



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 150			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time of this report	15.08.2020 19:00 hrs	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (15/08/2020)

Total	Today
Tested 38516	Tested 749
Confirmed 4154	Confirmed 247
Active 1749	Active 1749
Recovered 2370	Recovered 21
Death 35	Death 0

- 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).

- To-date, **128** Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19; **6** have recovered.
- Cumulatively, **4069 (98.0%)** cases are local transmissions while **85 (2.0%)** are imported.
- There is evidence of a clustered community transmission in Erongo and Khomas regions (Table 1)
- More male cases **2373 (57.1%)** were recorded compared to female cases **1781 (42.9%)**.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 15 August 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers	
					Total	Recoveries
Erongo	2954	797	2135	22	38	0
Hardap	23	16	7	0	1	0
//Kharas	53	27	26	0	1	1
Kavango East	5	5	0	0	0	-
Kavango West	2	2	0	0	0	-
Khomas	951	770	168	13	75	3
Kunene	1	1	0	0	0	-
Ohangwena	14	1	13	0	0	-
Omaheke	10	8	2	0	0	-
Omusati	11	9	2	0	1	-
Oshana	56	48	8	0	4	0
Oshikoto	22	22	0	0	1	0
Otjozondjupa	41	37	4	0	0	0
Zambezi	11	6	5	0	3	2
Total	4154	1749	2370	35	128	6

- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **2954 (71.1%)** followed by Khomas **951 (22.9%)**.

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Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded from the Laboratories as of 15 August 2020

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total sample received by the Laboratory	38634
Total sample tested	35350
Total sample re-tested	3166
Total positive results	4154
Total negative results	31182
Total sample discarded	76
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	41
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	14
Suspected cases in 24 hours	716

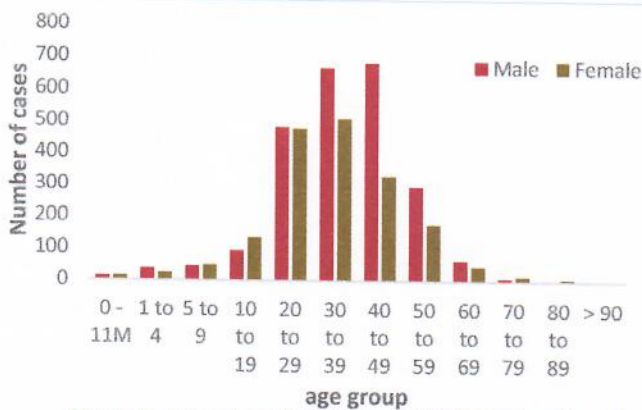


Figure 1: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases As of 15 August 2020

- To date, **38516** tests have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, and UNAM laboratories (including **3166** re-tests).
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **7607** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **118** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 12 regions.
- Cumulatively, **2797** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while **2004** out of **4549** active contacts were monitored today.
- A total **398** of contacts have tested positive.

- A sizable proportion of the 50-59 age group constitute **11.3%** of the confirmed cases, after the 20-49 years (75.5%) age-brackets.
- The under 5 make up **181 (4.4%)** of the total cases.
- Aged 60 years and above constitute **143 (3.4%)** of the confirmed cases.

