



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 278

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time	21.12.2020 17h00	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (21/12/2020)

TOTAL

Tested 189589

Confirmed 19629

Active 3128

Recovered 16317

Death 181

TODAY

Tested 1436

Confirmed 330

Active 3128

Recovered 276

Death 1

- A total of **19629** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **0.8%** of the population.
- More male cases **10364 (52.8%)** were recorded compared to female cases **9265 (47.2%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **838 (4.3%)** Health Workers (HWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 to-date.
 - 568 (67.8%) State; 266 (31.7%) Private, 4 (0.5%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
 - 574 (68.5%) recoveries and 3 (0.4%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **83.1%**.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest with **9553 (48.7%)** and **4661 (23.7%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **138 (76.2%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **43 (23.8%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 21 December 2020

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	4661	343	4273	44	0	41	1	94
Hardap	865	65	793	7	0	5	0	26
//Kharas	1051	286	758	7	0	5	0	42
Kavango East	253	42	208	3	0	2	0	25
Kavango West	8	0	7	1	0	1	0	1
Khomas	9553	1631	7835	87	0	82	0	481
Kunene	233	116	114	3	0	3	0	12
Ohangwena	252	14	235	2	0	0	1	7
Omaheke	191	16	170	5	0	4	0	6
Omusati	122	25	95	2	0	1	0	8
Oshana	1074	236	827	11	0	9	0	79
Oshikoto	549	71	476	1	0	1	1	17
Otjozondjupa	725	276	442	7	0	4	0	25
Zambezi	92	7	84	1	1	1	0	15
Total	19629	3128	16317	181	1	159	3	838

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

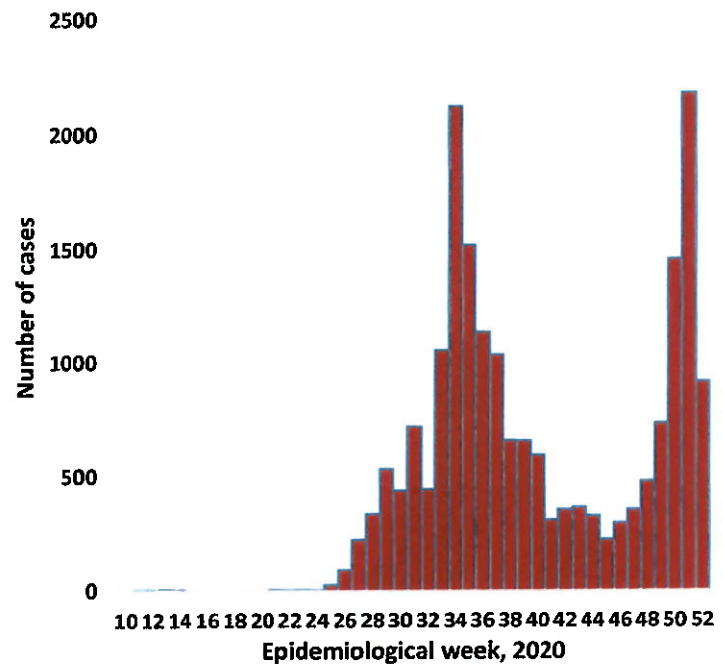
**Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories
As of 21 December 2020**

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	189707
Total samples tested	181939
Total samples re-tested	7650
Total positive results	19629
Total negative results	162256
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	54
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1366

- To date, **189589** tests (including **7650** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM, Namib Poultry and Central Veterinary laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **43371** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **356** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 9 regions.
- Cumulatively, **38395** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **5048 (25.7%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **4647 (99.5%)** out of **4669** active contacts monitored.

- A highest peak of **2178 (11.1%)** cases was recorded during week 51 (Figure 1).
- The National Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily.

Today (21/12/2020) **1071** calls were answered including **100** alerts.



**Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases
As of 21 December 2020**

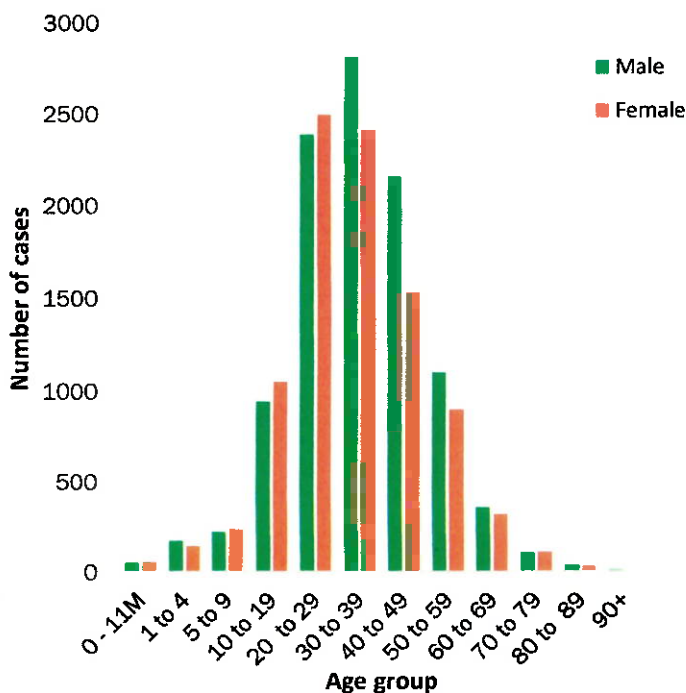


Figure 2: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, as of 21 December 2020

- Of the total confirmed cases, **13794 (70.3%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **2449 (12.5%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- The under 5 years age group make **421 (2.1%)** of the total cases whereas, **963 (4.9%)** are above 60 years of age.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 21 December 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers quarantined in 24 hrs.
Erongo	0	4464	4358	106	0
Hardap	1	1010	973	37	0
Kavango	0	905	869	36	0
Khomas	0	3042	2993	49	0
//Kharas	0	3583	3347	236	0
Kunene	122	1255	1075	180	0
Ohangwena	0	575	570	5	0
Omaheke	13	1875	1834	41	0
Omusati	2	471	448	23	0
Oshana	0	365	365	0	0
Oshikoto	8	3483	3041	442	0
Otjozondjupa	0	1032	981	51	0
Zambezi	10	1174	1113	61	0
Total	156	23234	21967	1267	0

➤ Since March 2020, **23234** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.

➤ A total of **1267** people are currently in quarantine, with **156** 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 country for special cases in closed settings such as schools, police holding cells and prisons.
- Non-adherence to COVID-19 prevention measures by the general public.

RECOMMENDATIONS


- Establish fully equipped isolation units and facilities for identified special cases throughout the country.
- Continue to give awareness on the importance of adhering to COVID -19 prevention measures.

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