



**Ministry of Health and Social Services
Republic of Namibia**

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 129			
Outbreak Name	<i>COVID-19 outbreak</i>	Country affected	<i>Namibia</i>
Date & Time of this report	<i>25.07.2020 21:00 hrs</i>	Investigation start Date	<i>13 March 2020</i>
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (25/07/2020)

- ⊙ 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 22697	Tested 839
Confirmed 1775	Confirmed 88
Active 1692	Active 1692
Recovered 75	Recovered 3
Death 8	Death 1

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

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 25 July 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers
Erongo	1638	1585	45	8	19
Hardap	7	3	4	0	0
//Kharas	28	23	5	0	1
Khomas	70	50	20	0	8
Kunene	1	1	0	0	0
Ohangwena	8	8	0	0	0
Omusati	2	2	0	0	0
Oshana	7	7	0	0	0
Oshikoto	1	1	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	7	7	0	0	0
Zambezi	6	5	1	0	2
Total	1775	1692	75	8	30

- ⊙ Eleven (11) of the 14 regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **1638 (92.2%)** followed by Khomas **70 (3.9%)**.

- ⊙ Today (25/07/2020), **3** recoveries have been recorded, **1** Erongo and **2** Khomas region.
- ⊙ One fatality was recorded today (25/07/2020) in Erongo Region .
- ⊙ To-date, **30** Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19.
- ⊙ Cumulatively, **1705 (96.1%)** cases are local transmissions while **70 (3.9%)** are imported.
- ⊙ Up to **978** confirmed cases in Erongo region are still to be placed in isolation facilities.
- ⊙ More male cases **1013 (57.1%)** were recorded compared to female cases **762 (42.9%)**

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

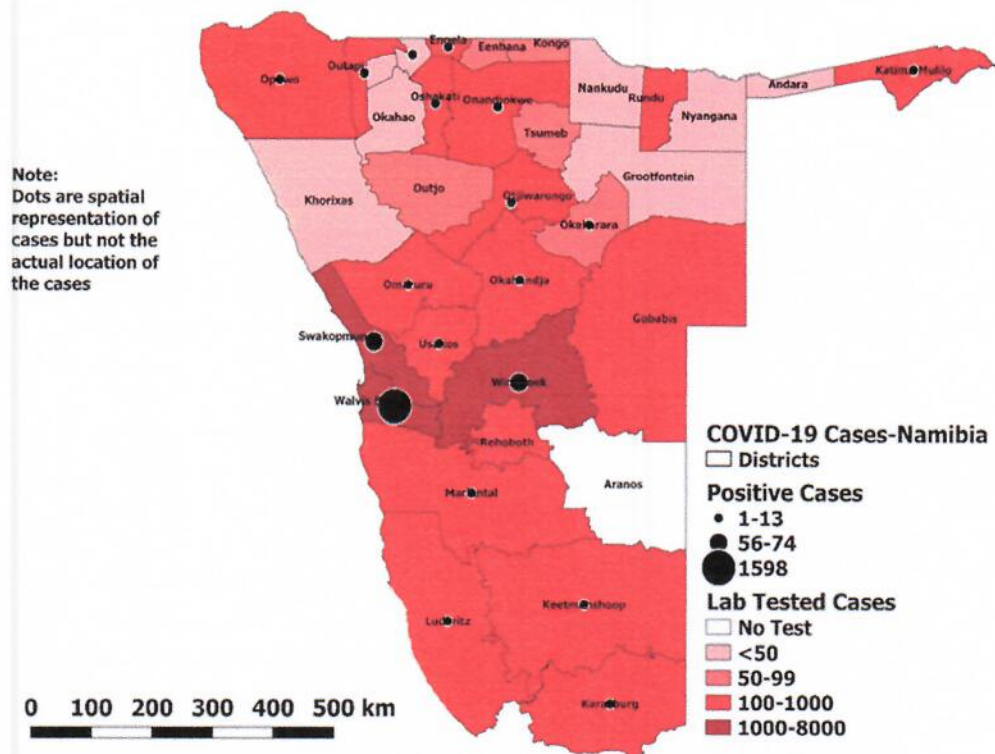


Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 25 July 2020

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories 25 July 2020

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	18029	4786	-	22815
Total sample tested	15759	4584	-	20343
Total sample re-tested	2160	194	-	2354
Total positive results	1219	555	1	1775
Total negative results	14540	4029	-	18569
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Invalid results	1	0	-	1
Total pending results	41	0	-	41
Suspected cases in 24 hours	457	382	-	839

