



Ministry of Health and Social Services
Republic of Namibia

| NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 144 | | | |
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| Outbreak Name | COVID-19 outbreak | Country affected | Namibia |
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (09/08/2020)

- 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).

| Total | Today |
|----------------|---------------|
| Tested 32523 | Tested 1190 |
| Confirmed 3101 | Confirmed 152 |
| Active 2370 | Active 2370 |
| Recovered 712 | Recovered 11 |
| Death 19 | Death 0 |

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 09 August 2020

| Region | Total No. of cases | Active cases | Recovered | Death | Health Care Workers |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Erongo | 2550 | 1959 | 577 | 14 | 29 |
| Hardap | 11 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 1 |
| //Kharas | 39 | 33 | 6 | 0 | 1 |
| Kavango East | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kavango West | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Khomas | 405 | 302 | 98 | 5 | 27 |
| Kunene | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ohangwena | 13 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Omaheke | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Omusati | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Oshana | 30 | 22 | 8 | 0 | 2 |
| Oshikoto | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Otjozondjupa | 27 | 23 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Zambezi | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Total | 3101 | 2370 | 712 | 19 | 63 |

- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **2550 (82.2%)** followed by Khomas **404 (13.1%)**.
- Latest region to report a case is Omaheke

- To-date, **63** Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Cumulatively, **3020 (97.4%)** cases are local transmissions while **81 (2.6%)** are imported.
- There is evidence of a clustered community transmission in Erongo region (Table 1)
- Up to **1831** confirmed cases in Erongo region are still to be placed in designated isolation facilities; are currently being monitored.
- More male cases **1841 (59.4%)** were recorded compared to female cases **1260 (40.6%)**.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

- To date, **32523** tests have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, and UNAM laboratories (including **3070** re-tests).
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **6497** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **40** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 12 regions.
- Cumulatively, **2494** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while **1305** out of **3818** active contacts were monitored today.

- The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **2370 (76.4%)**.
- Those aged 60 and above constitute **93 (3.0%)** of those affected.

*Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded from the Laboratories
09 August 2020*

| VARIABLES | TOTAL |
|---|-------|
| Total sample received by the Laboratory | 32650 |
| Total sample tested | 29453 |
| Total sample re-tested | 3070 |
| Total positive results | 3101 |
| Total negative results | 26352 |
| Total sample discarded | 76 |
| Invalid results | 1 |
| Total pending results | 41 |
| Indeterminant/Inconclusive | 9 |
| Suspected cases in 24 hours | 682 |

