



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

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 121			
<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>17.07.2020 23:00 hrs</i>	<b>Investigation start Date</b>	<i>13 March 2020</i>
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**HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (17/07/2020)**

- ⊙ 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 17264	Tested 219
Confirmed 1203	Confirmed 125
Active 1169	Active 1169
Recovered 32	Recovered 0
Death 2	Death 0

*Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 17 July 2020*

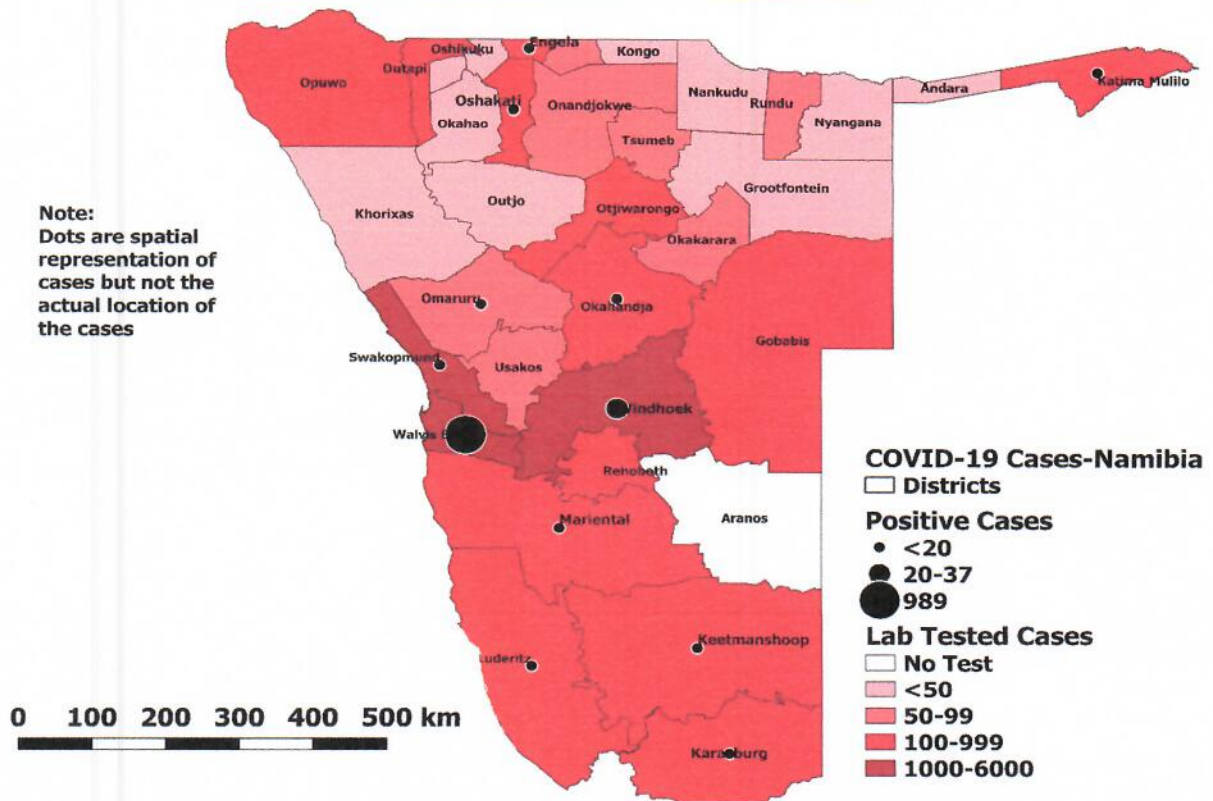
Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death
Erongo	1121	1107	12	2
Hardap	6	5	1	0
//Kharas	20	17	3	0
Khomas	39	23	16	0
Ohangwena	4	4	0	0
Oshana	5	5	0	0
Otjozondjupa	5	5	0	0
Zambezi	3	3	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1203</b>	<b>1169</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>

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

- ⊙ Cumulatively, **1148 (95.4%)** cases are local transmissions while **55 (4.6%)** are imported.
- ⊙ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **204** cases were identified during active case search.
- ⊙ More male cases **623 (51.8%)** were recorded compared to female cases **580 (48.2%)**

- ⊙ Eight (8) of the 14 regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **1121 (93.2%)** followed by Khomas **39 (3.2%)**.

