



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 149			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time of this report	14.08.2020 19:00 hrs	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (14/08/2020)

Total	Today
Tested 37757	Tested 1654
Confirmed 3907	Confirmed 181
Active 1523	Active 1523
Recovered 2349	Recovered 10
Death 35	Death 4

- The country has been reverted back to Stage 3 of the State of Emergency (12 August 2020 -28 August 2020).
- Walvis Bay, Swakopmund and Arandis Local Authority areas in Erongo region are under travel restrictions.
- Windhoek, Okahandja and Rehoboth are all under travel restriction including a curfew (20h00-05h00).

- A total of **4** fatalities have been recorded today (14/08/2020).
- To-date, **113** Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19; **6** have recovered.
- Cumulatively, **3822 (97.8%)** cases are local transmissions while **85 (2.2%)** are imported.
- There is evidence of a clustered community transmission in Erongo and Khomas regions (Table 1)
- More male cases **2260 (57.8%)** were recorded compared to female cases **1647 (42.2%)**.

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

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers	
					Total	Recoveries
Erongo	2883	726	2135	22	38	0
Hardap	16	9	7	0	1	0
//Kharas	46	20	26	0	1	1
Kavango East	4	4	0	0	0	-
Kavango West	2	2	0	0	0	-
Khomas	815	654	148	13	62	3
Kunene	1	1	0	0	0	-
Ohangwena	14	1	13	0	0	-
Omaheke	8	6	2	0	0	-
Omusati	9	7	2	0	1	-
Oshana	47	39	8	0	4	0
Oshikoto	17	17	0	0	1	0
Otjovendjupa	34	30	4	0	0	0
Zambezi	11	7	4	0	3	2
Total	3907	1523	2349	35	113	6

- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **2883 (73.8%)** followed by Khomas **815 (20.9%)**.

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Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded from the Laboratories as of 14 August 2020

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total sample received by the Laboratory	37885
Total sample tested	34624
Total sample re-tested	3133
Total positive results	3907
Total negative results	30715
Total sample discarded	76
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	41
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	12
Suspected cases in 24 hours	1642

- To date, **37757** tests have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, and UNAM laboratories (including **3133** re-tests).
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **7489** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **133** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 12 regions.
- Cumulatively, **2789** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while **1838** out of **4444** active contacts were monitored today.
- A total **393** of contacts have tested positive.

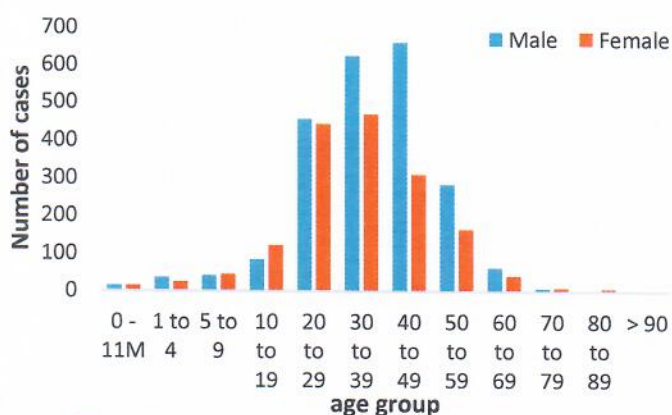


Figure 1: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases As of 13 August 2020

- A sizable proportion of the 50-59 age group constitute **11.4%** of the confirmed cases, after the 20-49 years (**75.6%**) age-bracket.
- Those under 5 make up **170 (4.4%)** of those affected.
- Those aged 60 and above constitute **127 (3.3%)** of those affected.

