



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 163			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time of this report	28.08.2020 20:00 hrs	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (28/08/2020)

Total
Tested 56431
Confirmed 7116
Active 4230
Recovered 2817
Death 69

Today
Tested 1459
Confirmed 210
Active 4230
Recovered 28
Death 4

- The entire country will remain in Stage 3 of the State of Emergency (29 August 2020 - 12 September 2020).
- A curfew (20h00-05h00) is applicable nationwide as from 29 August 2020 - 12 September 2020.
- Windhoek, Rehoboth and Okahandja Local Authority Areas are under travel restrictions (29 August 2020 – 12 September 2020)
- The Hosea Kutako International Airport will open as from 01 September 2020.

- Cumulatively, **7028 (98.8%)** cases are local transmissions while **88 (1.2 %)** are imported.
- There is a clustered community transmission in Erongo and Khomas regions.
- More male cases **3935 (55.3%)** were recorded compared to female cases **3181 (44.7%)**.
- To-date, **286 (4.0%)** Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 199 (69.6%) State
 - 86 (30.1%) Private
 - 1 (0.3%) NGO
- Today (28/08/2020), **28** recoveries have been recorded from Khomas (27) and //Kharas (1) regions.
- Four (**4**) fatalities were recorded today from Khomas region.
- Cumulatively, **62 (89.9%)** of the fatalities were known to have multiple co-morbidities (Table 3).

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 28 August 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers
Erongo	3420	1178	2214	28	50
Hardap	121	87	33	1	11
//Kharas	150	110	39	1	4
Kavango East	28	25	1	2	5
Kavango West	2	2	0	0	0
Khomas	2933	2572	328	33	191
Kunene	6	6	0	0	0
Ohangwena	56	39	16	1	3
Omaheke	35	22	12	1	1
Omusati	29	26	3	0	4
Oshana	127	65	60	2	6
Oshikoto	61	46	15	0	2
Otjozondjupa	110	30	80	0	4
Zambezi	38	22	16	0	5
Total	7116	4230	2817	69	286

- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **3420 (48.1%)** followed by Khomas **2933 (41.2%)**. These two regions are the epicenters for COVID-19.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **2817 (39.6%)** have recovered.

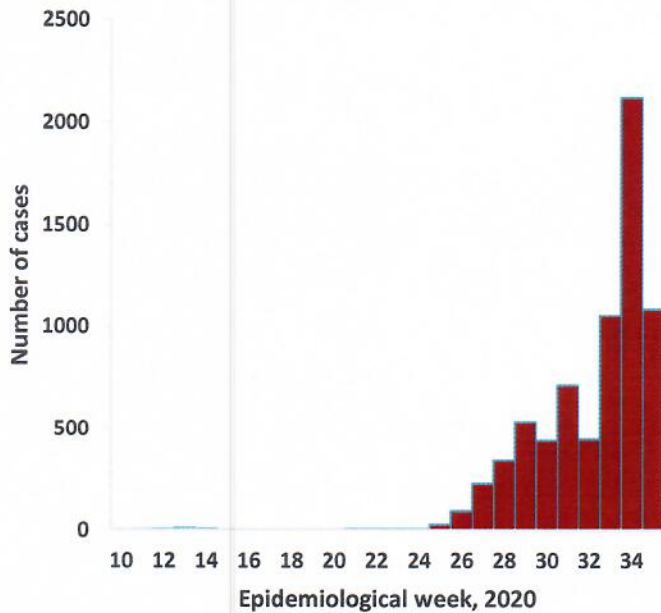


Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 28 August 2020

- To date, **56431** tests have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, and UNAM laboratories (including **3599** re-tests).
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **13568** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **459** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 10 regions.
- Cumulatively, **5318** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total **713 (8.4%)** of the contacts have tested positive
- Today, **5062 (59.5%)** out of **8503** active contacts were monitored.

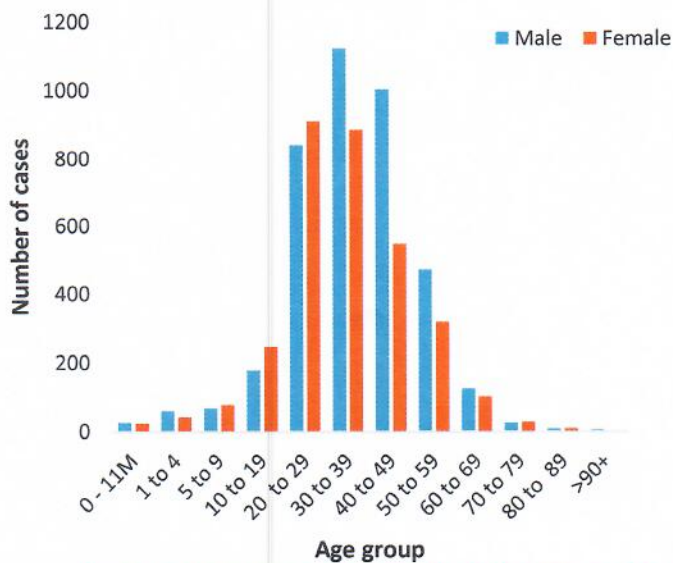


Figure 2: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases As of 28 August 2020

Namibia has recorded **7116** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **2123 (29.8%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 34 (Figure 1).

- A high number of cases were recorded in the past seven weeks as a result of:
 - Spread of local transmission in the country
 - Enhanced surveillance including active case search and targeted testing.
- Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily. Today, **1273** calls were answered including **28** alerts.