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

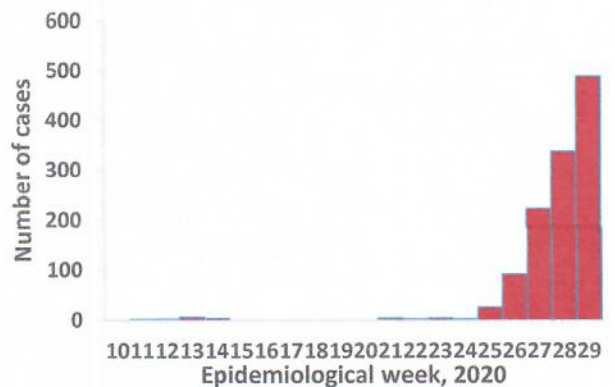


*Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 17 July 2020*

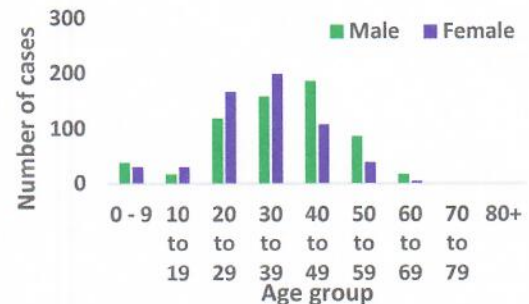
Namibia has recorded a total of **1203** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **490 (40.7%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 29 (Figure 2).

- ⊙ 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 weeks.
- ⊙ Call centre continues operation for 24 hours daily; **1513** calls were answered with **15** alerts, today.

- ⊙ The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **938 (78.0%)**.
- ⊙ Those aged 60 and above constitute **24 (2.0%)** of those affected.



*Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 17 July 2020*



*Figure 3: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases 17 July 2020*



**Table 2: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 17 July 2020**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Kunene	1	109	92	17
Omaheke	0	118	118	0
Kavango	1	102	93	9
Omusati	0	125	120	5
Oshana	2	124	85	39
Ohangwena	8	321	290	31
Hardap	0	257	220	37
Otjozondjupa	0	412	407	5
Khomas	17	1434	1227	207
Zambezi	22	497	425	72
//Kharas	0	536	446	90
Erongo	0	466	382	84
Oshikoto	0	91	78	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>4592</b>	<b>3983</b>	<b>609</b>

- ⊙ Since March 2020, **4592** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- ⊙ A total of **609** people are currently in quarantine with **51** new admissions in the past 24 hours.
- ⊙ Since March 2020, **100** people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.

**Table 3: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories 17 July 2020**

- ⊙ To date, **17264** tests have been conducted by NIP & Path-Care laboratories (including **1837** re-tests).
- ⊙ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **3181** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **561** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours. Cumulatively, **1225** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **1076** out of **1660** active contacts were monitored today.

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	14548	2836	-	17384
Total sample tested	12775	2652	-	15427
Total sample re-tested	1661	176	-	1837
Total positive results	952	250	1	1203
Total negative results	11823	2402	-	14225
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Invalid results	1	0	-	1
Total pending results	43	0	-	43
Suspected cases in 24 hours	85	134	-	219

**Table 4: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighboring countries and destination regions on 17 July 2020**

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Tanzania	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	
//Kharas	34	0	0	0	0	0	34
Khomas	67	0	7	3	0	4	81
Omusati	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oshana	4	0	0	2	0	0	6
Otjozondjupa	6	0	5	1	0	0	12
Kavango	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	1	0	1	1	0	0	3
Hardap	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Oshikoto	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Zambezi	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Erongo	9	1	15	3	0	45	73
<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>219</b>

- ⊙ A total of **219** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- ⊙ Of these trucks, **37.0%** were heading to Khomas, **33.3%** to Erongo while **15.5%** were heading to //Kharas region.

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- ⊙ National level continues to support the regions
- ⊙ Twenty one data management officers from //Kharas, Omaheke, Otjozondjupa and PHEOC trained on DHIS 2 tracker aggregate and overall data management in Windhoek
- ⊙ 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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