



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 306

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (18/01/2021)



- A total of **30995** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **1%** of the population.
- More male cases **15685 (51%)** were recorded compared to female cases **15310 (49%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **1478 (5%)** Health Workers (HWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 to-date.
 - 1122 (76%) State; 352 (24%) Private, 4 (0.3%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
 - 1238 (84%) recoveries and 6 (0.4%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **90%**.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest with **13684 (44%)** and **6553 (21%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **243 (82%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **53 (18%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 18 January 2021

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Cumulative Deaths	Deaths in 24 hours	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Non-COVID deaths	Health Workers
Erongo	6553	646	5834	70	0	67	3	169
Hardap	1254	50	1196	8	0	6	0	33
//Kharas	2023	163	1843	17	0	14	0	93
Kavango East	518	169	343	6	0	3	0	55
Kavango West	21	11	9	1	0	1	0	1
Khomas	13684	92	13464	128	0	119	0	693
Kunene	740	48	687	5	0	5	0	41
Ohangwena	486	87	395	3	1	1	1	27
Omaheke	514	103	402	8	0	5	0	27
Omusati	440	63	373	4	1	2	0	24
Oshana	1967	923	1023	21	1	17	0	154
Oshikoto	1108	277	829	1	0	1	1	75
Otjondjupa	1407	115	1273	20	0	14	0	65
Zambezi	280	89	187	4	0	4	0	21
Total	30995	2836	27858	296	3	259	5	1478

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories As of 18 January 2021

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	241991
Total samples tested	230948
Total samples re-tested	10925
Total positive results	30995
Total negative results	199892
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	61
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1325

- To date, **241873** tests (including **10925** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM, Namib Poultry and Central Veterinary laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **56378** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **495** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 13 regions.
- Cumulatively, **49968** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **6746 (22%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **4677 (76%)** out of **6149** active contacts monitored.

- A highest peak of **3485 (11%)** cases was recorded during week 54 (Figure 1).

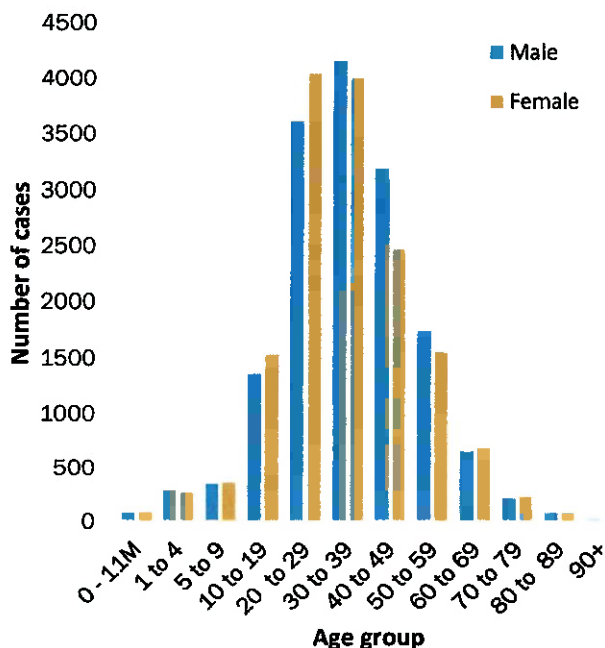


Figure 2: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, as of 18 January 2021

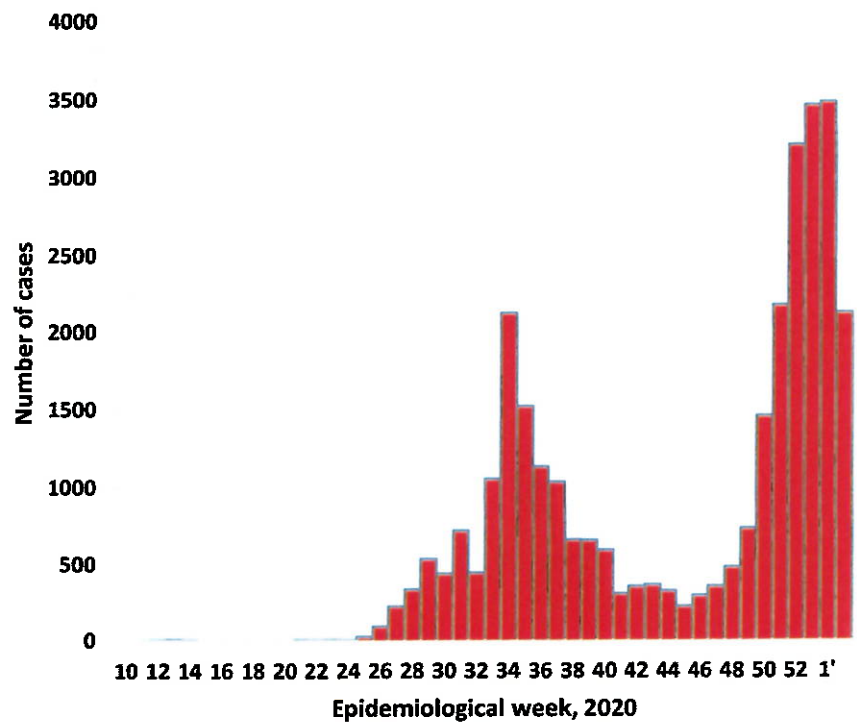


Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases As of 18 January 2021

- Of the total confirmed cases, **21449 (69%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **3601 (12%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- The under 5 years age group make **710 (2%)** of the total cases whereas, **1952 (6%)** are above 60 years of age.

**Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities
18 January 2021**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	4754	4619	135
Hardap	9	1233	1179	54
Kavango	0	1004	955	49
Khomas	0	3130	3114	16
//Kharas	21	4636	4266	370
Kunene	38	2447	1989	458
Ohangwena	1	605	604	1
Omaheke	19	2645	2503	142
Omusati	0	530	521	9
Oshana	0	393	392	1
Oshikoto	69	5638	4979	659
Otjozondjupa	0	1130	1095	35
Zambezi	0	1302	1259	43
Total	157	29447	27475	1972

- Since March 2020, **29447** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1972** people are currently in quarantine, with **157** new admissions.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION(S)

- 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 regions.
- Non-adherence to COVID-19 prevention measures by the general public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Establish fully equipped isolation units and facilities throughout the country.
- Continue to give awareness on the importance of adhering to COVID -19 prevention measures; with the involvement of the Security Cluster.

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