



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 151			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time of this report	16.08.2020 19:00 hrs	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
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### HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (16/08/2020)

Total
Tested 39187
Confirmed 4344
Active 1929
Recovered 2379
Death 36

Today
Tested 1169
Confirmed 190
Active 1929
Recovered 9
Death 1

- 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).

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 16 August 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers	
					Total	Recoveries
Erongo	2980	823	2135	22	38	0
Hardap	27	20	7	0	1	0
//Kharas	55	29	26	0	1	1
Kavango East	6	6	0	0	0	-
Kavango West	2	2	0	0	0	-
Khomas	1103	912	177	14	81	3
Kunene	1	1	0	0	0	-
Ohangwena	15	2	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	45	41	4	0	0	0
Zambezi	11	6	5	0	3	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>4344</b>	<b>1929</b>	<b>2379</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>6</b>

- To-date, **134** Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19; **6** have recovered.
- Cumulatively, **4259 (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 **2471 (56.9%)** were recorded compared to female cases **1873 (43.1%)**.

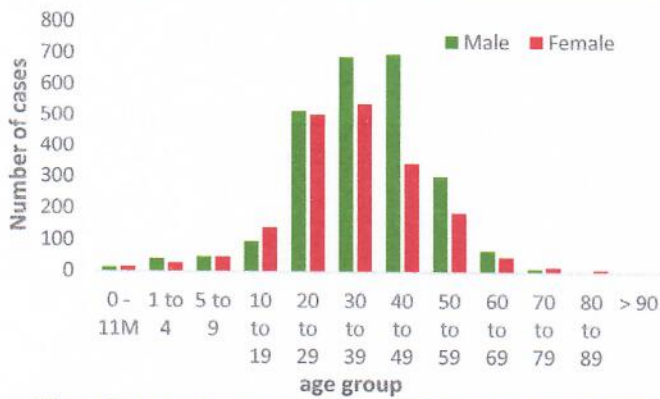
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **2980 (68.6%)** followed by Khomas **1103 (25.4%)**.



## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

*Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded from the Laboratories as of 16 August 2020*

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total sample received by the Laboratory	39803
Total sample tested	36002
Total sample re-tested	3185
Total positive results	4344
Total negative results	32141
Total sample discarded	76
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	41
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	15
Suspected cases in 24 hours	1150

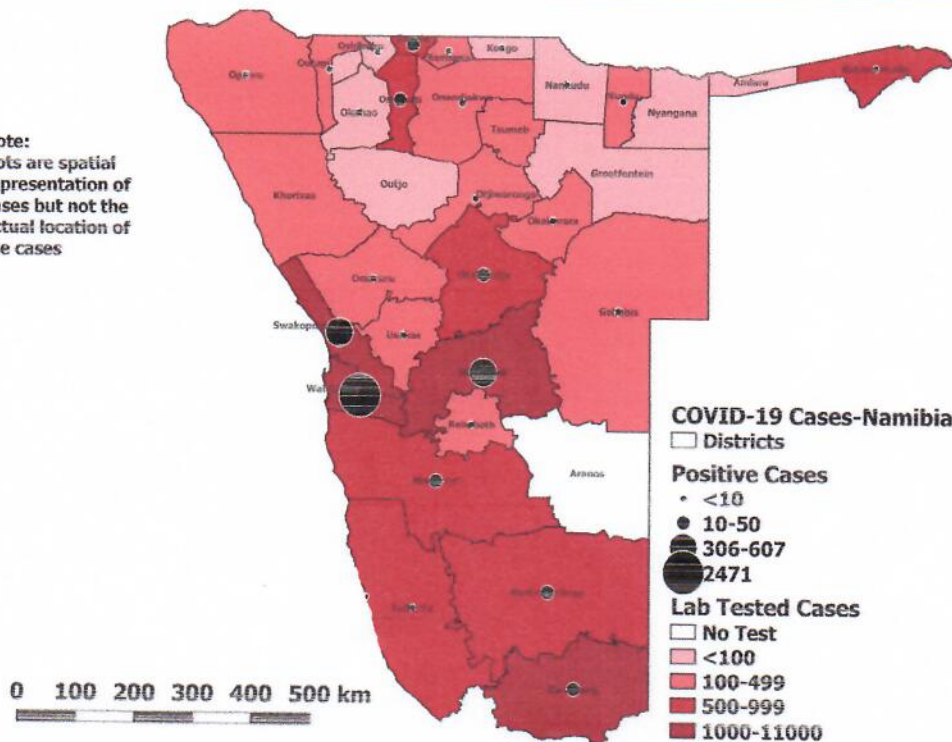


*Figure 1: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases As of 16 August 2020*

