



Ministry of Health and Social Services
Republic of Namibia

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 126			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (22/07/2020)

- ⊙ The country is in Stage 4 of the State of Emergency (29 June 2020 -17 September 2020)
- ⊙ Walvis Bay, Swakopmund, and Arandis Local Authority Areas in Erongo region will remain in Stage 3 (from 07 July 2020 until 23h59 of 03 August 2020).

Total	Today
Tested 19863	Tested 385
Confirmed 1522	Confirmed 120
Active 1446	Active 1446
Recovered 69	Recovered 5
Death 7	Death 0

Dashboard information can be accessed at: <https://cutt.ly/Covid-19-situation-Namibia>

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 22 July 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers
Erongo	1422	1374	41	7	12
Hardap	6	2	4	0	0
//Kharas	22	17	5	0	1
Khomas	50	32	18	0	3
Ohangwena	6	6	0	0	0
Omusati	1	1	0	0	0
Oshana	5	5	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	5	5	0	0	0
Zambezi	5	4	1	0	2
Total	1522	1446	69	7	18

- ⊙ Nine (9) of the 14 regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **1422 (93.4%)** followed by Khomas **50 (3.3%)**.

- ⊙ Today (22/07/2020), **5** recoveries have been recorded from Erongo region.
- ⊙ To-date, **18** Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19, with no new confirmation today (22/07/2020).
- ⊙ Cumulatively, **1461 (96.0%)** cases are local transmissions while **61 (4.0%)** are imported.
- ⊙ Up to **886** confirmed cases in Erongo region are still to be placed in isolation facilities.
- ⊙ More male cases **858 (56.4%)** were recorded compared to female cases **664 (43.6%)**

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

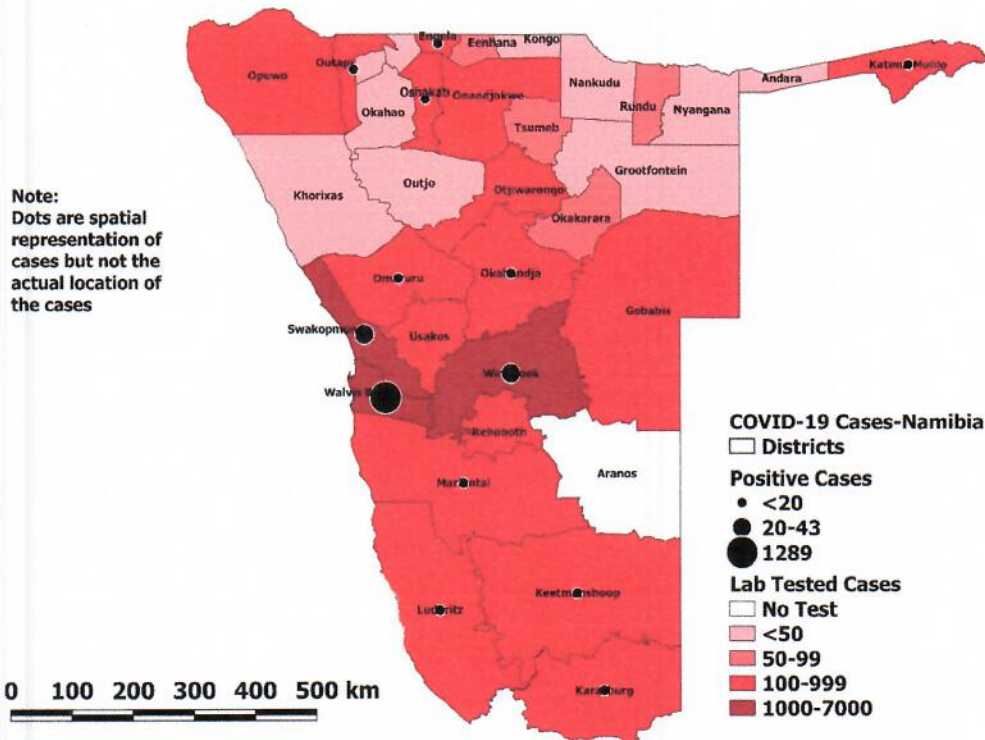


Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 22 July 2020

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories 22 July 2020

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	16525	3456	-	19981
Total sample tested	14382	3259	-	17641
Total sample re-tested	2033	189	-	2222
Total positive results	1081	440	1	1522
Total negative results	13301	2819	-	16120
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Invalid results	1	0	-	1
Total pending results	41	0	-	41
Suspected cases in 24 hours	318	67	-	385

- ⊙ The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **1186 (77.9%)**.
- ⊙ Those aged 60 and above constitute **36 (2.4%)** of those affected.

