



Ministry of Health and Social Services
Republic of Namibia

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 136			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (01/08/2020)

- The country is in Stage 4 of the State of Emergency (4 August 2020 -17 September 2020)
- Walvis Bay, Swakopmund, and Arandis Local Authority Areas in Erongo region's Stage 3 is extended (from 04 August 2020 until 23h59 of 31 August 2020).

- Today (01/08/2020), **16** recoveries have been recorded; Erongo (9), and Khomas (7).
- To-date, **44** Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Cumulatively, **2221 (96.8%)** cases are local transmissions while **73 (3.2%)** are imported.
- There is evidence of a clustered community transmission in Erongo region (Table 1)
- Up to **1335** confirmed cases in Erongo region are still to be placed in isolation facilities.
- More male cases **1333 (58.2%)** were recorded compared to female cases **961 (41.9%)**.

Total	Today
Tested 27722	Tested 369
Confirmed 2294	Confirmed 70
Active 2096	Active 2096
Recovered 187	Recovered 16
Death 11	Death 0

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 01 August 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers
Erongo	2054	1899	145	10	26
Hardap	8	3	5	0	0
//Kharas	34	29	5	0	1
Kavango East	2	2	0	0	0
Khomas	149	121	27	1	13
Kunene	1	1	0	0	0
Ohangwena	10	9	1	0	0
Omusati	2	2	0	0	0
Oshana	10	8	2	0	1
Oshikoto	2	2	0	0	1
Otjozondjupa	16	16	0	0	0
Zambezi	6	4	2	0	2
Total	2296	2096	187	11	44

- ⊙ Twelve (12) of the 14 regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **2054 (89.5%)** followed by Khomas **149 (6.4%)**.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

- ⊙ To date, **27722** tests have been conducted by NIP & Path-Care laboratories (including **2740** re-tests).
- ⊙ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **5528** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **22** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours.
- ⊙ Cumulatively, **1657** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **617** out of **3554** active contacts were monitored today.

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories 01 August 2020

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	21416	6428	-	27844
Total sample tested	18807	6175	-	24982
Total sample re-tested	2499	241	-	2740
Total positive results	1436	857	1	2294
Total negative results	17371	5318	-	22689
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Invalid results	1	0	-	1
Total pending results	41	0	-	41
Suspected cases in 24 hours	319	50	-	369
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	-	4	-	-

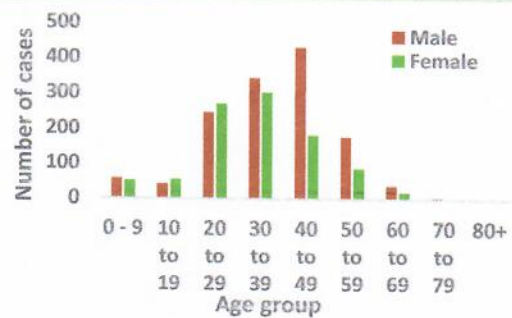


Figure 1: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 01 August 2020

- ⊙ The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **1770 (77.2%)**.
- ⊙ Those aged 60 and above constitute **61 (2.7%)** of those affected.

Note:
Dots are spatial representation of cases but not the actual location of the cases

