



Ministry of Health and Social Services
Republic of Namibia

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 127			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (23/07/2020)

- ⊙ 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 20595	Tested 711
Confirmed 1618	Confirmed 96
Active 1539	Active 1539
Recovered 72	Recovered 3
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, 23 July 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers
Erongo	1501	1450	44	7	12
Hardap	6	2	4	0	0
//Kharas	24	19	5	0	1
Khomas	60	42	18	0	7
Ohangwena	8	8	0	0	0
Omusati	2	2	0	0	0
Oshana	5	5	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	7	7	0	0	0
Zambezi	5	4	1	0	2
Total	1618	1539	72	7	22

- ⊙ Nine (9) of the 14 regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **1501 (92.8%)** followed by Khomas **60 (3.7%)**.

- ⊙ Today (23/07/2020), **3** recoveries have been recorded from Erongo region.
- ⊙ To-date, **22** Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19, with **4** new confirmations today (23/07/2020).
- ⊙ Cumulatively, **1552 (95.9%)** cases are local transmissions while **66 (4.1%)** are imported.
- ⊙ Up to **965** confirmed cases in Erongo region are still to be placed in isolation facilities.
- ⊙ More male cases **925 (57.2%)** were recorded compared to female cases **693 (42.8%)**

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

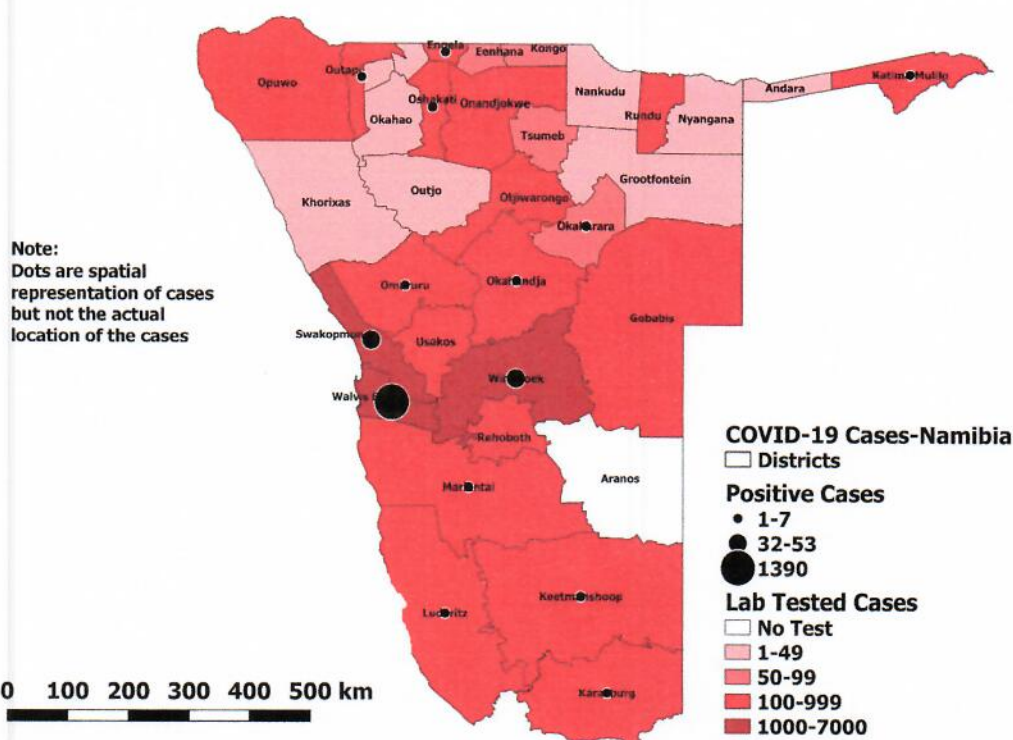


Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 23 July 2020

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories 23 July 2020

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	16764	3949	-	20713
Total sample tested	14600	3752	-	18352
Total sample re-tested	2054	189	-	2243
Total positive results	1122	495	1	1618
Total negative results	13478	3257	-	16735
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Invalid results	1	0	-	1
Total pending results	41	0	-	41
Suspected cases in 24 hours	218	493	-	711

- The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **1255 (77.6%)**.
- Those aged 60 and above constitute **42 (2.6%)** of those affected.

- To date, **20595** tests have been conducted by NIP & Path-Care laboratories (including **2243** re-tests).
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **4141** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **349** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours.
- Cumulatively, **1325** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **899** out of **2520** active contacts were monitored today.

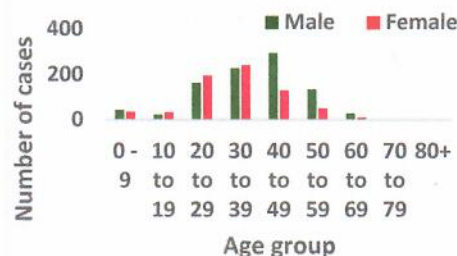


Figure 2: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases 23 July 2020

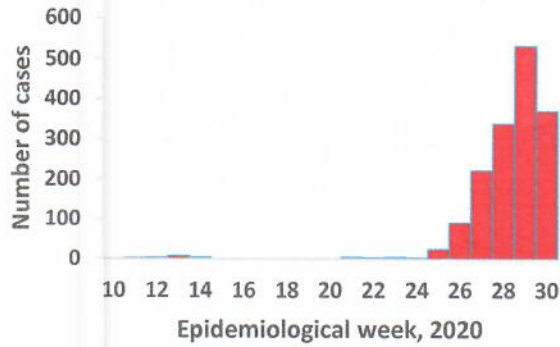


Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 23 July 2020

Namibia has recorded **1618** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **534 (33.0%)** 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, **1260** calls were answered including **19** alerts.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 23 July 2020

- Since March 2020, **4945** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **729** people are currently in quarantine with **45** new admissions in the past 24 hours.
- Since March 2020, **109** 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	0	267	258	9
Kavango	12	140	100	40
Khomas	0	1434	1227	207
//Kharas	0	706	533	173
Kunene	7	119	111	8
Ohangwena	5	328	307	21
Omaheke	0	136	127	9
Omusati	1	137	121	16
Oshana	2	132	98	34
Oshikoto	5	99	83	16
Otjozondjupa	0	453	410	43
Zambezi	13	528	459	69
Total	45	4945	4216	729

Table 4: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 23 July 2020

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Zimbabwe	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	
//Kharas	72	0	0	0	0	0	72
Khomas	164	0	6	2	0	4	176
Omusati	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Oshana	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Otjozondjupa	3	0	6	0	0	1	10
Kavango	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	13	0	0	4	0	0	17
Hardap	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Oshikoto	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Zambezi	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Erongo	8	0	11	0	0	37	56
Total	273	0	24	9	0	42	348

- A total of **348** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **50.6%** were heading to Khomas, **20.7%** to //Kharas while **16.1%** 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 personnel for the response in the region.
- ⊙ Establish fully equipped ICU and 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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