



## NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 222

<b>Outbreak Name</b>	COVID-19 outbreak	<b>Country affected</b>	Namibia
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	26.10.2020 17h00	<b>Investigation start Date</b>	13 March 2020
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### HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (26/10/2020)

TOTAL	TODAY
Tested 122390	Tested 531
Confirmed 12729	Confirmed 54
Active 1718	Active 1718
Recovered 10879	Recoveries 65
Death 133	Death 0

- A total of **12729** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **0.5%** of the population of approximately 2.5 Million of Namibia. More male cases **7012 (55.1%)** were recorded compared to female cases **5717 (45.9%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **516 (4.1%)** Health Care Workers (HCWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 to-date. -334 (64.7%) State; 179 (34.8%) Private, 3 (0.6%) NGO  
-280 (54.4%) recoveries including 3 (0.6%) deaths.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest with **5783 (45.4%)** and **3932 (30.9%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **104 (78.2%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **29 (21.8%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.
- Today (26/10/2020), **65** recoveries have been recorded from 4 regions; the recovery rate now stands at **85.5%**.
- The cases continue to flare up among closed settings such as school premises and hostels, police holding cells, and prisons.

**Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 26 October 2020**

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Deaths in 24 hours	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Health Care Workers
Erongo	3932	55	3838	39	0	36	70
Hardap	569	33	532	4	0	1	19
//Kharas	376	11	361	4	0	3	10
Kavango East	188	27	158	3	0	2	21
Kavango West	8	0	7	1	0	1	1
Khomas	5783	1249	4467	67	0	64	334
Kunene	34	3	31	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	205	2	201	2	0	0	6
Omaheke	96	11	82	3	0	2	3
Omusati	59	5	53	1	0	0	6
Oshana	600	226	370	4	0	3	13
Oshikoto	413	69	344	0	0	0	7
Otjozondjupa	385	26	354	5	0	4	14
Zambezi	81	1	80	0	0	0	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>12729</b>	<b>1718</b>	<b>10879</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>516</b>



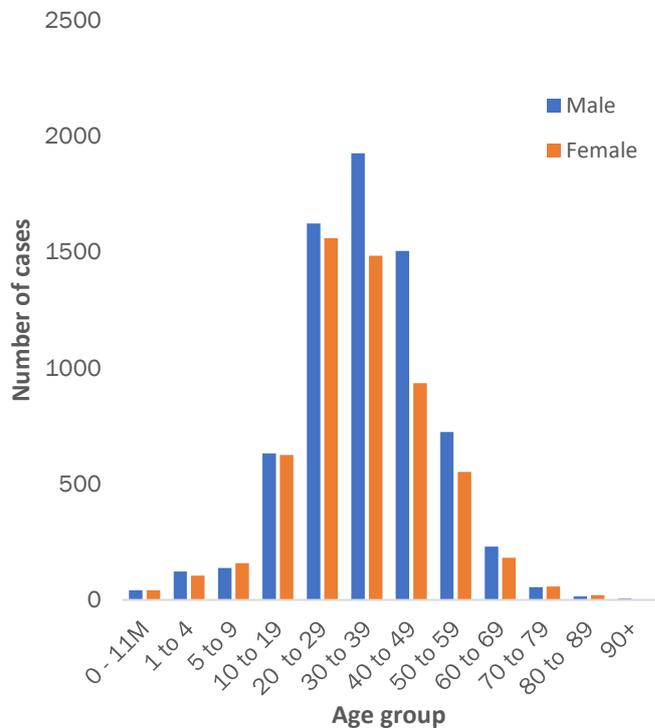
**Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 26 October 2020**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers quarantined in 24 hrs.
Erongo	98	3901	3764	137	6
Hardap	0	805	797	8	0
Kavango	0	693	667	26	0
Khomas	0	2826	2792	34	0
//Kharas	0	2919	2901	18	0
Kunene	1	781	735	46	0
Ohangwena	0	548	535	13	0
Omaheke	6	1401	1306	95	0
Omusati	4	365	339	26	0
Oshana	0	354	339	15	0
Oshikoto	0	1760	1495	265	0
Otjozondjupa	0	937	905	32	0
Zambezi	12	929	901	28	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>18219</b>	<b>17476</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>6</b>

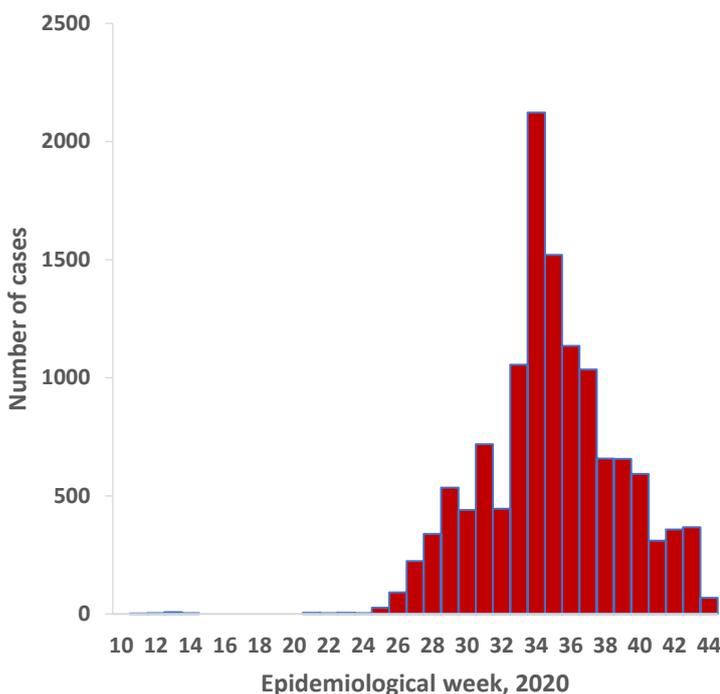
➤ Since March 2020, **18219** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.

➤ A total of **743** people are currently in quarantine, with **121** new admissions in the last 24 hours.

- Of the total confirmed cases, **9025 (70.9%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- The under 5 years age group make up **309 (2.4%)** of the total cases whereas, **568 (4.5%)** are above 60years of age.
- A total of **1553 (12.2%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.



**Figure 2: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, As of 26 October 2020**



**Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, as of 26 October 2020**

- A highest peak of **2123 (16.7%)** cases was recorded during week 34 (Figure 3).
  - After a peak in epi-week 34, the country has seen a gradual reduction in the average number of confirmed cases to 52 in epi-week 43.
  - The National Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily.
- Today (26/10/2020), **997** calls were answered including **101** alerts.

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION(S)

- Commencement of the GO.DATA training for technical teams in collaboration with WHO and RKI.
- Announcement of new policy by government on entry requirement for travelers to Namibia.
- Training on Case management and IPC for healthcare workers is ongoing with support from the Robert Koch Institute (RKI).
- Virtual training on Integrated Disease Surveillance Response (IDSR) is ongoing country-wide.
- Public awareness on COVID-19 prevention measures is ongoing.
- 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, prisons and school hostels.
- 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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