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

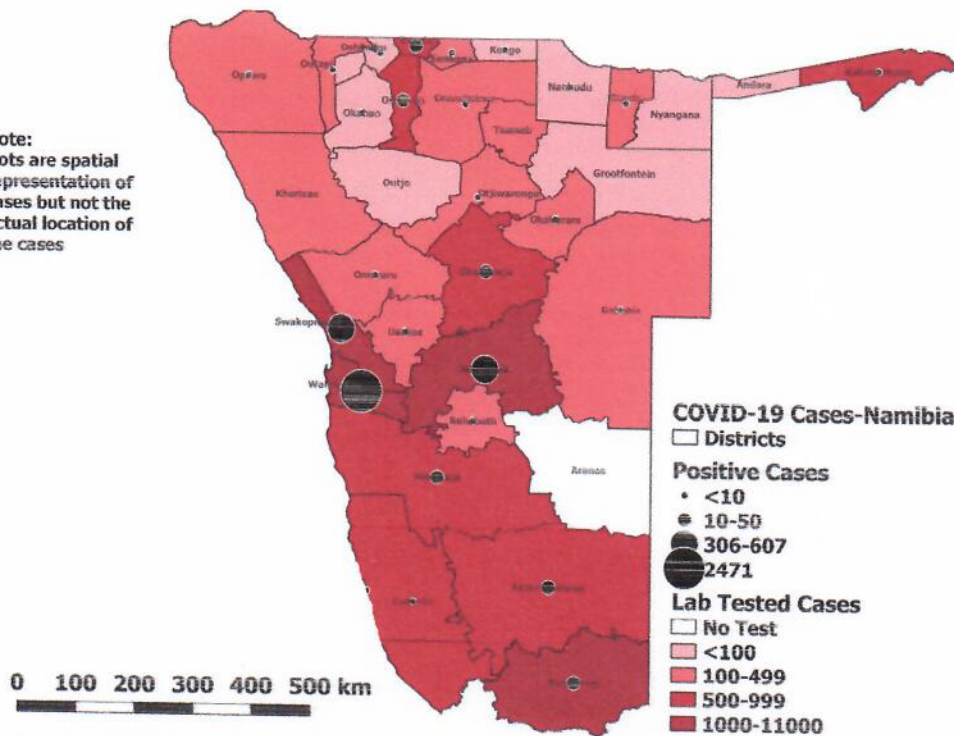


Figure 2: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 15 August 2020

Namibia has recorded **4154** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **1055 (25.4%)** 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, **1035** calls were answered including **17** alerts.

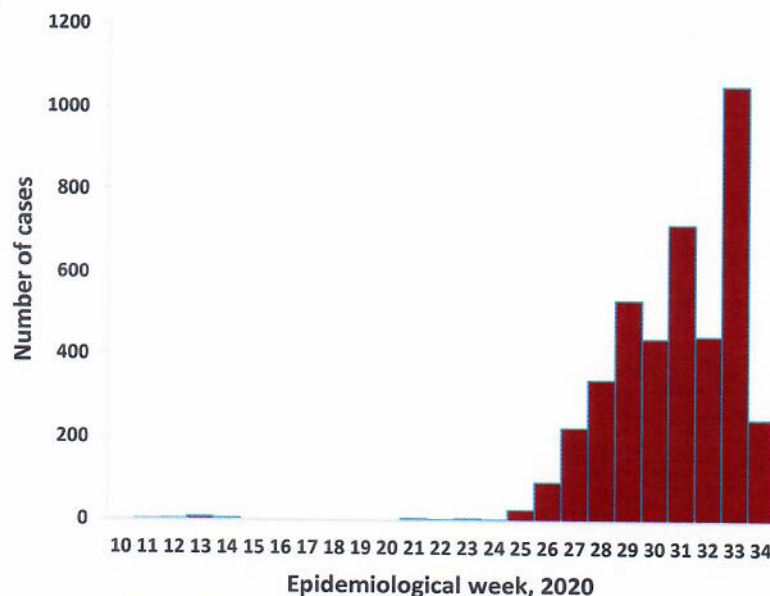


Figure3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 15 August 2020

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 15 August 2020

Region	Number in quarantine now	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged
Erongo	601	0	1827	1226
Hardap	64	14	401	337
Kavango	80	2	261	181
Khomas	369	0	1782	1413
//Kharas	120	31	1001	881
Kunene	46	29	238	192
Ohangwena	6	0	356	350
Omaheke	71	0	377	306
Omusati	29	0	206	177
Oshana	22	0	188	166
Oshikoto	56	0	180	124
Otjozondjupa	1	1	541	540
Zambezi	91	11	642	551
Total	1556	88	8000	6444

- Since March 2020, **8000** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1556** people are currently in quarantine with **88** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

Table 4: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 15 August 2020

- A total of **402** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **46.8%** were heading to Khomas, **19.2%** to //Kharas while **16.4%** were heading to Erongo region.

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Eswatini	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	
//Kharas	77	0	0	0	0	0	77
Khomas	175	1	10	1	1	0	188
Omusati	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Oshana	14	0	0	0	0	0	14
Otjozondjupa	14	0	7	0	0	0	21
Kavango	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Ohangwena	7	0	0	2	7	0	16
Hardap	3	0	0	1	0	0	4
Kunene	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Omaheke	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Oshikoto	3	0	0	2	0	0	5
Zambezi	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Erongo	18	0	11	1	0	36	66
Total	321	1	28	7	8	37	402

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- Continuous support to the regions by the national level.
- Surveillance team assigned a coordinator for 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
- Backlog of specimens to be tested at NIP, overwhelming the laboratory and delaying 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.
- Strengthen close monitoring and coordination of the flow of the specimen from all districts.


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