

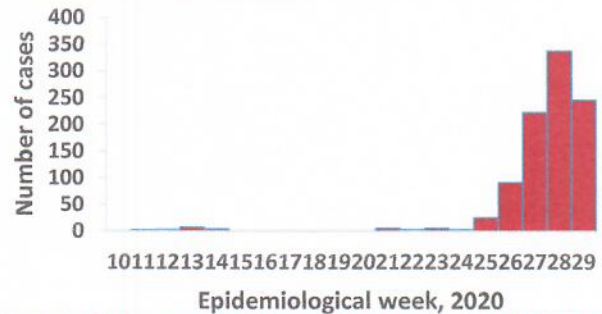


**Ministry of Health and Social Services  
Republic of Namibia**

<b>NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 118</b>			
<b>Outbreak Name</b>	<i>COVID-19 outbreak</i>	<b>Country affected</b>	<i>Namibia</i>
<b>Date &amp; Time of this report</b>	<i>14.07.2020 23:00 hrs</i>	<b>Investigation start Date</b>	<i>13 March 2020</i>
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**HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (14/07/2020)**

- ⊙ 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).



*Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 14 July 2020*

<b>Total</b>	<b>Today</b>
<b>Tested 16192</b>	<b>Tested 810</b>
<b>Confirmed 960</b>	<b>Confirmed 96</b>
<b>Active 927</b>	<b>Active 927</b>
<b>Recovered 31</b>	<b>Recovered 2</b>
<b>Death 2</b>	<b>Death 0</b>

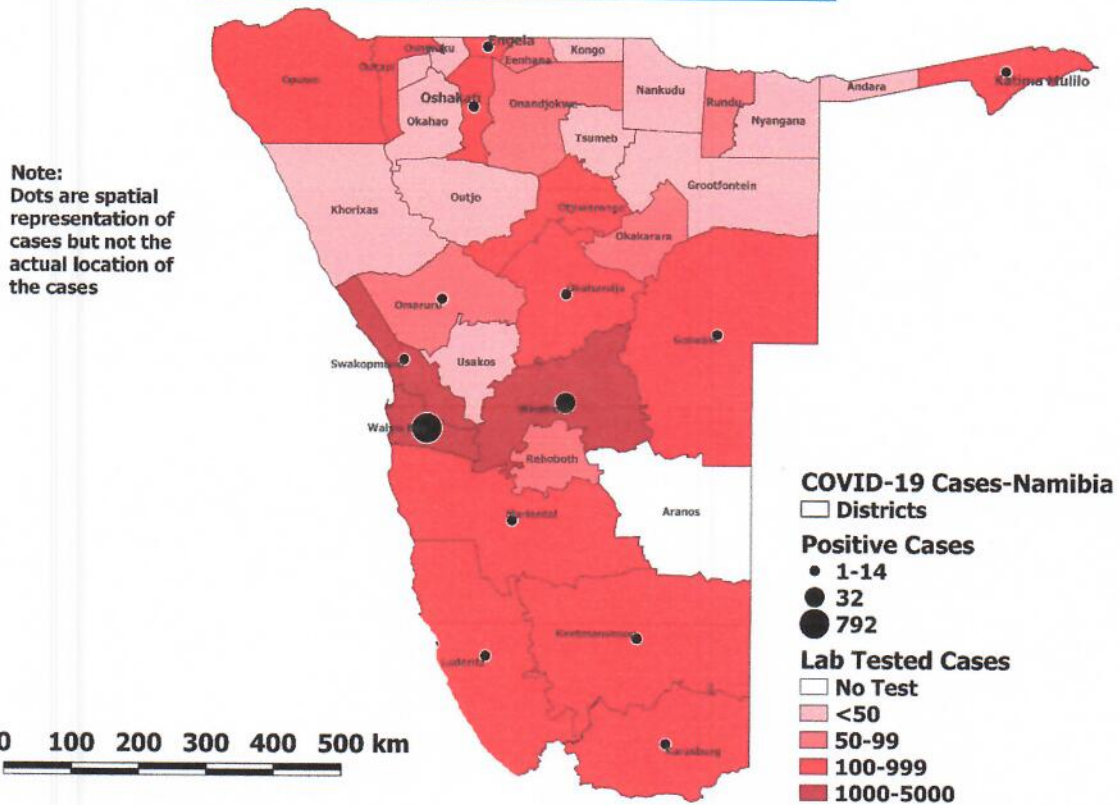
Namibia has recorded a total of **960** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **339 (35.3%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 28 (Figure 1).

