



Ministry of Health and Social Services
Republic of Namibia

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 139			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time of this report	04.08.2020 20:00 hrs	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (04/08/2020)

Total	Today
Tested 28978	Tested 547
Confirmed 2540	Confirmed 70
Active 1975	Active 1975
Recovered 556	Recovered 345
Death 12	Death 0

- The country is in Stage 4 of the State of Emergency (4 August 2020 -17 September 2020)
- Walvis Bay, Swakopmund, and Arandis Local Authority Areas in Erongo region's Stage 3 is extended (from 04 August 2020 until 23h59 of 31 August 2020).

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 04 August 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers
Erongo	2237	1750	477	10	26
Hardap	9	2	7	0	0
//Kharas	36	30	6	0	1
Kavango East	2	2	0	0	0
Khomas	204	160	42	2	15
Kunene	1	1	0	0	0
Ohangwena	10	5	5	0	0
Omusati	2	0	2	0	0
Oshana	11	3	8	0	1
Oshikoto	2	2	0	0	1
Otjozondjupa	20	16	4	0	0
Zambezi	6	4	2	0	2
Total	2540	1975	553	12	46

- To-date, 46 Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Cumulatively, 2465 (97.0%) cases are local transmissions while 75 (3.0%) are imported.
- There is evidence of a clustered community transmission in Erongo region (Table 1)
- Up to 1518 confirmed cases in Erongo region are still to be placed in isolation facilities.
- More male cases 1490 (58.7%) were recorded compared to female cases 1050 (41.3%).

- Twelve (12) of the 14 regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest 2237 (88.1%) followed by Khomas 204 (8.0%).

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

- To date, **28978** tests have been conducted by NIP & Path-Care laboratories (including **2840** re-tests).
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **5811** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **199** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours.
- Cumulatively, **2011** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **1022** out of **3444** active contacts were monitored today.

*Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories
04 August 2020*

Variables	Laboratory			
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	22946	6559	-	29505
Total sample tested	19839	6299	-	26138
Total sample re-tested	2593	247	-	2840
Total positive results	1558	981	1	2540
Total negative results	18685	5318	-	24003
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Invalid results	1	0	-	1
Total pending results	41	0	-	41
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	-	5	-	5

- The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **1956 (77.0%)**.
- Those aged 60 and above constitute **67 (2.6%)** of those affected.

