



Ministry of Health and Social Services  
Republic of Namibia



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 117			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time of this report	13.07.2020 23:00 hrs	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
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**HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (13/07/2020)**

Total	Today
Tested 15369	Tested 221
Confirmed 864	Confirmed 3
Active 833	Active 833
Recovered 29	Recovered 1
Death 2	Death 1

- 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).

- Another COVID-19 related death has been recorded today (13 July 2020) from Erongo region.
- One recovery has been recorded today (13 July 2020) from Khomas region.
- Cumulatively, **813 (94.1%)** cases are local transmissions while **51 (5.9%)** are imported.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **156** 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: **799 (92.5%)**.
- More female cases **439 (50.8%)** were recorded compared to male cases **425 (49.2%)**.

**Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 13 July 2020**

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death
Erongo	799	787	10	2
Hardap	6	5	1	0
//Karas	11	8	3	0
Khomas	33	18	15	0
Oshana	3	3	0	0
Oshana	5	5	0	0
Otjozondjupa	5	5	0	0
Zambezi	2	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2</b>

Dashboard information can be accessed at: <https://cutt.ly/Covid-19-situation-Namibia>

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

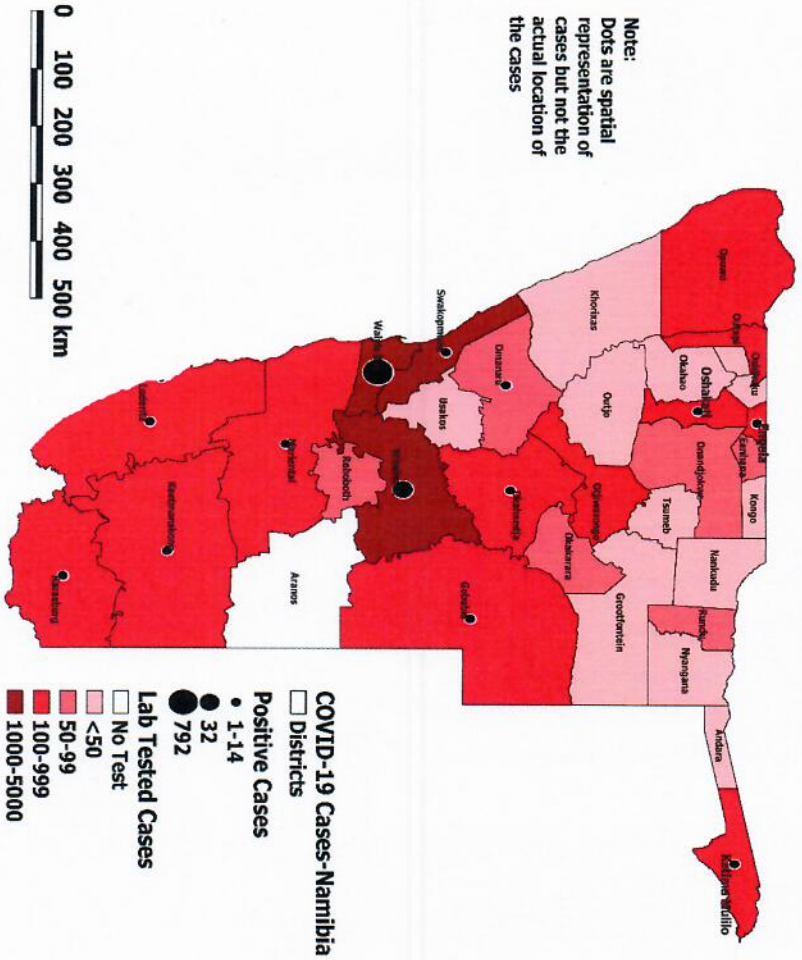


Figure 2: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District 13 July 2020

- The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **672 (77.8%)**.
- Those aged 60 and above constitute **19 (2.2%)** of those affected.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **2322** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **35** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours. Cumulatively, **1107** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **282** out of **1184** active contacts were monitored today.



Figure 1: Epi-Curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 13 July

Namibia has recorded a total of **864** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **339 (39.2%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 28 (Figure 1).

- 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; **1377** calls were answered with **20** alerts, today, investigated over the past 24hrs.

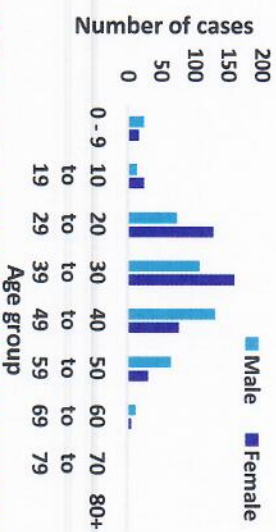


Figure 3: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 13 July 2020

**Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories 13 July 2020**

Variables	Laboratory				Total
	NIP	Path	South	Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	13032	2457	-	-	15489
Total sample tested	11491	2342	-	-	13833
Total sample re-tested	1429	107	-	-	1536
Total positive results	685	178	1	-	864
Total negative results	10806	2164	-	-	12970
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	-	76
Invalid results	1	0	-	-	1
Total pending results	43	0	-	-	43
Suspected cases in 24 hours	167	54	-	-	221

**Table 3: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighboring countries and destination regions on 13 July 2020**

Destination	Country of departure					Total
	RSA	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	
//Kharas	75	0	0	0	0	75
Khomas	141	10	2	0	0	153
Omusati	1	0	0	0	0	1
Oshana	4	0	0	0	0	4
Ojizondjupa	8	2	2	0	0	12
Kavango	0	1	0	0	0	1
Ohangwena	4	0	1	0	0	5
Hardap	2	0	0	0	0	2
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	4	0	0	0	0	4
Oshikoto	1	0	2	0	0	3
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erongo	13	12	1	10	36	72
Total	253	25	8	10	36	332

- To date, **15369** tests have been conducted by NIP & Path-care laboratories (including **1536** re-tests).

**Table 4: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 13 July 2020**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Kunene	4	105	87	18
Omaheke	0	118	118	0
Kavango	1	101	91	10
Omusati	1	122	119	3
Oshana	2	119	53	66
Ohangwena	0	307	266	41
Hardap	0	257	220	37
Ojizondjupa	0	412	370	42
Khomas	0	1353	1143	210
Zambezi	4	463	404	59
//Kharas	0	536	446	90
Erongo	0	466	382	84
Oshikoto	0	86	68	18
Total	12	4445	5767	678

- Since March 2020, **4445** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **678** people are currently in quarantine with 12 new admissions in the past 24 hours.
- Since March 2020, **99** people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.
- A total of **332** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **46.1%** were heading to Khomas, **22.6%** to //Kharas while **21.7%** were heading to Erongo region.

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- Regions have enhanced social mobilization on COVID-19
- Targeted testing in Walvis Bay is ongoing
- Integrated teams sent to Omusati and Oshana regions to give technical support for a period of 9 days
- Regions have intensified surveillance on travellers from Erongo region for early case detection

### 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.
- Enhance laboratory testing capacity throughout the country

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