- To date, **39187** tests have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, and UNAM laboratories (including **3185** re-tests).
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **7682** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **75** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 12 regions.
- Cumulatively, **2816** contacts have completed their monitoring period. While a total **405** of contacts have tested positive
- Today, **3813** out of **4605 (82.8%)** active contacts were monitored. This is an improvement from the previous figure of **44.1%**.

- A sizable proportion of the 50-59 age group constitute **11.2%** of the confirmed cases, after the 20-49 years (**75.5%**) age-bracket.
- Among those aged 30-39, significant proportion of men (**15.8%**) are infected more than females (**12.4%**).
- The under 5 make up **181 (2.2%)** of the total cases.
- Aged 60 years and above constitute **151 (3.5%)** 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 16 August 2020* Page 2 of 4



Namibia has recorded **4344** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **1055 (24.3%)** 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, **1032** calls were answered including **29** alerts.

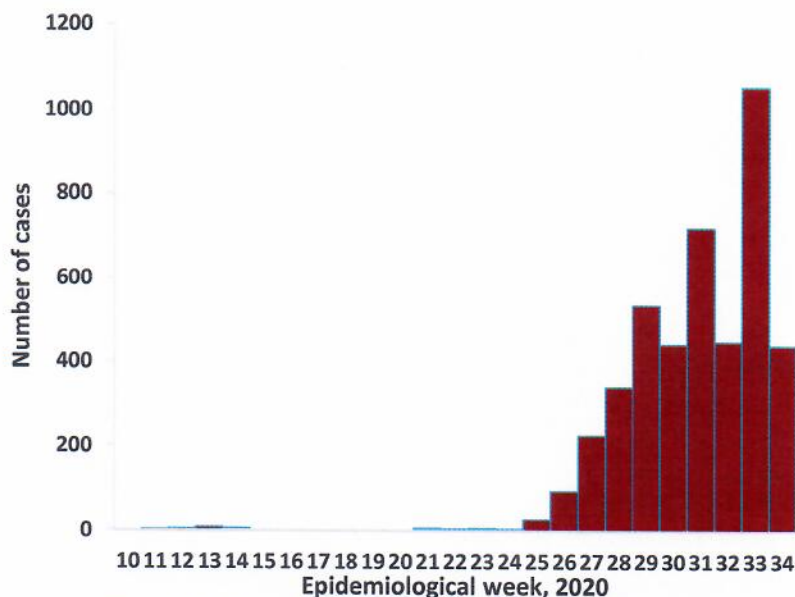


Figure3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 16 August 2020

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 16 August 2020

Region	Number in quarantine now	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged
Erongo	601	0	1827	1226
Hardap	71	13	414	343
Kavango	80	0	261	181
Khomas	368	8	1770	1422
//Kharas	135	28	1029	894
Kunene	46	0	238	192
Ohangwena	6	0	356	350
Omaheke	71	0	377	306
Omusati	28	2	208	180
Oshana	25	3	191	166
Oshikoto	56	0	180	124
Otjozondjupa	7	11	552	545
Zambezi	64	0	642	580
<b>Total</b>	<b>1556</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>8065</b>	<b>6509</b>

- Since March 2020, **8065** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1556** people are currently in quarantine with **65** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

Table 4: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 16 August 2020

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Eswatini	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	
//Kharas	49	0	0	1	0	0	50
Khomas	89	0	0	3	0	1	93
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Otjozondjupa	17	0	0	1	0	0	18
Kavango	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	1	0	0	0	7	0	1
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Erongo	17	0	13	3	1	33	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>238</b>

- A total of **238** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **39.1%** were heading to Khomas, **28.2%** to Erongo while **21.0%** were heading to //Kharas region.



## PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

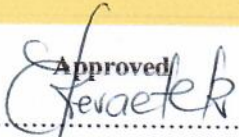
- Continuous support to the regions by the national level.
- Surveillance team assigned a coordinator for targeted testing in districts and regions to ensure sturdy flow of samples to the laboratories.
- Guidelines on COVID-19 exposure in public and work environment issued to the general public.
- Commencement 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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