



Ministry of Health and Social Services  
Republic of Namibia

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 140			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time of this report	05.08.2020 20:00 hrs	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
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**HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (05/08/2020)**

Total	Today
Tested 29637	Tested 659
Confirmed 2652	Confirmed 112
Active 2077	Active 2077
Recovered 560	Recovered 7
Death 15	Death 3

- 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, 05 August 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers
Erongo	2315	1825	477	13	28
Hardap	9	2	7	0	0
//Kharas	36	30	6	0	1
Kavango East	3	3	0	0	0
Kavango West	1	1	0	0	0
Khomas	223	173	48	2	15
Kunene	1	1	0	0	0
Ohangwena	12	6	6	0	0
Omusati	3	1	2	0	0
Oshana	20	12	8	0	1
Oshikoto	3	3	0	0	1
Otjozondjupa	20	16	4	0	0
Zambezi	6	4	2	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2652</b>	<b>2077</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>48</b>

- Thirteen (13) of the 14 regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest 2315 (87.3%) followed by Khomas 223 (8.4%).

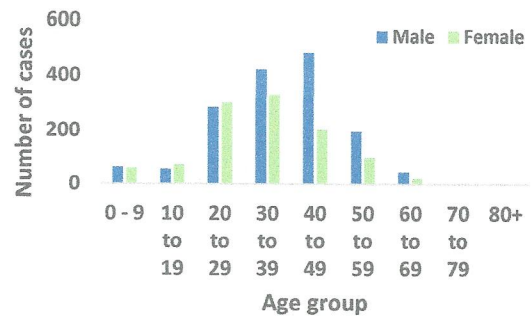
- Kavango West region has confirmed its first case today (05/08/2020).
- Today (05/08/2020), 7 recoveries have been recorded from Ohangwena (1), and Khomas (6) regions.
- To-date, 48 Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Cumulatively, 2577 (97.2%) cases are local transmissions while 75 (2.8%) are imported.
- There is evidence of a clustered community transmission in Erongo region (Table 1)
- Up to 1596 confirmed cases in Erongo region are still to be placed in isolation facilities.
- More male cases 1557 (58.7%) were recorded compared to female cases 1095 (41.3%).

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

- To date, 29637 tests have been conducted by NIP & Path-Care laboratories (including 2902 re-tests).
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, 5926 contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, 115 new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours.
- Cumulatively, 2093 contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while 840 out of 3497 active contacts were monitored today.

