



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 304					
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia		
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## **HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (16/01/2021)**

- A total of 30363 cases have been recorded to-date, representing 1% of the population.
- More male cases 15407 (51%) were recorded compared to female cases 14956 (49%).
- Of the total confirmed cases, 1434 (5%) Health Workers (HWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 todate.
  - 1083 (76%) State; 347 (24%) Private, 4 (0.3%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
  - 960 (67%) recoveries and 6 (0.4%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at 89%.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest with 13454 (44%) and 6509 (21%) respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, 233 (82%) are COVID-19 deaths while 52 (18%) are COVID-19 related deaths.
- The UNAM and Central Veterinary Laboratories have temporarily stopped the testing of samples due to technical difficulties.



Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 16 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	6509	603	5834	69	0	66	3	169
Hardap	1238	61	1169	8	0	6	0	32
//Kharas	1963	427	1519	17	0	14	0	93
Kavango East	500	152	343	5	0	2	0	50
Kavango West	18	8	9	1	0	1	0	1
Khomas	13454	78	13250	126	4	117	0	671
Kunene	734	89	640	5	0	5	0	40
Ohangwena	476	155	318	2	0	0	1	25
Omaheke	498	150	339	8	0	5	0	27
Omusati	422	112	307	3	0	2	0	23
Oshana	1819	780	1023	16	0	13	0	148
Oshikoto	1095	264	829	1	0	1	1	72
Otjozondjupa	1372	180	1173	20	1	14	0	64
Zambezi	265	83	178	4	0	4	0	19
Total	30363	3142	26931	285	5	250	5	1434

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories
As of 16 January 2021

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VARIABLES	TOTAL	
Total samples received by the Laboratory	238560	
Total samples tested	227714	
Total samples re-tested	10728	
Total positive results	30363	
Total negative results	197290	
Total samples discarded	117	
Invalid results	1	
Total pending results	0	
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	61	
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1319	

- To date, 238442 tests (including 10728 re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM, Namib Poultry and Central Veterinary laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, 55645 contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, 136 new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 12 regions.
- Cumulatively, 48784 contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of 6709 (22%) contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **3677** (65%) out of **5660** active contacts monitored.

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

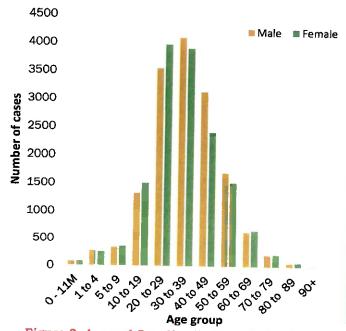
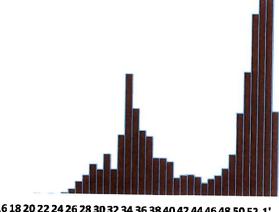


Figure 2: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, as of 16 January 2021





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Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases
As of 16 January 2021

- Of the total confirmed cases, 21044 (69%) are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of 3523 (12%) of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- The under 5 years age group make 689 (2%) of the total cases whereas, 1892 (6%) are above 60 years

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities 16 January 2021

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	4700	4578	122
Hardap	1	1217	1156	61
Kavango	0	1004	950	54
Khomas	0	3129	3108	21
//Kharas	0	4615	4212	403
Kunene	95	2409	1989	420
Ohangwena	0	604	601	3
Omaheke	0	2558	2383	175
Omusati	2	530	507	23
Oshana	2	393	390	3
Oshikoto	0	5453	4662	791
Otjozondjupa	0	1130	1095	35
Zambezi	13	1285	1253	32
Total	113	29027	26884	2143

- Since March 2020, 29027 people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of 2143 people are currently in quarantine, with 113 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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