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories as of 28 August 2020

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	56549
Total samples tested	52832
Total samples re-tested	3599
Total positive results	7116
Total negative results	45695
Total samples discarded	76
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	41
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	21
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1404

- The 20-49 years age- brackets constitute **5314 (74.7%)** of the confirmed cases, followed by a sizable proportion of the 50-59 age group **790 (11.1%)**.
- Among those aged 30-39, a significant proportion of males **1123 (15.8%)** are infected more than females **887 (12.5%)**.
- The under 5 make up **148 (2.1%)** of the total cases.
- Aged 60 years and above constitute **300 (4.2%)** of the confirmed cases.

Table 3: Fatality summary as of 28 August 2020

Region	Cumulative no. of deaths	Death in 24 hours	Cumulative with co-morbidities
Erongo	28	0	25
Hardap	1	0	1
//Kharas	1	0	0
Kavango East	2	0	1
Khomas	33	4	32
Ohangwena	1	0	0
Omaheke	1	0	1
Oshana	2	0	2
Total	69	4	62

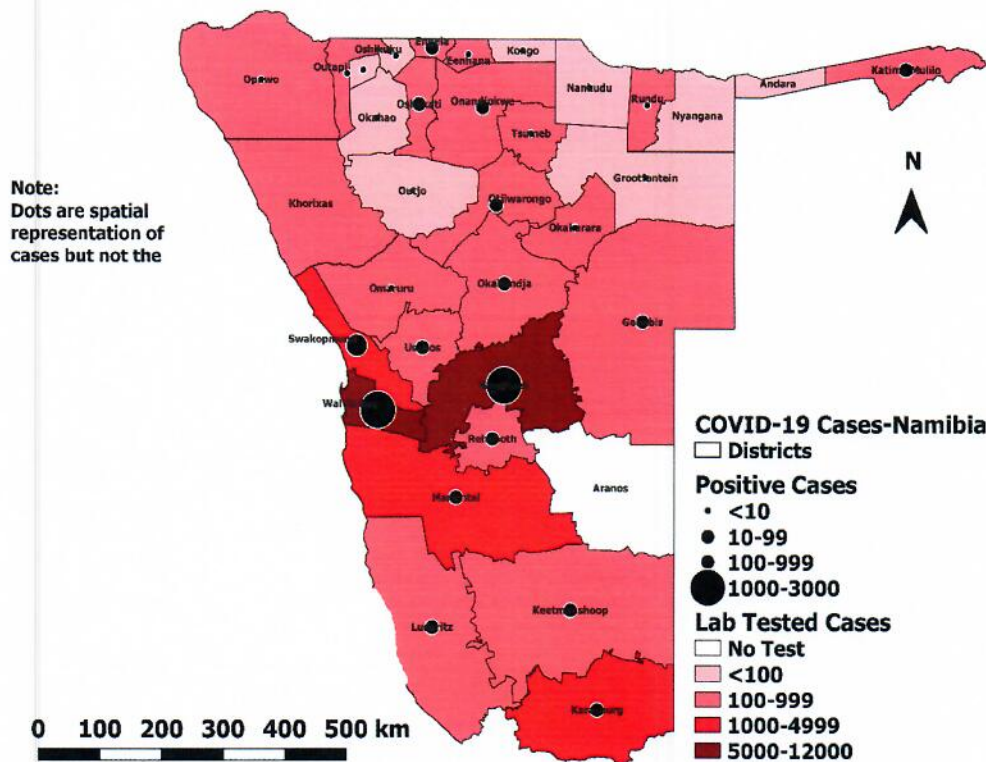


Figure 3: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District as of 28 August 2020

Table 4: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 28 August 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers (24 Hours)
Erongo	0	2298	1923	375	72
Hardap	8	485	421	64	0
Kavango	20	364	327	37	0
Khomas	0	1929	1614	315	0
//Kharas	33	1265	1020	245	0
Kunene	0	313	249	64	0
Ohangwena	5	428	399	29	0
Omaheke	23	600	491	109	1
Omusati	1	242	219	23	0
Oshana	16	261	212	49	0
Oshikoto	31	527	244	283	0
Otjozondjupa	6	686	620	66	0
Zambezi	2	710	645	65	0
Total	145	10108	8384	1724	73

- Since March 2020, **10108** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1724** people are currently in quarantine with **145** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

Table 5: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 28 August 2020

Destination	Origin						Total
	RSA	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Tanzania	Zambia	
//Kharas	48	8	0	0	0	1	57
Khomas	41	33	1	0	0	3	78
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	6	1	0	0	0	0	7
Otjozondjupa	5	3	0	0	0	0	8
Kavango	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	2	0	5	0	0	0	7
Hardap	5	1	0	0	0	0	6
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oshikoto	3	2	1	0	0	0	6
Zambezi	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Erongo	11	10	0	10	0	69	100
Total	125	58	7	10	0	73	273

- A total of **273** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **100 (36.6%)** were heading to Erongo, **78 (28.6%)** to Khomas while **57 (20.9%)** were heading to //Kharas region.
- The remaining **38 (13.9%)** were heading to the other 8 regions.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- Recruitment of local volunteers into the response in the districts and regions is ongoing.
- Continuous support to the regions by the national level.
- Public awareness on COVID-19 prevention measures is ongoing

CHALLENGES

- Large data backlog - awaiting entry into excel data base and DHIS2.
- Inadequate ICU facilities and ICU equipment at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.
- Inadequate ambulances in the regions.
- Inadequate isolation units, at health facilities in the regions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

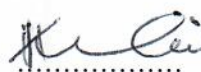
- Fast tracking of efforts to use GoData app and DHIS2.
- Provision of fully equipped ICU facilities at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.
- Procurement of ambulances in the regions to ensure prompt response.
- Establish fully equipped isolation units at health facilities in the regions.

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