



### NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 214

<b>Outbreak Name</b>	COVID-19 outbreak	<b>Country affected</b>	Namibia
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	18.10.2020 17h00	<b>Investigation start Date</b>	13 March 2020
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#### HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (18/10/2020)

- A total of **12326** 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 **6723 (54.5%)** were recorded compared to female cases **5603 (45.5%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **486 (3.9%)** Health Care Workers (HCWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 to-date.  
-314 (64.6%) State; 169 (34.8%) Private, 3 (0.6%) NGO
- Today (18/10/2020), **4** recoveries have been recorded from Ohangwena region region; the recovery rate now stands at **84.6%**.

TOTAL	TODAY
Tested 115792	Tested 947
Confirmed 12326	Confirmed 33
Active 1769	Active 1769
Recovered 10426	Recovered 4
Death 131	Death 0

- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest with **5689 (46.2%)** and **3907 (31.7%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **102 (77.8%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **29 (22.1%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.
- The cases continue to erupt among closed settings such as schools, police holding cells and prisons.
- Among the known contacts, **137 (1.1%)** new confirmed cases have been reported during the last 7 days.

**Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 18 October 2020**

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Deaths in 24 hours	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Health Care Workers
Erongo	3907	49	3820	38	0	35	70
Hardap	523	32	487	4	0	1	17
//Kharas	368	28	336	4	0	3	10
Kavango East	187	26	158	3	0	2	20
Kavango West	8	0	7	1	0	1	1
Khomas	5689	1322	4301	66	0	63	313
Kunene	33	19	14	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	200	8	190	2	0	0	6
Omaheke	85	5	77	3	0	2	1
Omusati	55	3	51	1	0	0	6
Oshana	469	206	259	4	0	3	13
Oshikoto	357	35	322	0	0	0	4
Otjozondjupa	364	33	326	5	0	4	13
Zambezi	81	3	78	0	0	0	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>12326</b>	<b>1769</b>	<b>10426</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>486</b>



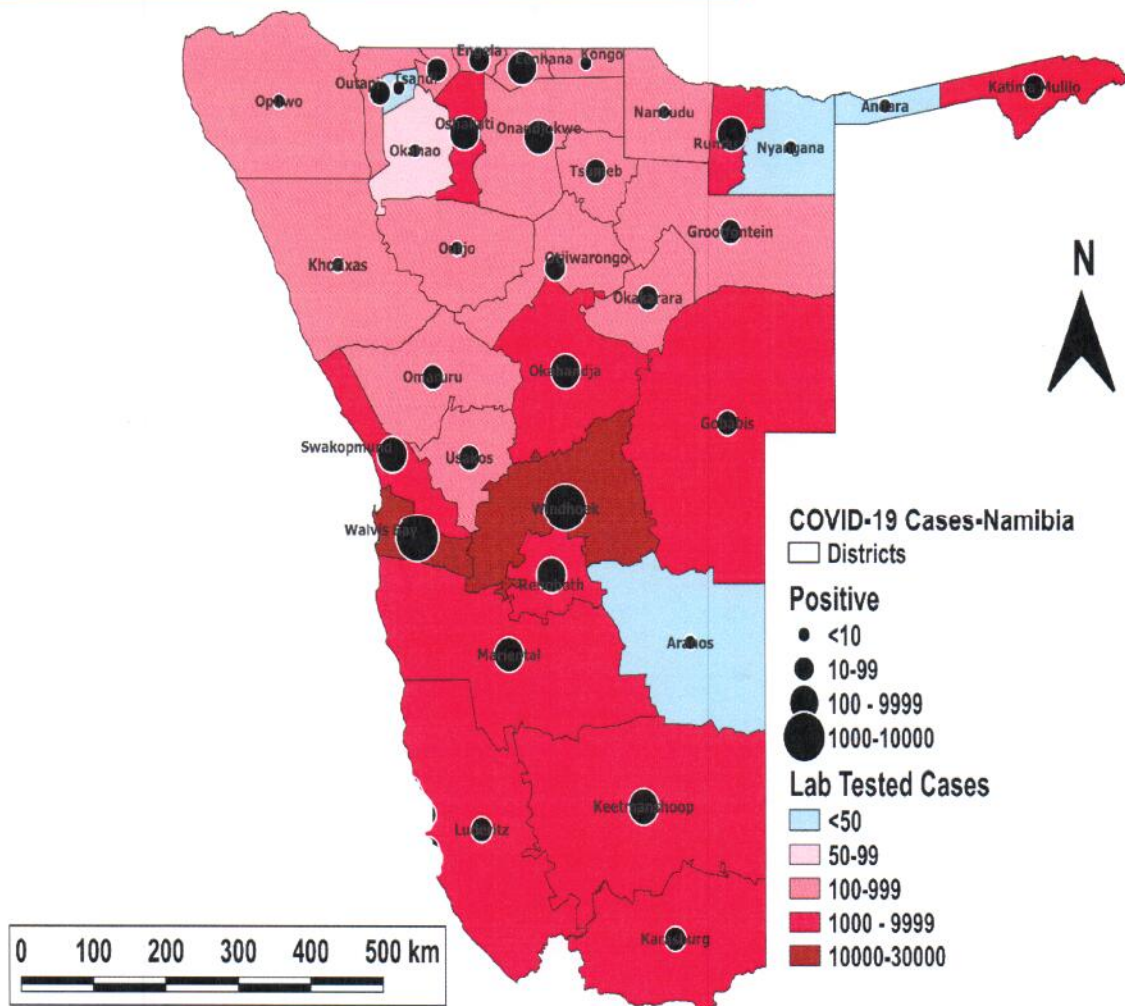
## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

**Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories, As of 18 October 2020**

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	115910
Total samples tested	109780
Total samples re-tested	6012
Total positive results	12326
Total negative results	97413
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	41
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	909

- To date, **115792** tests (including **6012** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM and Namib Poultry laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **29204** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **72** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 9 regions.
- Cumulatively, **21809** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **2989 (24.2%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **6314 (83.8%)** out of **7538** active contacts were monitored.

