



## NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 204

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time	08.10.2020 17h00	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
Prepared by	Surveillance Team		

### HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (08/10/2020)

#### TOTAL

Tested 106501

Confirmed 11829

Active 1924

Recovered 9778

Death 127

#### TODAY

Tested 889

Confirmed 48

Active 1924

Recovered 19

Death 0

- A total of **11829** cases have been recorded in a population of approximately 2.5 Million people, making it about **0.5%** of the population infected.
- More male cases **6421 (54.3%)** were recorded compared to female cases **5408 (45.7%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **469 (4.0%)** Health Care Workers (HCWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 to-date.
  - 305 (65.0%) State; 161 (34.3%) Private, 3 (0.6%) NGO
- Today (08/10/2020), **19** recoveries have been recorded from khomas region; the recovery rate now stands at **82.7%**.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest with **5494 (46.4%)** and **3881 (32.8%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **99 (78.0%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **28 (22.0%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.
- There is an alarming increase in the number of COVID-19 positive cases in closed settings such as schools, police holding cells and prisons.

**Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 08 October 2020**

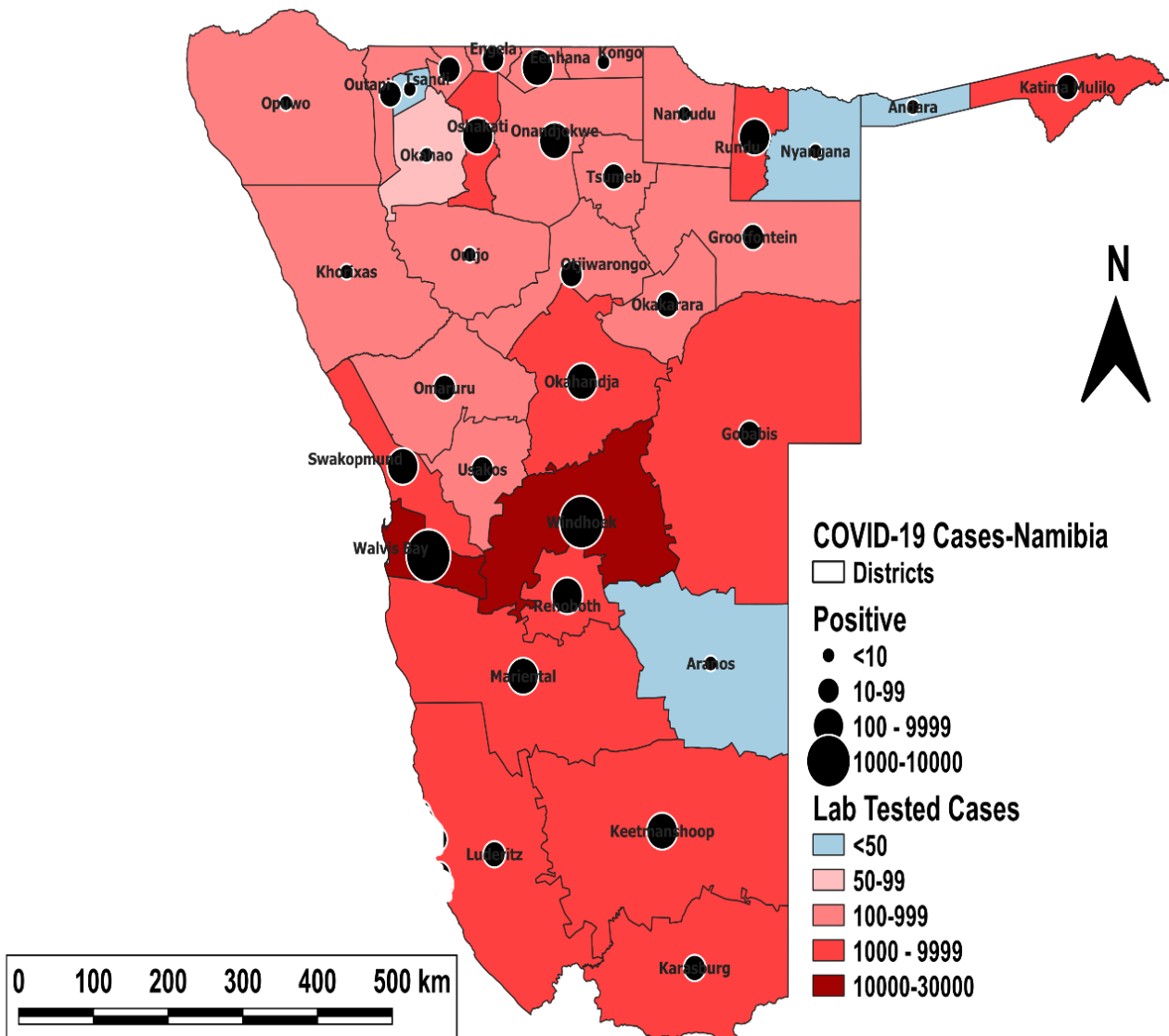
Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Deaths in 24 hours	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Health Care Workers
Erongo	3881	40	3803	38	0	35	66
Hardap	499	94	401	4	0	1	17
//Kharas	360	33	323	4	0	3	9
Kavango East	174	101	70	3	0	2	18
Kavango West	8	4	3	1	0	1	1
Khomas	5494	1330	4101	63	0	60	306
Kunene	14	0	14	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	189	5	182	2	0	0	6
Omaheke	80	7	71	2	0	1	1
Omusati	50	0	49	1	0	0	5
Oshana	339	77	258	4	0	3	12
Oshikoto	331	177	154	0	0	0	4
Otjozondjupa	332	53	274	5	0	4	13
Zambezi	78	3	75	0	0	0	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>11829</b>	<b>1924</b>	<b>9778</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>469</b>