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

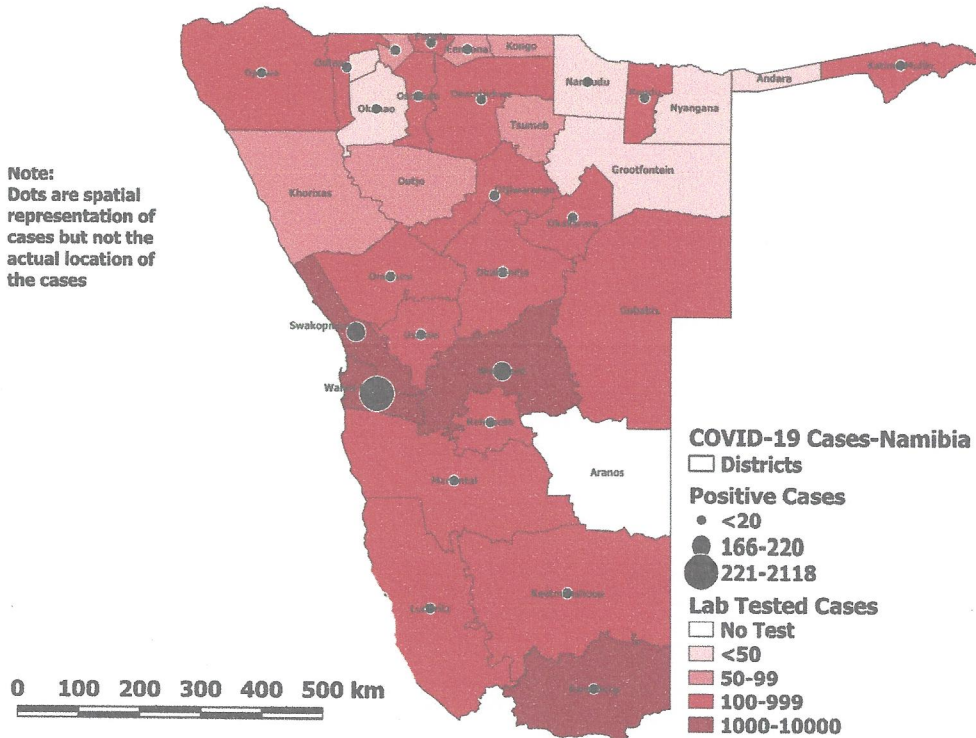
Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Pathcare	SA	
<i>Total sample received by the Laboratory</i>	23559	6605	-	30164
<i>Total sample tested</i>	20395	6340	-	26735
<i>Total sample re-tested</i>	2650	252	-	2902
<i>Total positive results</i>	1629	1022	1	2652
<i>Total negative results</i>	19170	5318	-	24488
<i>Total sample discarded</i>	68	8	-	76
<i>Invalid results</i>	1	0	-	1
<i>Total pending results</i>	41	0	-	41
<i>Indeterminant/Inconclusive</i>	-	5	-	5
<i>Suspected cases in 24 hours</i>	613	46	-	659



*Figure 1: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 05 August 2020*

- The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years 2033 (76.7%).
- Those aged 60 and above constitute 75 (2.8%) of those affected.

**Note:**  
Dots are spatial representation of cases but not the actual location of the cases



*Figure 2: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 05 August 2020*

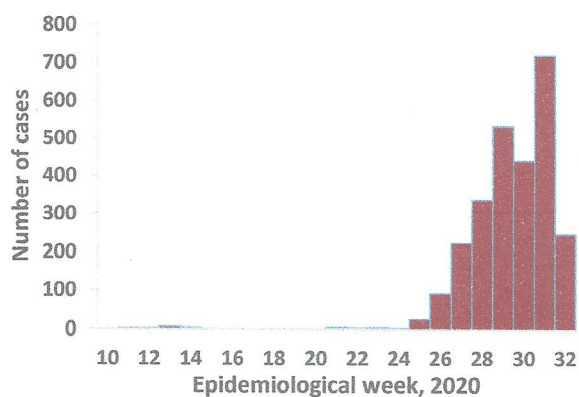


Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 05 August 2020

Namibia has recorded **2652** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **719** (27.1%) 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, **1050** calls were answered including 16 alerts.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 05 August 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	1624	822	802
Hardap	0	319	280	39
Kavango	3	172	132	40
Khomas	111	1679	1358	321
//Kharas	0	706	533	173
Kunene	3	186	120	66
Ohangwena	0	333	308	25
Omaheke	0	216	189	27
Omusati	2	175	136	39
Oshana	0	154	127	27
Oshikoto	0	116	89	27
Otjozondjupa	0	537	460	77
Zambezi	0	539	472	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>6756</b>	<b>5026</b>	<b>1730</b>

- Since March 2020, **6756** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1730** people are currently in quarantine with **119** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

Table 4: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 05 August 2020

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Zimbabwe	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	
//Kharas	63	0	0	2	0	0	65
Khomas	105	0	25	3	0	0	133
Omusati	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oshana	14	0	0	1	0	0	15
Otjozondjupa	8	0	4	1	0	0	13
Kavango	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Ohangwena	3	0	1	1	0	0	5
Hardap	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Kunene	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Omaheke	1	0	0	9	0	0	10
Oshikoto	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erongo	14	0	10	0	1	23	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>301</b>

- A total of **301** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **44.2%** were heading to Khomas, **21.6%** to //Kharas while **15.9%** 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 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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