- ⊙ To date, **19863** tests have been conducted by NIP & Path-Care laboratories (including **2222** re-tests).
- ⊙ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **3792** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **108** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours.
- ⊙ Cumulatively, **1316** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **563** out of **2182** active contacts were monitored today.

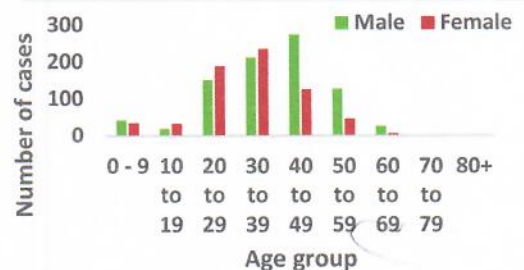


Figure 2: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases 22 July 2020

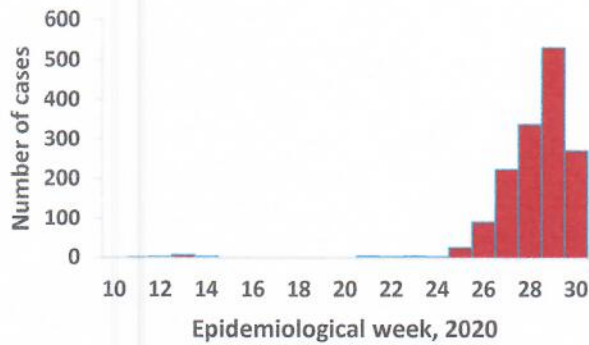


Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 22 July 2020

Namibia has recorded **1522** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **534 (35.1%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 29 (Figure 1).

- ⊙ A high number of cases were recorded in the past three weeks as a result of:
 - Spread of local transmission in Walvis Bay district
 - Enhanced Active Case Search and testing, averaging 300 tests daily in the past weeks.
- ⊙ Call centre continues operation for 24 hours daily. Today, **1252** calls were answered including **24** alerts.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 22 July 2020

- ⊙ Since March 2020, **4784** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- ⊙ A total of **657** people are currently in quarantine with **12** new admissions in the past 24 hours.
- ⊙ Since March 2020, **108** people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	466	382	84
Hardap	4	263	258	5
Kavango	0	128	100	28
Khomas	0	1434	1227	207
//Kharas	0	590	465	125
Kunene	0	112	103	9
Ohangwena	1	323	307	16
Omaheke	0	136	127	9
Omusati	5	136	121	15
Oshana	0	130	98	32
Oshikoto	1	94	83	11
Otjozondjupa	0	453	410	43
Zambezi	1	515	446	69
Total	12	4784	4127	657

Table 4: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 22 July 2020

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Zimbabwe	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	
//Kharas	53	0	0	0	0	0	53
Khomas	115	0	5	3	0	0	123
Omusati	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Oshana	8	0	1	0	0	0	9
Otjozondjupa	5	0	9	0	0	1	15
Kavango	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Ohangwena	5	0	0	4	0	0	9
Hardap	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Kunene	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Omaheke	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Oshikoto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Erongo	3	1	23	1	4	27	59
Total	199	1	38	9	4	29	280

- ⊙ A total of **280** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- ⊙ Of these trucks, **43.9%** were heading to Khomas, **21.1%** to Erongo while **18.9%** were heading to //Kharas 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 Erongo region for early case detection

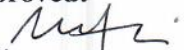
CHALLENGES

- ⊙ Inadequate Human resources in the regions
- ⊙ Inadequate ICU facilities and ICU equipment in the regions
- ⊙ Inadequate isolation units, at health facilities in the regions.
- ⊙ Inadequate PPE
- ⊙ Inadequate nasopharyngeal swabs and appropriate transport media.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ⊙ 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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