



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 219

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (23/10/2020)

- A total of **127579** 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 **6893 (54.8%)** were recorded compared to female cases **5686 (45.2%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **515 (4.1%)** Health Care Workers (HCWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 to-date.
 - 333 (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 **5761 (45.8%)** and **3922 (31.2%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **104 (78.2%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **29 (21.8%)** 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.
- Today (23/10/2020), **27** recoveries have been recorded from 2 regions; the recovery rate now stands at **85.7%**.

TOTAL	TODAY
Tested 12063	Tested 1150
Confirmed 12579	Confirmed 78
Active 1671	Active 1671
Recovered 10775	Recoveries 27
Death 133	Death 0

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 23 October 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Deaths in 24 hours	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Health Care Workers
Erongo	3922	54	3829	39	0	36	70
Hardap	560	31	525	4	0	1	19
//Kharas	374	11	359	4	0	3	10
Kavango East	188	27	158	3	0	2	21
Kavango West	8	0	7	1	0	1	1
Khomas	5761	1280	4414	67	0	64	333
Kunene	34	4	30	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	203	3	198	2	0	0	6
Omaheke	93	9	81	3	0	2	3
Omusati	57	5	51	1	0	0	6
Oshana	540	177	359	4	0	3	13
Oshikoto	379	35	344	0	0	0	7
Otjozondjupa	379	33	341	5	0	4	14
Zambezi	81	2	79	0	0	0	12
Total	12579	1671	10775	133	0	115	515

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories, As of 23 October 2020

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	120761
Total samples tested	114533
Total samples re-tested	6110
Total positive results	12579
Total negative results	101908
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	46
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1141

- To date, **120643** tests (including **6110** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM and Namib Poultry laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **30297** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **216** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 9 regions.
- Cumulatively, **23015** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **3046 (24.2%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **6301 (84.0%)** out of **7501** active contacts were monitored.

