



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 309

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time	21.01.2021 17h00	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (21/01/2021)

TOTAL	TODAY
Tested 248349	Tested 2769
Confirmed 31848	Confirmed 333
Active 1960	Active 1960
Recovered 29571	Recovered 341
Death 311	Death 1

- A total of **31848** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **1%** of the population.
- More male cases **16089 (51%)** were recorded compared to female cases **15759 (49%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **1516 (5%)** Health Workers (HWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 to-date.
 - **1151 (76%) State; 361 (24%) Private, 4 (0.3%) Non-Governmental Organizations.**
 - **1238 (82%) recoveries and 6 (0.4%) deaths.**

- The recovery rate now stands at **93%**.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest with **13849 (43%)** and **6643 (21%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **255 (82%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **56 (18%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 21 January 2021

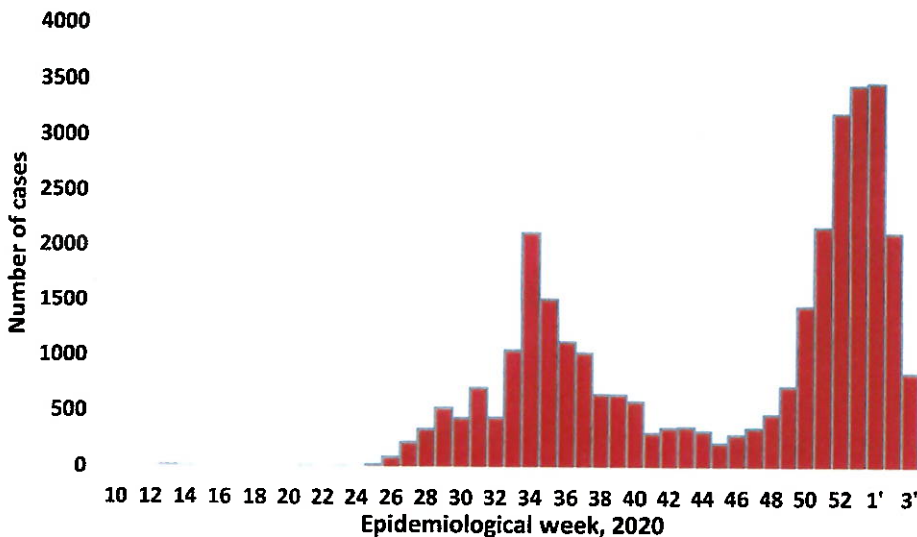
Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Cumulative Deaths	Deaths in 24 hours	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Non-COVID deaths	Health Workers
Erongo	6643	538	6028	73	0	70	4	173
Hardap	1300	27	1265	8	0	6	0	33
//Kharas	2086	141	1928	17	0	14	0	94
Kavango East	546	68	472	6	0	3	0	60
Kavango West	22	12	9	1	0	1	0	1
Khomas	13849	72	13644	133	0	124	0	702
Kunene	780	70	705	5	0	5	0	43
Ohangwena	531	106	420	4	1	1	1	30
Omaheke	531	66	456	8	0	5	0	27
Omusati	502	84	414	4	0	2	0	26
Oshana	2113	282	1809	22	0	17	0	159
Oshikoto	1165	334	829	1	0	1	1	9
Otjozondjupa	1441	72	1346	24	0	17	0	67
Zambezi	339	88	246	5	0	4	0	23
Total	31848	1960	29571	311	1	270	6	1516

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**Table 2: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities
21 January 2021**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	4787	4716	71
Hardap	0	1252	1195	57
Kavango	12	1024	966	58
Khomas	8	3145	3122	23
//Kharas	0	4636	4344	292
Kunene	22	2553	2086	467
Ohangwena	0	608	605	3
Omaheke	40	2816	2555	261
Omusati	0	533	523	10
Oshana	0	393	392	1
Oshikoto	29	5748	5278	470
Otjozondjupa	0	1130	1095	35
Zambezi	0	1305	1288	17
Total	111	29930	28165	1765

- Since March 2020, **29930** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1765** people are currently in quarantine, with **111** new admissions.



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

**Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases
As of 21 January 2021**

**Table 3: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories
As of 21 January 2021**

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	248467
Total samples tested	237316
Total samples re-tested	11033
Total positive results	31848
Total negative results	205404
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	64
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	2756

- To date, **248349** tests (including **11033** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM, Namib Poultry and Central Veterinary laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **57981** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **494** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 13 regions.
- Cumulatively, **51862** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **6938 (22%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **4555 (76%)** out of **5965** active contacts monitored.

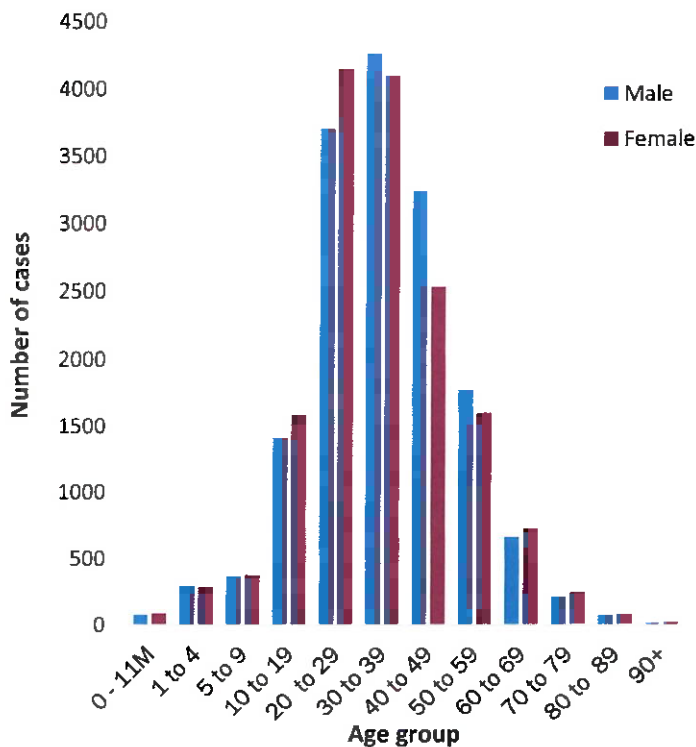


Figure 2: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, as of 21 January 2021

- Of the total confirmed cases, **21969 (69%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **3736 (12%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- The under 5 years age group make **739 (2%)** of the total cases whereas, **2028 (6%)** are above 60 years of age.

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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