- A total of **153** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **64 (41.8%)** were heading to Khomas, **57 (37.3%)** to Erongo while **12 (7.8%)** were heading to //Kharas region.
- The remaining **20 (13.1%)** were heading to the other 8 regions.



**Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases by District, 18 October 2020**



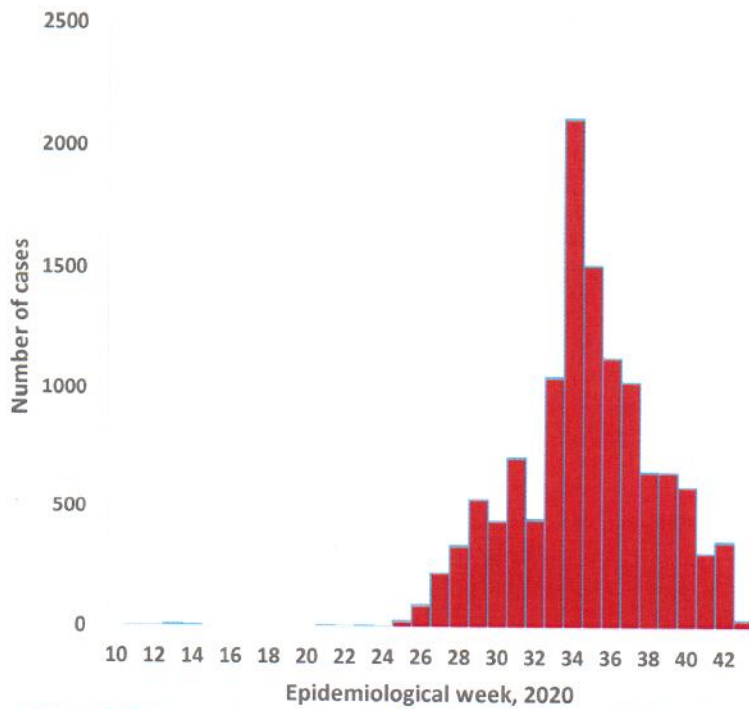


Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, as of 18 October 2020

- A highest peak of **2123 (17.2%)** cases was 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 to 51 in epi-week 42.
  - The National Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily.
- Today (18/10/2020), **944** calls were answered including **116** alerts.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 18 October 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers quarantined in 24 hrs.
Erongo	8	3742	3594	147	14
Hardap	0	784	760	24	0
Kavango	0	693	667	26	0
Khomas	9	2608	2485	123	0
//Kharas	0	2919	2816	103	0
Kunene	24	703	555	148	0
Ohangwena	0	534	515	19	0
Omaheke	90	1218	1070	148	0
Omusati	0	315	311	4	0
Oshana	0	338	329	9	0
Oshikoto	0	1760	1495	265	0
Otjozondjupa	0	905	881	24	0
Zambezi	2	883	853	30	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>17401</b>	<b>16331</b>	<b>1070</b>	<b>14</b>

- Since March 2020, **17401** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1070** people are currently in quarantine, with **133** new admissions in the last 24 hours.

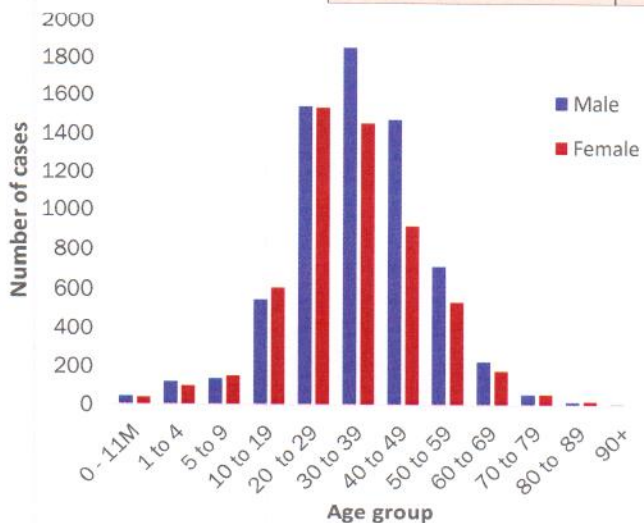


Figure 3: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases. As of 18 October 2020

- Of the total confirmed cases, **8776 (71.2%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- The under 5 years age group make up **302 (2.5%)** of the total cases whereas, **556 (4.5%)** are above 60years of age.
- A total of **1441 (11.7%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION(S)

- Meeting held by the National Health Emergency Management Committee to review the current public health regulations on COVID-19.
- 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 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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