



### NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 235

<b>Outbreak Name</b>	COVID-19 outbreak	<b>Country affected</b>	Namibia
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	08.11.2020 17h00	<b>Investigation start Date</b>	13 March 2020
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#### HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (08/11/2020)

- A total of **13240** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **0.5%** of the population of approximately 2.5 Million people.
- More male cases **7292 (55.1%)** were recorded compared to female cases **5948 (44.9%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **525 (4.0%)** Health Workers (HWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 to-date. -343 (65.3%) State; 179 (34.1%) Private, 3 (0.6%) NGO.
- -280 (53.3%) recoveries including 3 (0.6%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **87.7%**.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest with **5945 (44.9%)** and **3967 (30.0%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **105 (78.4%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **29 (21.6%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.
- The cases continue to flare up among closed settings such as school premises and hostels, police holding cells, and prisons.

TOTAL	TODAY
Tested 133979	Tested 1066
Confirmed 13240	Confirmed 29
Active 1484	Active 1484
Recovered 11620	Recovered 15
Death 134	Death 0

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

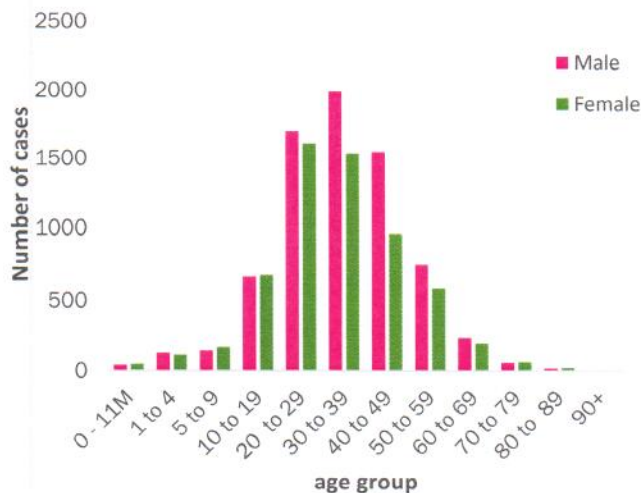
Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Deaths in 24 hours	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Non-COVID deaths	Health Workers
Erongo	3967	60	3867	39	0	36	1	70
Hardap	625	69	552	4	0	1	0	21
//Kharas	399	16	378	5	0	4	0	10
Kavango East	190	3	184	3	0	2	0	21
Kavango West	8	0	7	1	0	1	0	1
Khomas	5945	1240	4638	67	0	64	0	340
Kunene	35	1	34	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	216	6	207	2	0	0	1	6
Omaheke	117	3	111	3	0	2	0	3
Omusati	67	4	62	1	0	0	0	6
Oshana	763	51	708	4	0	3	0	14
Oshikoto	439	18	421	0	0	0	0	7
Otjozondjupa	388	13	370	5	0	4	0	14
Zambezi	81	0	81	0	0	0	0	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>13240</b>	<b>1484</b>	<b>11620</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>525</b>

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**Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories  
As of 08 November 2020**

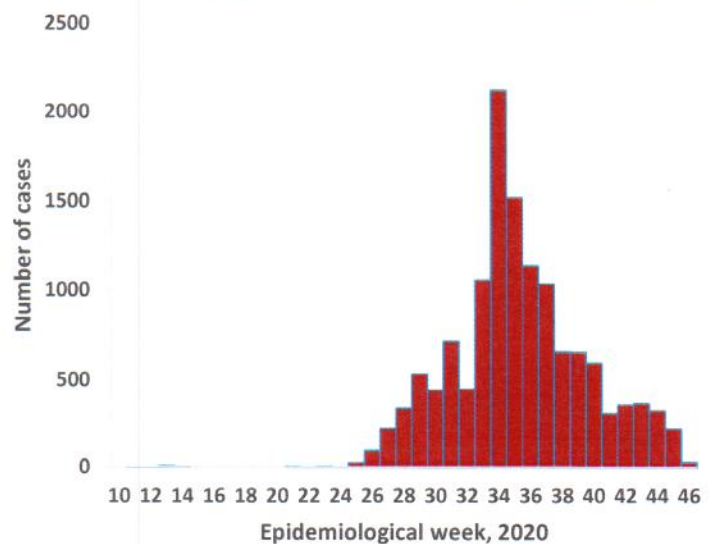
VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	134097
Total samples tested	127508
Total samples re-tested	6471
Total positive results	13240
Total negative results	114222
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	46
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1040

- A highest peak of **2123 (16.0%)** cases was recorded during week 34 (Figure 1).
- After a peak in epi-week 34, the country has seen a gradual reduction in the average number of confirmed cases to 32 in epi-week 45.
- The number of cases have plateaued in the last four weeks as seen in the graph.
- The National Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily. Today (08/11/2020), **871** calls were answered including **55** alerts.



**Figure 2: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, as of 08 November 2020**

- To date, **133979** tests (including **6471** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM and Namib Poultry laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **31667** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **61** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 10 regions.
- Cumulatively, **26202** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **4034 (30.5%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **5634 (99.3%)** out of **5675** active contacts were monitored.



**Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases as of 08 November 2020**

- Of the total confirmed cases, **9327 (70.4%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **1655 (12.5%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- The under 5 years age group make up **329 (2.5%)** of the total cases whereas, **600 (4.5%)** are above 60 years of age.

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

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers quarantined in 24 hrs.
Erongo	0	3995	3929	66	0
Hardap	0	842	832	10	0
Kavango	0	723	711	12	0
Khomas	5	2868	2801	67	0
//Kharas	0	2919	2901	18	0
Kunene	0	793	784	9	0
Ohangwena	0	556	551	5	0
Omaheke	0	1482	1438	44	0
Omusati	0	386	373	13	0
Oshana	0	358	354	4	0
Oshikoto	0	2393	2298	95	0
Otjondjupa	0	964	964	0	0
Zambezi	2	973	951	22	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19252</b>	<b>18887</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>0</b>

- Since March 2020, **19252** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **365** people are currently in quarantine, with **7** new admissions in the last 24 hours.

**PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION(S)**

- 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 cooperation from some cases and contacts
- Lack of isolation units and facilities in the country for special cases in closed settings such as police holding cells and prisons.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Strengthening of awareness measures on the importance of testing.
- Establish fully equipped isolation units and facilities for identified special cases throughout the country.


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