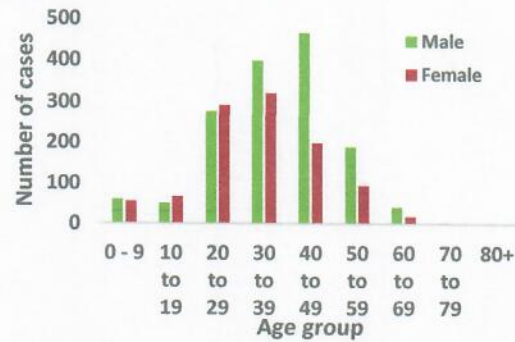


Figure 1: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 04 August 2020

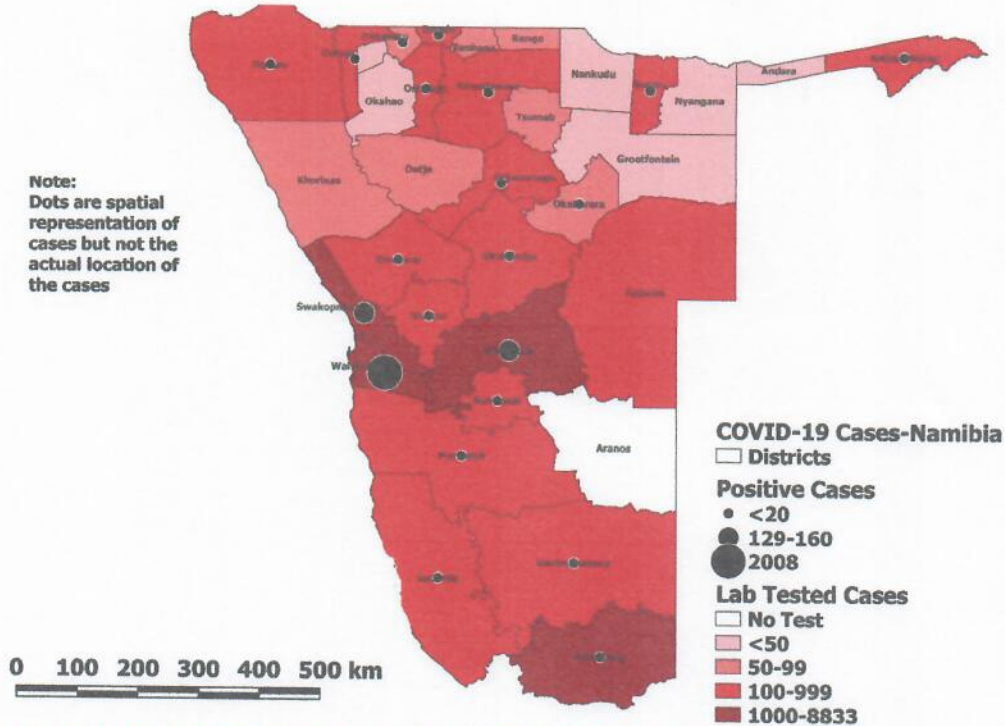


Figure 2: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 04 August 2020

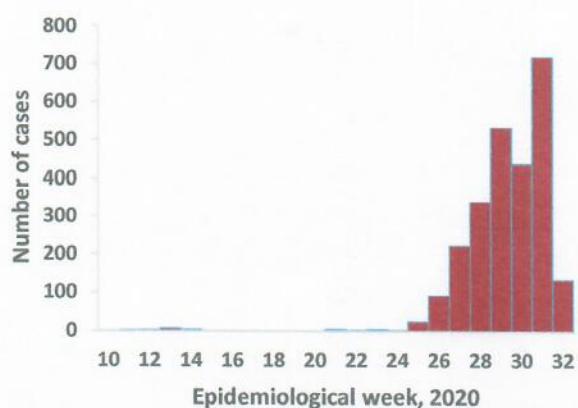


Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 04 August 2020

Namibia has recorded **2540** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **719 (28.3%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 31 (Figure 3).

- A high number of cases were recorded in the past four weeks as a result of:
 - Spread of local transmission in Walvis Bay district
 - Enhanced Active Case Search and testing, averaging 600 tests daily in the past weeks.
- Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily. Today, **1142** calls were answered including **13** alerts.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 04 August 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	1624	822	802
Hardap	5	319	280	39
Kavango	2	169	125	44
Khomas	5	1568	1344	224
//Kharas	0	706	533	173
Kunene	0	183	120	63
Ohangwena	0	333	308	25
Omaheke	0	216	189	27
Omusati	0	173	136	37
Oshana	1	154	127	27
Oshikoto	0	116	89	27
Otjozondjupa	2	537	460	77
Zambezi	0	539	472	67
Total	15	6637	5005	1632

- Since March 2020, **6637** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1632** people are currently in quarantine with **15** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

Table 4: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 04 August 2020

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Zimbabwe	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	
//Kharas	85	0	0	2	0	0	87
Khomas	145	0	12	2	0	0	159
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	11	1	0	0	0	0	12
Otjozondjupa	11	0	3	0	0	0	14
Kavango	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
Ohangwena	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Hardap	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Zambezi	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Erongo	13	0	20	2	2	54	91
Total	275	1	35	8	2	55	376

- A total of **376** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **42.3%** were heading to Khomas, **24.2%** to Erongo while **23.1%** 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 and Karasburg is ongoing
- Regions have intensified surveillance on travellers from high risk areas for early case detection

CHALLENGES

- Inadequate Human resources in the regions
- Inadequate ICU facilities and ICU equipment at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.
- 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

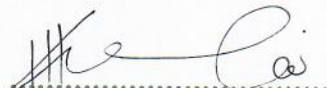
- The Ministry to fast track the appointment of critical positions for the response in the regions
- Provision of fully equipped ICU facilities at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.
- Establish fully equipped isolation units at health facilities in the regions.
- Logistics pillar 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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