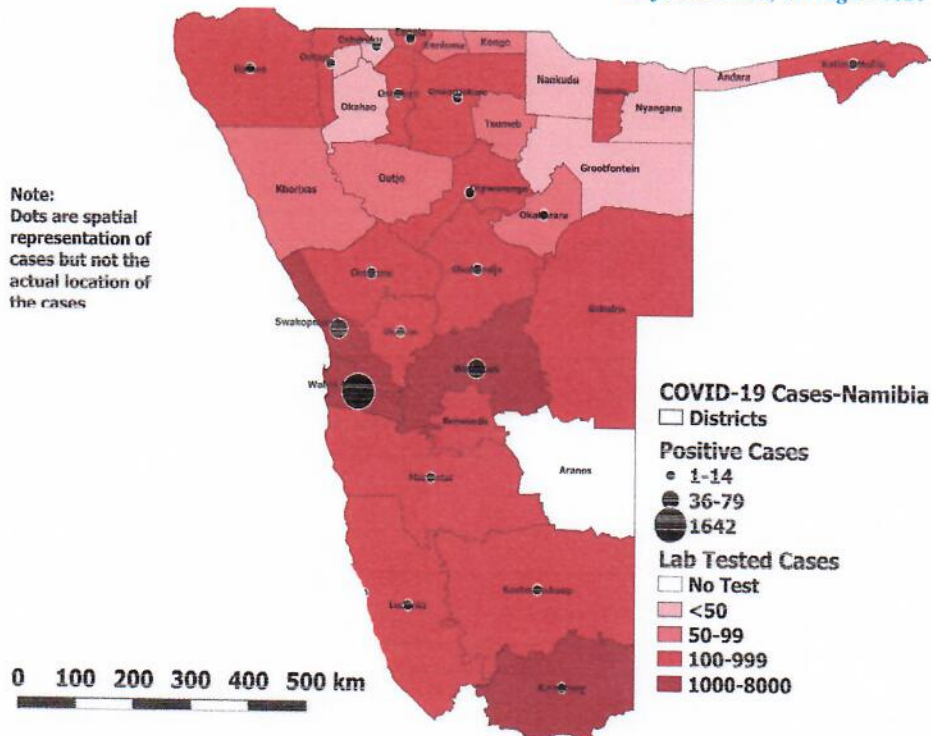


Figure 2: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 01 August 2020

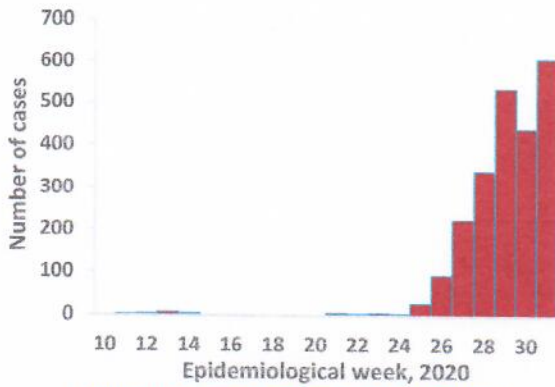


Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 01 August 2020

Namibia has recorded **2294** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **607 (26.5%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 31 (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
 - Enhanced Active Case Search and testing, averaging 600 tests daily in the past weeks.
- ⊙ Call centre continues operation for 24 hours daily. Today, **1223** calls were answered including **6** alerts.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 01 August 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	1624	822	802
Hardap	2	309	275	34
Kavango	0	162	104	58
Khomas	4	1556	1295	261
//Kharas	0	706	533	173
Kunene	5	180	120	60
Ohangwena	0	333	308	25
Omaheke	0	216	189	27
Omusati	0	167	134	33
Oshana	2	150	125	27
Oshikoto	0	116	89	27
Otjozondjupa	0	494	416	78
Zambezi	0	539	472	67
Total	13	6559	4882	1672

⊙ Since March 2020, **6559** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.

⊙ A total of **1672** people are currently in quarantine with **13** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

Table 4: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 01 August 2020

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Zimbabwe	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	
//Kharas	53	0	0	0	0	0	53
Khomas	167	0	17	1	0	1	186
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	17	0	0	0	0	0	17
Otjozondjupa	18	0	4	0	0	2	24
Kavango	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Ohangwena	14	0	0	2	0	0	14
Hardap	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Kunene	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Omaheke	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
Oshikoto	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Zambezi	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Erongo	19	0	0	0	1	24	44
Total	307	0	21	3	1	28	360

- ⊙ A total of **360** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- ⊙ Of these trucks, **51.7%** were heading to Khomas, **14.7** to //Kharas while **12.2%** were heading to Erongo region.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- National level continues to support the regions
- Regions have enhanced social mobilization on COVID-19
- Targeted testing in Walvis Bay is ongoing
- Regions have intensified surveillance on travellers from high risk areas for early case detection

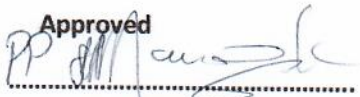
CHALLENGES

- Inadequate Human resources in the regions
- Inadequate ICU facilities and ICU equipment at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.
- 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

- The Ministry to fast track the appointment of critical positions for the response in the regions
- 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.
- Enhance laboratory testing capacity throughout the country.

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