443	41	1	485
Total negative results	8860	1590	-	10450
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Invalid results	2	0	-	2
Total pending results	43	0	-	43
Suspected cases in 24 hours	537	12	-	549

- ⊙ To date, **11905** tests have been conducted by NIP & PathCare laboratories (including 971 re-tests).

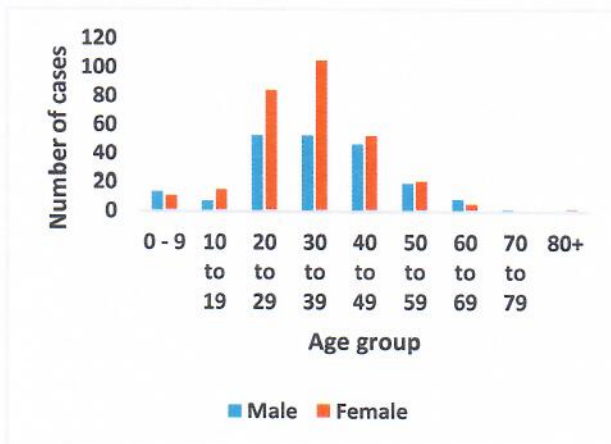


Figure 3: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 05 July 2020

- ⊙ The most affected ages are within 20 and 39 years **291 (60.0%)**. Those aged 60 and above constitute **14 (2.9%)** of those affected.
- ⊙ In Namibia, more female **287 (59.2%)** are affected.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 05 July 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Kunene	0	88	71	17
Omaheke	0	118	96	22
Kavango	0	92	71	21
Omusati	0	118	104	14
Oshana	0	116	40	76
Ohangwena	0	295	211	84
Hardap	1	244	177	67
Otjozondjupa	0	412	345	67
Khomas	0	1228	965	263
Zambezi	1	432	388	44
//Kharas	0	491	393	98
Erongo	0	287	204	83
Oshikoto	0	80	60	20
Total	2	4001	3125	876

- ⊙ Since March 2020, **4001** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- ⊙ A total of **876** people are currently in quarantine with **2** new admissions.
- ⊙ Since March 2020, **46** people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.

Table 4. Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighboring countries and destination regions on 05 July 2020

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Zambia	Botswana	DRC	Angola	Tanzania	
//Kharas	22	0	0	0	1	0	23
Khomas	72	0	10	0	9	0	91
Omusati	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oshana	7	0	1	0	0	0	8
Otjozondjupa	5	0	2	0	0	0	7
Kavango	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	11	0	0	0	1	0	12
Hardap	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kunene	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Omaheke	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Oshikoto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erongo	9	45	11	6	4	0	75
Total	128	45	24	6	17	0	220

- ⊙ A total of **220** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours, of which **41.4%** were heading to Khomas region, while **34.1%** were heading to Erongo region.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- ⊙ Orientation was done to 9 new Data Management Team members at the PHEOC
- ⊙ 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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