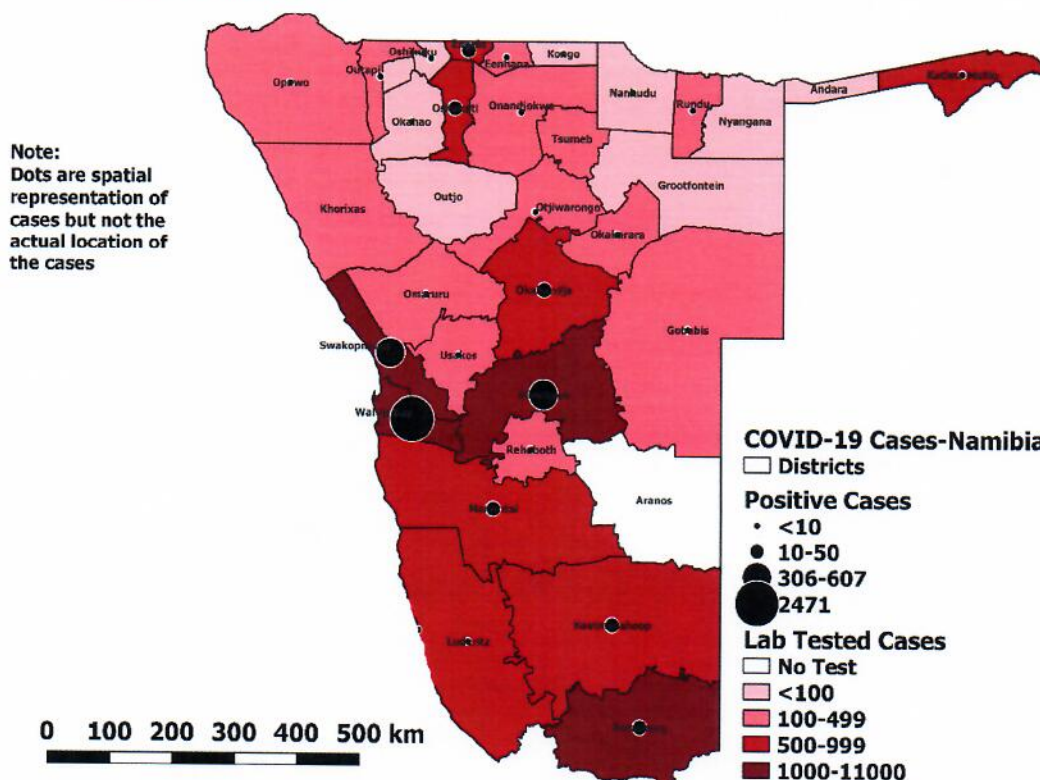


Figure 2: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 14 August 2020

Namibia has recorded **3907** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **1055 (27.0%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 33 (Figure 3).

- A high number of cases were recorded in the past four weeks as a result of:
 - Spread of local transmission in Walvis Bay district and Windhoek.
 - Enhanced Active Case Search and targeted testing daily from different districts
 - Enhanced surveillance including active case search in health facilities
- Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily. Today, **1157** calls were answered including **27** alerts.

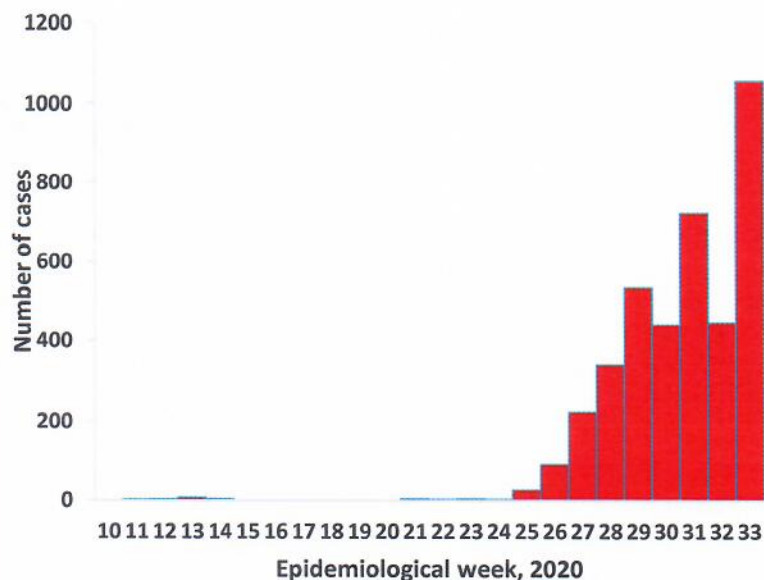


Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 14 August 2020

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 14 August 2020

Region	Number in quarantine now	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged
Erongo	601	0	1827	1226
Hardap	55	7	387	332
Kavango	94	14	259	165
Khomas	369	0	1782	1413
//Kharas	99	49	970	871
Kunene	17	8	209	192
Ohangwena	6	0	356	350
Omaheke	71	0	377	306
Omusati	29	0	206	177
Oshana	36	4	188	152
Oshikoto	56	0	180	124
Otjozondjupa	0	0	540	540
Zambezi	84	0	631	547
Total	1517	82	7912	6395

- Since March 2020, **7912** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1517** people are currently in quarantine with **82** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

Table 4: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 14 August 2020

- A total of **301** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **38.2%** were heading to Khomas, **23.3%** to //Kharas while **21.3%** were heading to Erongo region.

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Zimbabwe	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	
//Kharas	70	0	0	0	0	0	70
Khomas	98	1	15	0	0	1	115
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
Otjozondjupa	12	0	13	0	0	0	25
Kavango	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Ohangwena	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Hardap	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Oshikoto	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Zambezi	3	0	0	0	0	1	4
Erongo	14	2	6	0	1	41	64
Total	219	2	35	0	1	43	301

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- Continuous support to the regions by the national level.
- Appointment of a coordinator to coordinate targeted testing in districts and regions to ensure sturdy flow of samples to the laboratories.
- Guidelines on COVID-19 exposure in public and work environment issued to the general public.
- Commencement of testing by UNAM (School of Medicine), and Oshakati NIP laboratories to enhance testing capacity.

CHALLENGES

- Inadequate medical officers, specialists and epidemiologists especially in the regions.
- Inadequate ICU facilities and ICU equipment at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.
- Inadequate ambulances and isolation units, at health facilities in the regions.
- Inadequate PPE
- Inadequate nasopharyngeal swabs and appropriate transport media.
- Backlog at NIP for specimens to be tested, overwhelming the laboratory and delayed turn-around time.

RECOMMENDATIONS

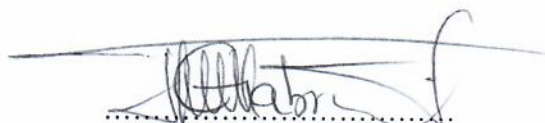
- Other technical experts from other sectors need to join the healthcare sector in the
- Provision of fully equipped ICU facilities at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.
- Establish fully equipped isolation units at health facilities in the regions.
- Logistics pillar to continue 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.
- Strengthen close monitoring and coordination of the flow of the specimen from all districts.

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