



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

<b>NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 124</b>			
<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>20.07.2020 22:00 hrs</i>	<b>Investigation start Date</b>	<i>13 March 2020</i>
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**HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (20/07/2020)**

- ⊙ 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).

<b>Total</b>	<b>Today</b>
<b>Tested 18966</b>	<b>Tested 299</b>
<b>Confirmed 1366</b>	<b>Confirmed 22</b>
<b>Active 1302</b>	<b>Active 1302</b>
<b>Recovered 57</b>	<b>Recovered 15</b>
<b>Death 7</b>	<b>Death 3</b>

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

*Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 20 July 2020*

<b>Region</b>	<b>Total No. of cases</b>	<b>Active cases</b>	<b>Recovered</b>	<b>Death</b>	<b>Health Care Workers</b>
Erongo	1279	1239	33	7	10
Hardap	6	5	1	0	0
//Kharas	20	15	5	0	0
Khomas	40	22	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	4	4	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1366</b>	<b>1302</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>

- ⊙ Nine (9) of the 14 regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **1279 (93.6%)** followed by Khomas **40 (2.9%)**.

- ⊙ To-date, **15** Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19, with no new confirmation today (20/07/2020).
- ⊙ Three death cases have been recorded today (20/07/2020), from Erongo region.
- ⊙ Erongo region recorded **15** recoveries today (20/07/2020).
- ⊙ Cumulatively, **1305 (95.5%)** cases are local transmissions while **61 (4.5%)** are imported.
- ⊙ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **224** cases were identified during active case search.
- ⊙ More male cases **754 (55.1%)** were recorded compared to female cases **612 (44.8%)**

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

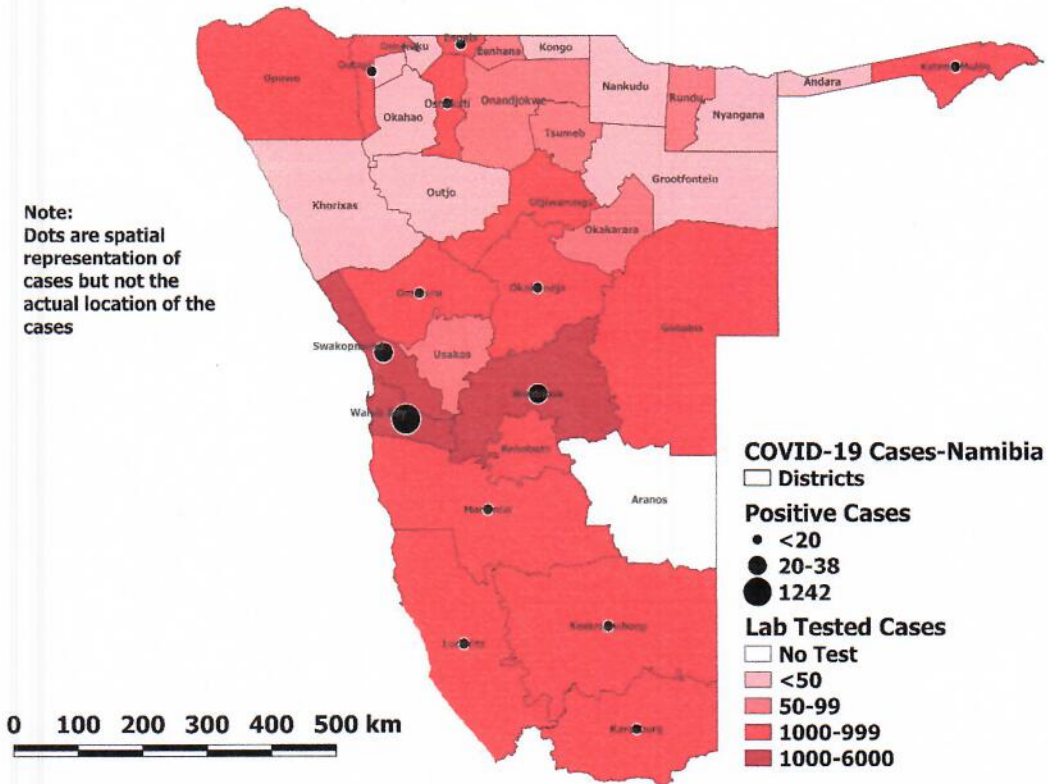


Figure 2: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 20 July 2020

Namibia has recorded **1366** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **534 (39.1%)** 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 daily in the past weeks.
- ⊙ Call centre continues operation for 24 hours daily. Today, **1290** calls were answered with **6** alerts.