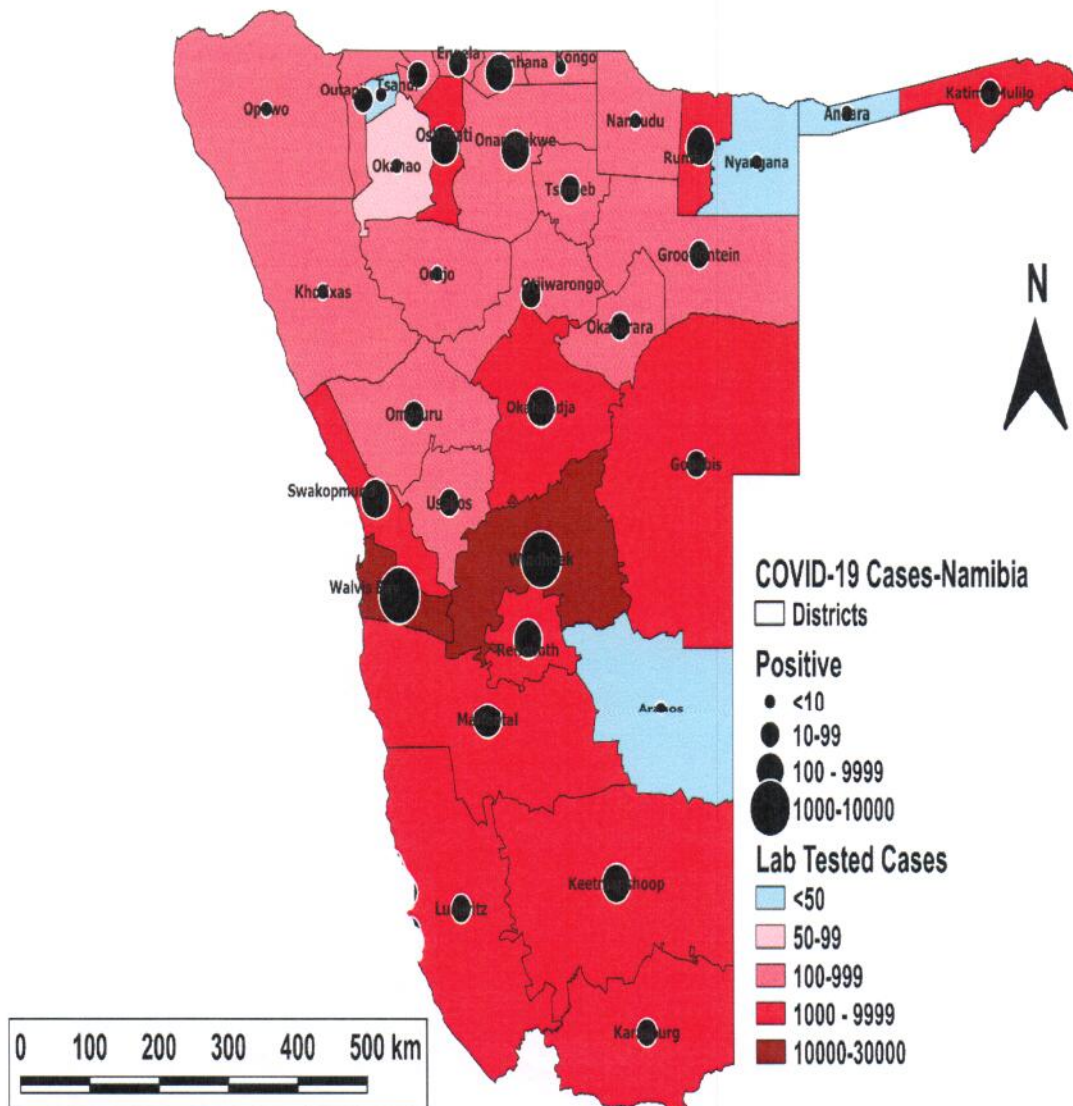


Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases by District, 23 October 2020

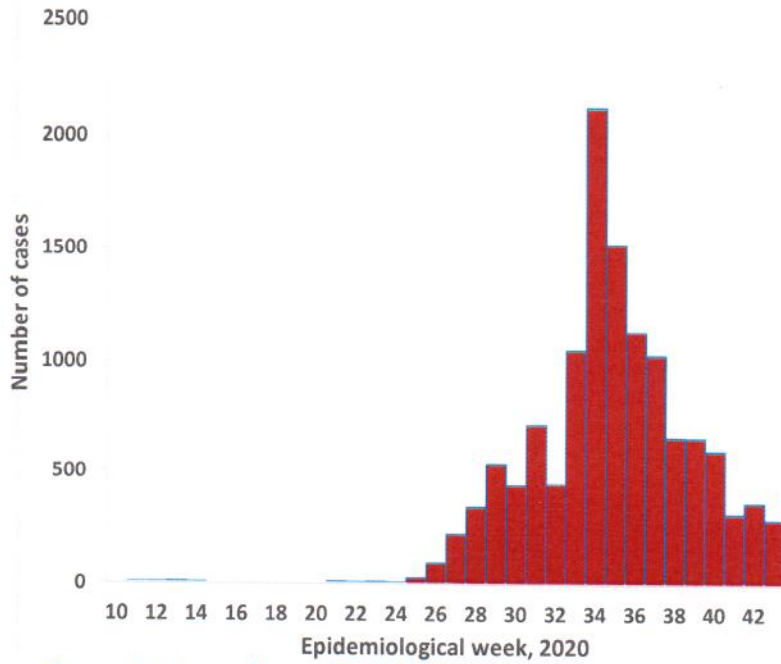


Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, as of 23 October 2020

- A highest peak of **2123 (16.9%)** 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 (23/10/2020), **986** calls were answered including **106** alerts.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 23 October 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers quarantined in 24 hrs.
Erongo	0	3798	3698	100	0
Hardap	4	803	796	7	0
Kavango	0	693	667	26	0
Khomas	4	2779	2710	69	0
//Kharas	0	2919	2816	103	0
Kunene	3	774	725	49	0
Ohangwena	0	548	535	13	0
Omaheke	103	1395	1162	233	0
Omusati	10	360	334	26	0
Oshana	2	353	339	14	0
Oshikoto	0	1760	1495	265	0
Otjozondjupa	0	937	881	56	0
Zambezi	4	906	883	23	0
Total	130	18025	17041	984	0

- Since March 2020, **18025** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **984** people are currently in quarantine, with **130** new admissions in the last 24 hours.

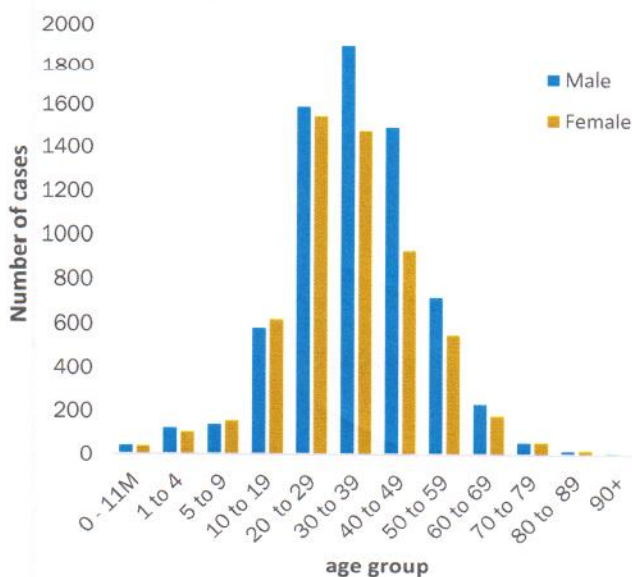


Figure 3: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases. As of 23 October 2020

- Of the total confirmed cases, **8942 (71.1%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- The under 5 years age group make up **306 (2.4%)** of the total cases whereas, **567 (4.5%)** are above 60years of age.
- A total of **1494 (11.9%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION(S)

- Online orientation held for the GO.DATA training sessions scheduled for 26-29 October 2020 country-wide.
- 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).
- 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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