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

- ⊙ 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; **1265** calls were answered with **31** alerts, today.

- Two recoveries have been recorded today (14 July 2020) from Erongo (1) and Khomas (1) regions.
- ⊙ Cumulatively, **908 (94.6%)** cases are local transmissions while **52 (5.4%)** 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; **890 (92.7%)**.
  - ⊙ More female cases **484 (50.4%)** were recorded compared to male cases **476 (49.6%)**.

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

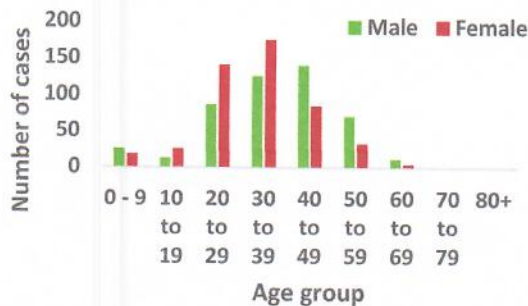


*Figure 2: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 14 July 2020*

- Eight (8) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **890 (92.7%)** followed by Khomas **34 (3.5%)**.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **2326** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **4** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours. Cumulatively, **1112** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **207** out of **1179** active contacts were monitored today.

*Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 14 July 2020*

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death
Erongo	890	877	11	2
Hardap	6	5	1	0
//Kharas	15	12	3	0
Khomas	34	18	16	0
Ohangwena	3	3	0	0
Oshana	5	5	0	0
Otjozondjupa	5	5	0	0
Zambezi	2	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>



*Figure 3: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases 14 July 2020*

- The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **754 (78.5%)**.
- Those aged 60 and above constitute **19 (2.0%)** of those affected.

**Table 2: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 14 July 2020**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Kunene	1	106	87	19
Omaheke	0	118	118	0
Kavango	0	101	91	10
Omusati	0	122	119	3
Oshana	2	121	54	67
Ohangwena	0	307	266	41
Hardap	0	257	220	37
Otjozondjupa	0	412	370	42
Khomas	53	1406	1196	210
Zambezi	1	464	415	49
//Kharas	0	536	446	90
Erongo	0	466	382	84
Oshikoto	0	86	68	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>4502</b>	<b>3832</b>	<b>670</b>

- ⊙ Since March 2020, **4502** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- ⊙ A total of **670** people are currently in quarantine with **57** new admissions in the past 24 hours.
- ⊙ Since March 2020, **99** people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.

**Table 3: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories 14 July 2020**

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	13781	2531	-	16312
Total sample tested	12227	2392	-	14619
Total sample re-tested	1442	131	-	1573
Total positive results	771	188	1	960
Total negative results	11456	2204	-	13660
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Invalid results	1	0	-	1
Total pending results	43	0	-	43
Suspected cases in 24 hours	736	74	-	810

- ⊙ To date, **16192** tests have been conducted by NIP & Path-Care laboratories (including **1573** re-tests).

**Table 3: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighboring countries and destination regions on 14 July 2020**

Destination	Country of departure					Total
	RSA	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	
//Kharas	62	0	0	0	0	<b>62</b>
Khomas	95	7	0	0	1	<b>103</b>
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Oshana	3	0	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
Otjozondjupa	14	9	0	0	1	<b>24</b>
Kavango	3	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
Ohangwena	3	0	0	0	1	<b>4</b>
Hardap	1	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Kunene	1	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Omaheke	4	0	0	0	1	<b>5</b>
Oshikoto	1	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Zambezi	0	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Erongo	13	9	0	5	69	<b>96</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>303</b>

- ⊙ A total of **303** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- ⊙ Of these trucks, **34.0%** were heading to Khomas, **31.7%** to Erongo while **20.5%** were heading to //Kharas region.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION**

- ⊙ Regions have enhanced social mobilization on COVID-19
- ⊙ Targeted testing in Walvis Bay is ongoing
- ⊙ Regions have intensified surveillance on travellers from Erongo region for early case detection

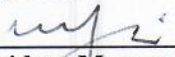
### **CHALLENGES**

- ⊙ 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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