



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 177			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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**HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (11/09/2020)**

- The Stage 3 State of Emergency Regulations will be extended for 5 days countrywide (12 September 2020 – 17 September 2020)
- A curfew (22h00-05h00) will be applicable nationwide as from 12 September 2020 - 17 September 2020.
- Windhoek, Rehoboth and Okahandja Local Authority Areas will remain under travel restrictions as of 12 September 2020 to 17 September 2020.

Total	Today
Tested 76957	Tested 1701
Confirmed 9604	Confirmed 167
Active 3695	Active 3695
Recovered 5811	Recovered 913
Death 98	Death 0

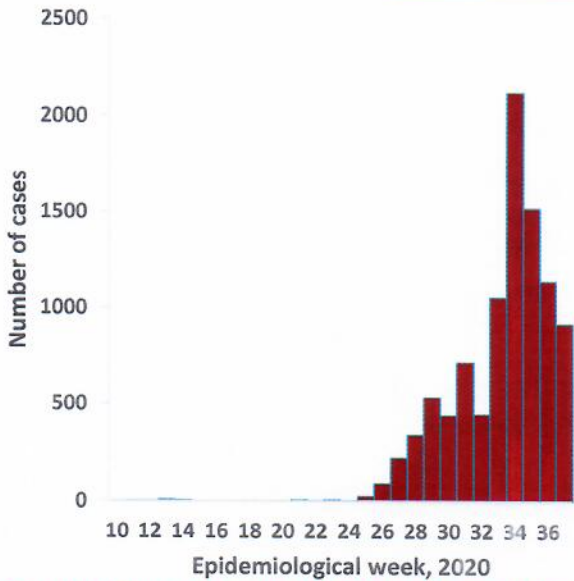
Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 11 September 2020

- A total of **9604** cases have been recorded in a population of approximately 2.5 Million people (UN, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division: 2019 Revision. [www.worldometers.info](http://www.worldometers.info))
- Cumulatively, **9509 (99.0%)** cases are local transmissions while **95 (1.0 %)** are imported.
- More male cases **5165 (53.8%)** were recorded compared to female cases **4439 (46.2%)**.
- To-date, **404 (4.2%)** Health Care Workers (HCWs) have tested positive for COVID-19
  - 270 (66.8%) State
  - 133 (32.9%) Private
  - 1 (0.3%) NGO
- Today (11/09/2020), **913** recoveries have been recorded from 7 regions.
- To date, Namibia has recorded 98 deaths.
- Community transmission is ongoing in Khomas and Erongo regions and efforts to prevent widespread transmissions in other regions are ongoing.
- Need for enhanced technical and financial support by partners to control the outbreak; situation is alarming.

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers
Erongo	3693	640	3021	32	54
Hardap	236	105	127	4	16
//Kharas	288	142	142	4	7
Kavango East	89	75	12	2	15
Kavango West	8	7	0	1	1
Khomas	4484	2386	2051	47	265
Kunene	13	13	0	0	0
Ohangwena	105	35	68	2	6
Omaheke	57	13	43	1	1
Omusati	41	16	24	1	5
Oshana	184	42	139	3	10
Oshikoto	104	70	34	0	4
Otjozondjupa	238	142	95	1	12
Zambezi	64	9	55	0	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>9604</b>	<b>3695</b>	<b>5811</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>404</b>

- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Khomas reporting the highest **4484 (46.7%)** followed by Erongo **3693 (38.5%)**.
- Khomas region is currently the epicenter of the outbreak.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **5811 (60.5%)** have recovered.