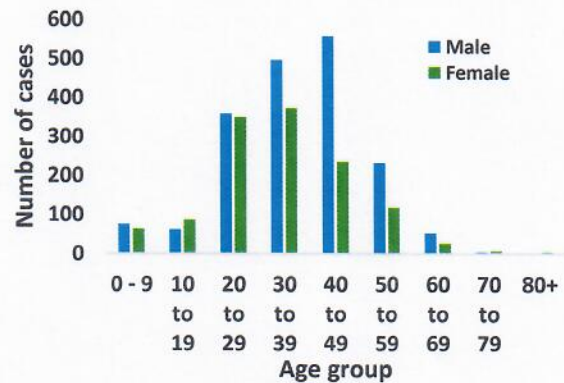


Figure 1: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 09 August 2020

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

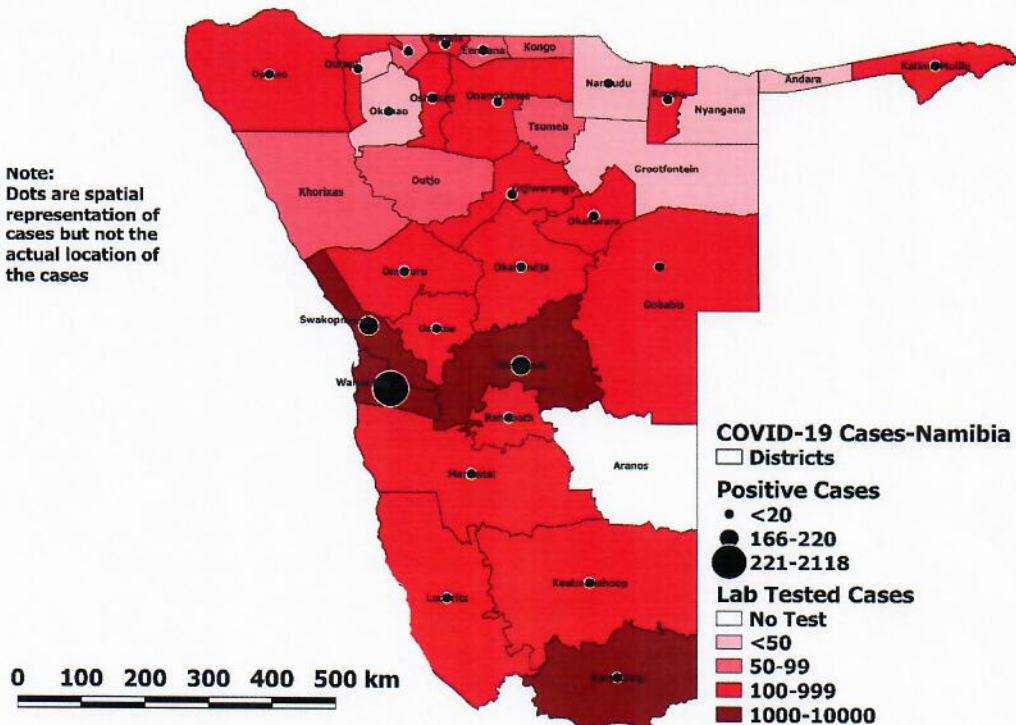


Figure 2: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 09 August 2020

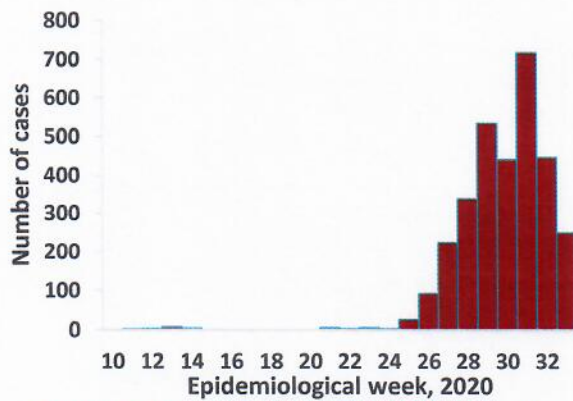


Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 09 August 2020

Namibia has recorded **3101** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **719 (23.2%)** 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 and Windhoek.
 - Enhanced Active Case Search and targeted testing daily from different districts
- Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily. Today, **852** calls were answered including **24** alerts.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 09 August 2020

- Since March 2020, **6968** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1741** people are currently in quarantine with **16** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

| Region | Newly quarantined 24 hours | Cumulative number | Number discharged | Number in quarantine now |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Erongo | 0 | 1624 | 822 | 802 |
| Hardap | 0 | 336 | 309 | 27 |
| Kavango | 0 | 172 | 158 | 14 |
| Khomas | 1 | 1782 | 1413 | 369 |
| //Kharas | 0 | 706 | 533 | 173 |
| Kunene | 0 | 186 | 122 | 64 |
| Ohangwena | 5 | 338 | 318 | 20 |
| Omaheke | 0 | 216 | 189 | 27 |
| Omusati | 0 | 195 | 137 | 58 |
| Oshana | 10 | 172 | 131 | 41 |
| Oshikoto | 0 | 164 | 117 | 47 |
| Otjozondjupa | 0 | 538 | 506 | 32 |
| Zambezi | 0 | 539 | 472 | 67 |
| Total | 16 | 6968 | 5227 | 1741 |

Table 4: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 09 August 2020

| Destination | Country of departure | | | | | | Total |
|--------------|----------------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| | RSA | Zimbabwe | Botswana | Angola | DRC | Zambia | |
| //Kharas | 59 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 |
| Khomas | 73 | 0 | 15 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 93 |
| Omusati | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Oshana | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Otjozondjupa | 13 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 17 |
| Kavango | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Ohangwena | 7 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Hardap | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Kunene | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Omaheke | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Oshikoto | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Zambezi | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Erongo | 9 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 35 |
| Total | 177 | 2 | 29 | 8 | 1 | 17 | 234 |

- A total of **234** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **39.7%** were heading to Khomas, **25.2%** to //Kharas while **15.0%** were heading to Erongo region.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- Commencement of testing by UNAM and Oshakati NIP laboratories to enhance testing capacity.
- National level continues to support the regions
- Regions have enhanced social mobilization on COVID-19
- Targeted testing in Walvis Bay and Karasburg 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 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

- The Ministry to fast track the appointment of critical manpower to 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.
- Strengthen close monitoring and coordination of the flow of the specimen from all districts.

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