- ⊙ The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **1054 (77.2%)**.
- ⊙ Those aged 60 and above constitute **34 (2.5%)** of those affected.

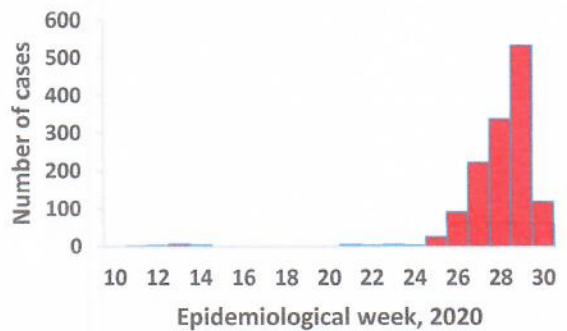


Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 20 July 2020

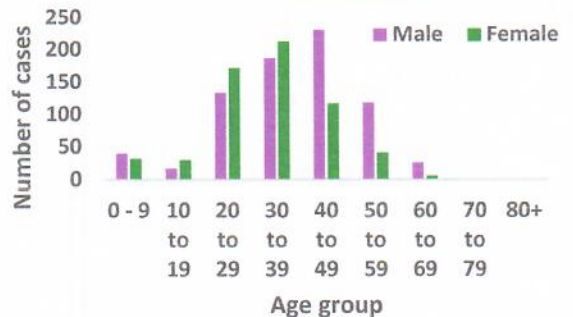


Figure 3: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases 20 July 2020

Table 2: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 20 July 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Kunene	2	111	99	12
Omaheke	2	136	127	9
Kavango	0	102	93	9
Omusati	3	128	120	8
Oshana	0	127	90	37
Ohangwena	0	321	307	14
Hardap	0	260	247	13
Otjozondjupa	0	453	407	46
Khomas	0	1434	1227	207
Zambezi	1	505	434	71
//Kharas	0	590	465	125
Erongo	0	466	382	84
Oshikoto	0	92	79	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4725</b>	<b>4077</b>	<b>648</b>

- Since March 2020, **4725** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **648** people are currently in quarantine with **8** new admissions in the past 24 hours.
- Since March 2020, **107** people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.

Table 3: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories 20 July 2020

- To date, **18966** tests have been conducted by NIP & Path-Care laboratories (including **2065** re-tests).
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **3549** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **136** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours.
- Cumulatively, **1254** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **477** out of **1998** active contacts were monitored today.

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	15816	3268	-	19084
Total sample tested	13820	3081	-	16901
Total sample re-tested	1886	179	-	2065
Total positive results	1007	358	1	1366
Total negative results	12813	2723	-	15536
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Invalid results	1	0	-	1
Total pending results	41	0	-	41
Suspected cases in 24 hours	22	277	-	299

Table 4: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 20 July 2020

Destination	Country of departure						
	RSA	Tanzania	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	Total
//Kharas	53	0	0	2	0	0	55
Khomas	59	0	9	0	0	4	72
Omusati	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Oshana	4	0	1	1	0	0	6
Otjozondjupa	6	0	6	1	0	0	13
Kavango	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ohangwena	7	0	0	1	0	0	8
Hardap	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Oshikoto	4	0	1	0	0	0	5
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erongo	10	0	11	0	29	24	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>241</b>

- A total of **241** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **30.7%** were heading to Erongo, **29.9%** to Khomas while **22.8%** 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 isolation units, at health facilities in the regions.
- ⊙ Inadequate PPE
- ⊙ Inadequate nasopharyngeal swabs and appropriate transport media.
- ⊙ Prolonged turn-around time of results at NIP.

### 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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