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA



**Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 11 September 2020**

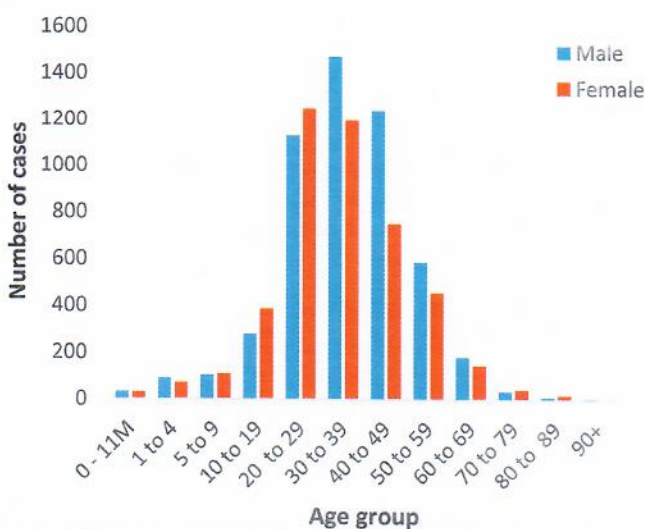
- To date, **76957** tests have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, and UNAM laboratories (including **4432** re-tests).
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **19616** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **430** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 10 regions.
- Cumulatively, **9530** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total **1312 (13.7%)** of the contacts have tested positive
- Today, **7332 (74.6)** out of **9836** active contacts were monitored.

Up to **2123 (22.1%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 34 (Figure 1).

- A high number of cases were recorded in the past eight weeks as a result of:
  - Spread of local transmission in the country
  - Enhanced surveillance including active case search.
- Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily. Today, **1142** calls were answered including **6** alerts.

**Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories as of 11 September 2020**

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total sample received by the Laboratory	77075
Total sample tested	72525
Total sample re-tested	4432
Total positive results	9604
Total negative results	62897
Total sample discarded	76
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	41
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	19
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1548



**Figure 2: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases As of 11 September 2020**

- The 20-49 years age- brackets constitute **7032 (73.2%)** of the confirmed cases, while a sizable proportion of the 50-59 age group **1041 (10.8%)**.
- Among those aged 30-39, a significant proportion of males **1472 (55.2%)** are infected more than females **1193 (44.8%)**.
- The under 5 make up **218 (2.3%)** of the total cases.
- Aged 60 years and above constitute **354 (3.7%)** of the confirmed cases.

- Cumulatively, **83 (84.7%)** of the fatalities were known to have multiple co-morbidities.

**Table 3: Fatality summary as of 11 September 2020**

Region	Cumulative no. of deaths	Deaths in 24 hours	Cumulative with co-morbidities
Erongo	32	0	29
Hardap	4	0	1
//Kharas	4	0	3
Kavango East	2	0	1
Kavango West	1	0	1
Khomas	47	0	44
Ohangwena	2	0	0
Omaheke	1	0	1
Omusati	1	0	0
Otjozondjupa	1	0	1
Oshana	3	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>83</b>

**Table 4: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 11 September 2020**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers (24 Hours)
Erongo	0	3118	2928	190	0
Hardap	17	571	521	50	0
Kavango	4	418	384	34	0
Khomas	5	1952	1810	142	0
//Kharas	0	1445	1247	198	0
Kunene	0	411	362	49	0
Ohangwena	5	470	435	35	0
Omaheke	14	826	715	111	0
Omusati	2	270	268	2	0
Oshana	2	296	279	17	0
Oshikoto	0	729	543	186	0
Otjozondjupa	0	748	723	25	0
Zambezi	0	768	732	36	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>12022</b>	<b>10947</b>	<b>1075</b>	<b>0</b>

- Since March 2020, **12022** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1075** people are currently in quarantine with **49** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

**Table 5: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 11 September 2020**

Destination	Origin						Total
	RSA	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zimbabwe	Zambia	
//Kharas	108	0	0	0	0	0	108
Khomas	107	8	6	0	0	1	122
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
Otjozondjupa	13	1	1	0	0	0	15
Kavango	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ohangwena	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hardap	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Kunene	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Omaheke	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Oshikoto	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Zambezi	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Erongo	9	9	3	0	0	33	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>320</b>

- A total of **320** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **122 (38.1%)** were heading to Khomas, **108 (33.8%)** to //Kharas while **54 (16.9%)** were heading to Erongo region.
- The remaining **36 (11.3%)** were heading to the other 8 regions.

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- Expansion of result collection sites around Windhoek is ongoing.
- Recruitment of local volunteers into the response in the districts and regions is ongoing.
- Weekly engagements with regions to ensure readiness for effective response.
- 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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