- ⊙ The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **1367 (77%)**.
- ⊙ Those aged 60 and above constitute **43 (2.4%)** of those affected.

- ⊙ To date, **22697** tests have been conducted by NIP & Path-Care laboratories (including **2354** re-tests).
- ⊙ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **4306** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **32** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours.
- ⊙ Cumulatively, **1355** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **292** out of **2520** active contacts were monitored today.



Figure 2: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases 25 July 2020

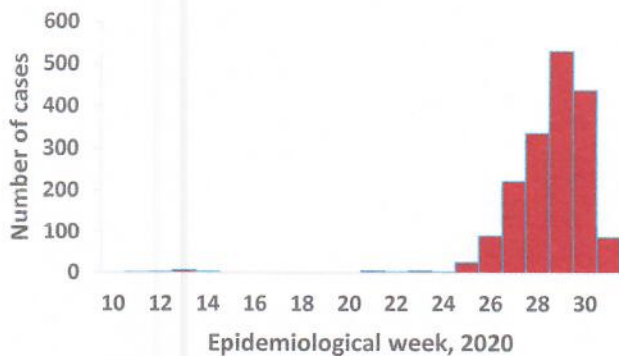


Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 25 July 2020

Namibia has recorded **1775** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **534 (30.1%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 29 (Figure 3).

- ⊙ 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, **1341** calls were answered including **12** alerts.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 25 July 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	466	466	0
Hardap	0	271	258	13
Kavango	0	140	100	40
Khomas	0	1434	1227	207
//Kharas	0	706	533	173
Kunene	38	157	114	43
Ohangwena	5	333	309	24
Omaheke	7	216	189	27
Omusati	2	140	122	18
Oshana	2	136	110	26
Oshikoto	0	105	86	19
Otjozondjupa	10	463	416	47
Zambezi	1	530	466	64
Total	65	5097	4396	701

- ⊙ Since March 2020, **5097** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- ⊙ A total of **701** people are currently in quarantine with **65** new admissions in the past 24 hours.
- ⊙ Since March 2020, **119** people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.

Table 4: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 25 July 2020

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Zimbabwe	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	
//Kharas	42	0	0	0	0	0	42
Khomas	123	0	22	0	0	0	145
Omusati	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Oshana	13	0	0	0	0	0	13
Otjozondjupa	8	0	8	0	0	0	16
Kavango	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ohangwena	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
Hardap	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Kunene	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Omaheke	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
Oshikoto	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Zambezi	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Erongo	23	0	30	0	0	43	96
Total	236	0	60	0	0	43	339

- ⊙ A total of **339** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- ⊙ Of these trucks, **42.7%** were heading to Khomas, **12.3%** to //Kharas while **28.3%** were heading to Erongo region.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- ⊙ A high-level delegation team has been sent to Erongo region on 22 July 2020, to engage stakeholders on the impact of COVID-19 in the region.
- ⊙ 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

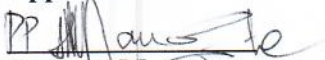
CHALLENGES

- ⊙ 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

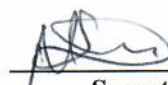
- ⊙ The Ministry to fast track the appointment of critical positions for the response in the regions
- ⊙ Provision of fully equipped ICU facilities in the regions.
- ⊙ Establish fully equipped isolation units at health facilities in the regions.
- ⊙ Logistics pillar to continue with the procurement and distribution of sufficient PPE to the regions to ensure that response is not interrupted.
- ⊙ NIP to continue sourcing for swabs and appropriate transport media.

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