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

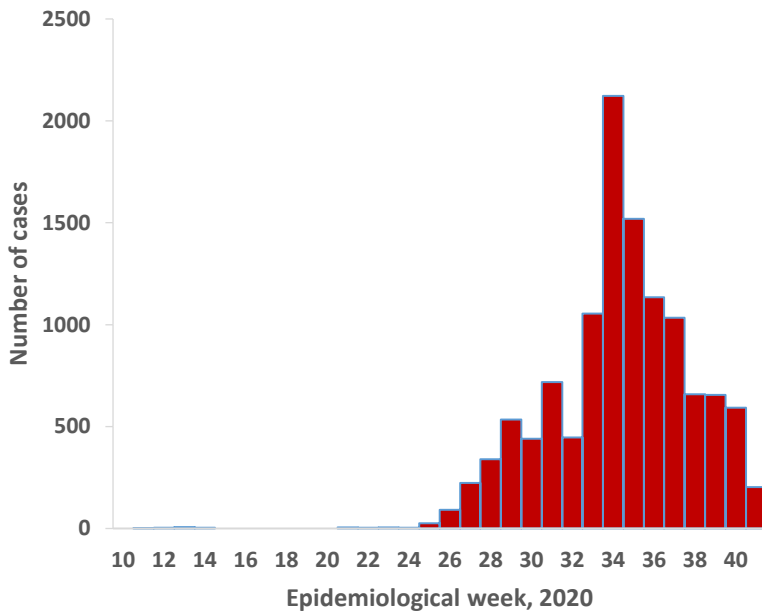
**Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories as of 08 October 2020**

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	106619
Total samples tested	100803
Total samples re-tested	5698
Total positive results	11829
Total negative results	88937
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	37
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	869

- To date, **106501** tests (including **5698** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM and Namib Poultry laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **27595** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **124** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 11 regions.
- Cumulatively, **17** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **2817 (31.8%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **8857 (88.0%)** out of **10069** active contacts were monitored.



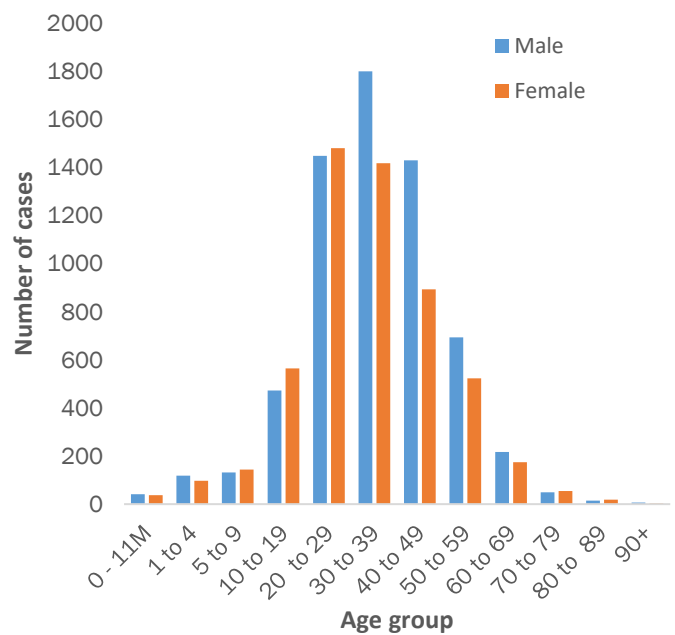
**Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases by District, 08 October 2020**



**Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, As of 08 October 2020**

- Up to **2123 (17.9%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 34 (Figure 2).
- After a peak in epi-week 34, the country has seen a gradual reduction in the average number of confirmed cases from 303 to 85 in epi-week 40.
- Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily. Today, **1110** calls were answered including **160** alerts.

- The 20-49 years age-brackets constitute **8470 (71.6%)** of the confirmed cases, while a sizable proportion of the 50-59 age group is **1216 (10.8%)**.
- A total of **1313 (11.1%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- Among those aged 30-39 years, a significant proportion of males, **1800 (55.9%)** are infected more than females **1418 (44.1%)**.
- The under 5 years make up **293 (2.5%)** of the total cases.
- Aged 60 years and above constitute **537 (4.5%)** of the confirmed cases.



**Figure 3: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, As of 08 October 2020**

**Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 08 October 2020**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers quarantined in 24 Hrs.
Erongo	51	3587	3364	223	36
Hardap	2	749	720	29	0
Kavango	0	651	609	42	0
Khomas	11	2463	2372	91	0
//Kharas	0	2075	2021	54	0
Kunene	17	526	448	78	0
Ohangwena	7	521	512	9	0
Omaheke	0	1032	971	61	0
Omusati	0	304	302	2	0
Oshana	2	333	308	25	0
Oshikoto	25	1650	1298	352	0
Otjozondjupa	0	881	844	37	0
Zambezi	5	845	818	27	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>15617</b>	<b>14587</b>	<b>1030</b>	<b>36</b>

- Since March 2020, **15617** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1030** people are currently in quarantine with **120** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

## PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION(S)

- Training on Integrated Disease Surveillance Response (IDSR) is ongoing country-wide.
- Training on Public Health Emergency Operation Centre and Incident Management System with WHO-AFRO is ongoing.
- Public awareness on COVID-19 prevention measures is ongoing.
- Response strategies for post State of Emergency are underway.
- The government and developmental partners continue to prioritise continuation of essential health services

## CHALLENGES

- Lack of isolation units and facilities in the country for special cases in closed settings such as police holding cells and prisons.
- Inadequate ICU facilities and ICU equipment at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Establish fully equipped isolation units and facilities for identified special cases throughout the country.
- Provision of fully equipped ICU facilities at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.

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