



Ministry of Health and Social Services  
Republic of Namibia

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 125			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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**HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (21/07/2020)**

- ⊙ 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 19404	Tested 410
Confirmed 1402	Confirmed 36
Active 1331	Active 1331
Recovered 64	Recovered 7
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, 21 July 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers
Erongo	1311	1268	36	7	10
Hardap	6	2	4	0	0
//Kharas	21	16	5	0	0
Khomas	43	25	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	3	1	0	2
Total	1402	1331	64	7	15

- ⊙ Nine (9) of the 14 regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **1311 (93.5%)** followed by Khomas **43 (3.1%)**.

- ⊙ To-date, **15** Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19, with no new confirmation today (21/07/2020).
- ⊙ Today (21/07/2020), **7** recoveries have been recorded from Erongo (3), Hardap (3), and Zambezi (1) regions.
- ⊙ Cumulatively, **1341 (95.6%)** cases are local transmissions while **61 (4.4%)** are imported.
- ⊙ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **224** cases were identified during active case search.
- ⊙ More male cases **774 (55.2%)** were recorded compared to female cases **628 (44.8%)**

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

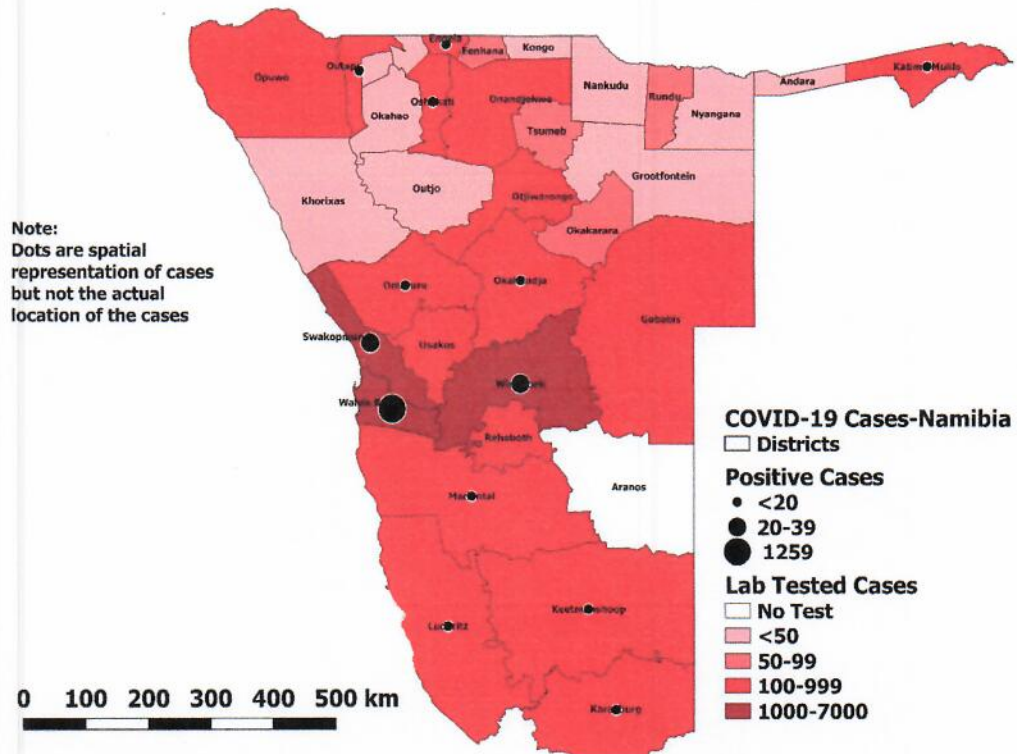


Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 21 July 2020

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories 21 July 2020

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	16142	3380	-	19522
Total sample tested	14126	3192	-	17318
Total sample re-tested	1906	180	-	2086
Total positive results	1028	373	1	1402
Total negative results	13098	2819	-	15917
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Invalid results	1	0	-	1
Total pending results	41	0	-	41
Suspected cases in 24 hours	306	104	-	410

- ⊙ The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **1080 (77.0%)**.
- ⊙ Those aged 60 and above constitute **34 (2.4%)** of those affected.

- ⊙ To date, **19404** tests have been conducted by NIP & Path-Care laboratories (including **2086** re-tests).
- ⊙ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **3684** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **135** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours.
- ⊙ Cumulatively, **1280** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **547** out of **2110** active contacts were monitored today.

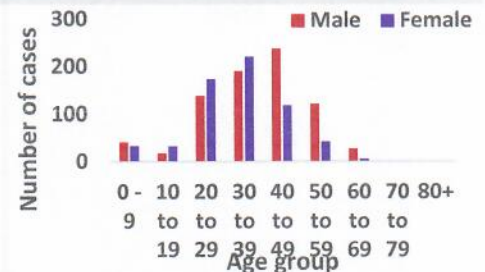


Figure 2: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases 21 July 2020

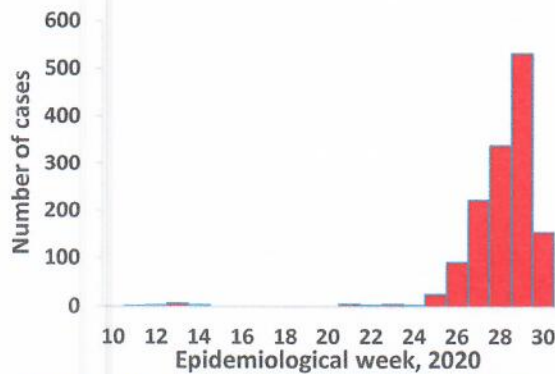


Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 21 July 2020

Namibia has recorded **1402** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **534 (38.1%)** 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, **1169** calls were answered including **21** alerts.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 21 July 2020

- ⊙ Since March 2020, **4772** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- ⊙ A total of **660** people are currently in quarantine with **47** new admissions in the past 24 hours.
- ⊙ Since March 2020, **107** 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	3	263	258	5
Kavango	26	128	100	28
Khomas	0	1434	1227	207
//Kharas	0	590	465	125
Kunene	1	112	101	11
Ohangwena	1	322	307	15
Omaheke	0	136	127	9
Omusati	3	131	121	10
Oshana	3	120	90	40
Oshikoto	1	93	83	10
Otjozondjupa	0	453	410	43
Zambezi	9	514	441	73
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>4772</b>	<b>4112</b>	<b>660</b>

Table 4: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 21 July 2020

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Tanzania	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	
//Kharas	85	0	0	0	0	0	85
Khomas	149	0	12	1	0	75	237
Omusati	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Oshana	11	0	0	1	0	0	12
Otjozondjupa	12	0	7	0	0	2	21
Kavango	4	0	0	1	0	0	5
Ohangwena	8	0	0	1	0	0	9
Hardap	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kunene	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Omaheke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Erongo	11	0	23	0	0	0	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>409</b>

- ⊙ A total of **409** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- ⊙ Of these trucks, **57.9%** were heading to Khomas, **20.8%** to //Kharas while **8.3%** were heading to Erongo 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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