



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

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 131			
<b>Outbreak Name</b>	<i>COVID-19 outbreak</i>	<b>Country affected</b>	<i>Namibia</i>
<b>Date &amp; Time of this report</b>	<i>27.07.2020 21:00 hrs</i>	<b>Investigation start Date</b>	<i>13 March 2020</i>
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**HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (27/07/2020)**

- ⊙ 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).

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

**Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 27 July 2020**

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers
Erongo	1759	1678	73	8	23
Hardap	7	3	4	0	0
//Kharas	33	28	5	0	1
Kavango East	2	2	0	0	0
Khomas	80	60	20	0	8
Kunene	1	1	0	0	0
Ohangwena	8	7	1	0	0
Omusati	2	2	0	0	0
Oshana	9	9	0	0	1
Oshikoto	2	2	0	0	1
Otjozondjupa	8	8	0	0	0
Zambezi	6	5	1	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1917</b>	<b>1805</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>36</b>

- ⊙ Twelve (12) of the 14 regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **1759 (91.8%)** followed by Khomas **80 (4.2%)**.

Total	Today
<b>Tested 25220</b>	<b>Tested 794</b>
<b>Confirmed 1917</b>	<b>Confirmed 74</b>
<b>Active 1805</b>	<b>Active 1805</b>
<b>Recovered 104</b>	<b>Recovered 3</b>
<b>Death 8</b>	<b>Death 0</b>

- ⊙ Kavango East region has recorded its first COVID-19 case today (27/07/2020)
- ⊙ Three recoveries have been recorded from Erongo region today (27/07/2020)
- ⊙ To-date, **36** Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19, with **2** new confirmations today.
- ⊙ Cumulatively, **1846 (96.3%)** cases are local transmissions while **71 (3.7%)** are imported.
- ⊙ Up to **1099** confirmed cases in Erongo region are still to be placed in isolation facilities.
- ⊙ More male cases **1117 (58.3%)** were recorded compared to female cases **800 (41.7%)**



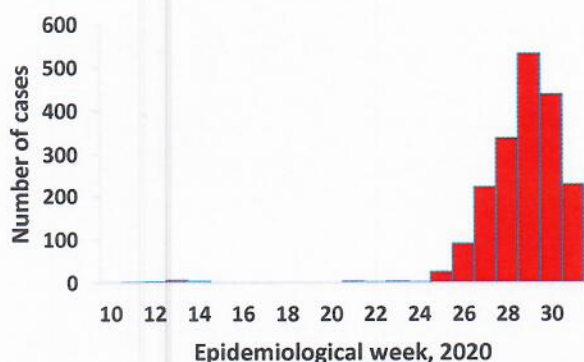


Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 27 July 2020

Namibia has recorded **1917** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **534 (27.9%)** 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, **1466** calls were answered including **20** alerts.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 27 July 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	26	1407	709	698
Hardap	6	277	264	13
Kavango	4	144	101	43
Khomas	39	1473	1253	220
//Kharas	0	706	533	173
Kunene	6	167	116	51
Ohangwena	0	333	308	25
Omaheke	0	216	189	27
Omusati	8	148	124	24
Oshana	0	139	112	27
Oshikoto	3	108	87	21
Otjondjupa	2	469	416	53
Zambezi	9	539	472	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>6126</b>	<b>4687</b>	<b>1439</b>

- ⊙ Since March 2020, **6126** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- ⊙ A total of **1439** people are currently in quarantine with **103** new admissions in the past 24 hours.
- ⊙ Since March 2020, **122** 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 27 July 2020

Destination	Country of departure						
	RSA	Zimbabwe	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	Total
//Kharas	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
Khomas	22	0	18	1	0	0	41
Omusati	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Oshana	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Otjondjupa	4	0	5	0	0	0	9
Kavango	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hardap	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Erongo	3	0	24	1	11	48	87
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>154</b>

- ⊙ A total of **154** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- ⊙ Of these trucks, **56.5%** were heading to Erongo, **26.6%** to Khomas while **5.8%** were heading to Otjondjupa 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

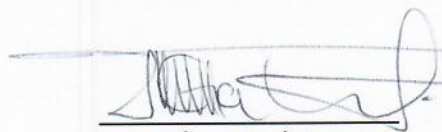
- ⊙ The Ministry to fast track the appointment of critical positions for the response in the regions
- ⊙ Provision of fully equipped ICU facilities in the regions.
- ⊙ Establish fully equipped isolation units at health facilities in the regions.
- ⊙ Logistics pillar to continue with the procurement and 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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