



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 305

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (17/01/2021)

- A total of **30753** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **1%** of the population.
- More male cases **15582 (51%)** were recorded compared to female cases **15171 (49%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **1463 (5%)** Health Workers (HWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 to-date.
 - 1110 (76%) State; 349 (24%) Private, 4 (0.3%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
 - 1238 (85%) 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 **13624 (44%)** and **6526 (21%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **240 (82%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **53 (18%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.



Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 17 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	6526	619	5834	70	1	67	3	169
Hardap	1251	47	1196	8	0	6	0	33
//Kharas	1990	155	1818	17	0	14	0	93
Kavango East	504	155	343	6	1	3	0	53
Kavango West	21	11	9	1	0	1	0	1
Khomas	13624	132	13364	128	2	119	0	687
Kunene	739	94	640	5	0	5	0	40
Ohangwena	480	159	318	2	0	0	1	26
Omaheke	500	89	402	8	0	5	0	27
Omusati	437	85	349	3	0	2	0	23
Oshana	1909	866	1023	20	4	16	0	150
Oshikoto	1103	272	829	1	0	1	1	75
Otjozondjupa	1394	194	1181	20	0	14	0	65
Zambezi	275	84	187	4	0	4	0	21
Total	30753	2962	27493	293	8	257	5	1463

**Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories
As of 17 January 2021**

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	240594
Total samples tested	229623
Total samples re-tested	10853
Total positive results	30753
Total negative results	198809
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	61
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1909

- To date, **240476** tests (including **10853** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM, Namib Poultry and Central Veterinary laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **55883** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **238** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from **13** regions.
- Cumulatively, **49105** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **6712 (22%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **4377 (67%)** out of **6517** active contacts monitored.

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

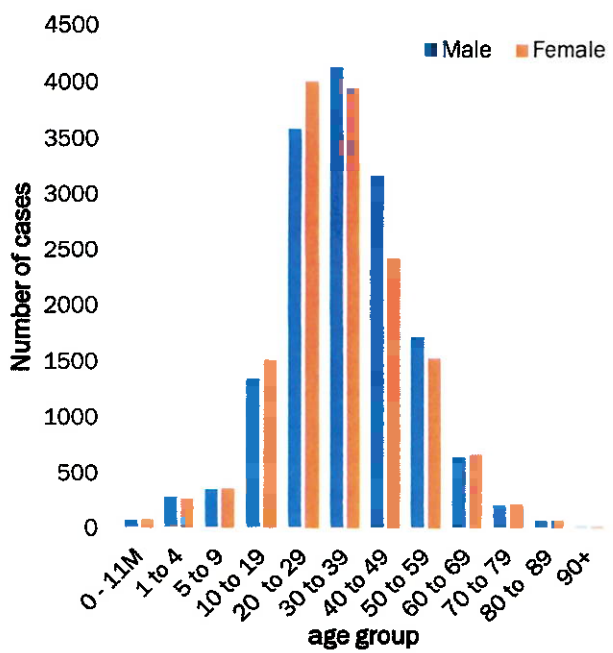
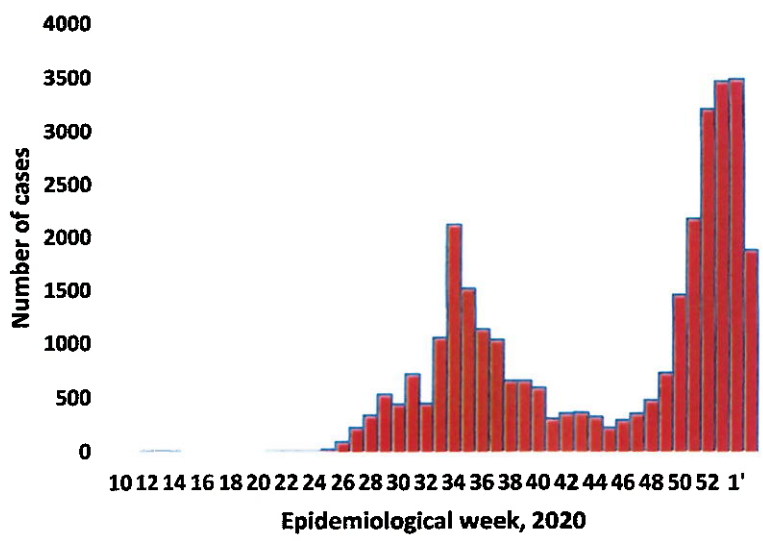


Figure 2: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, as of 17 January 2021



**Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases
As of 17 January 2021**

- Of the total confirmed cases, **21297 (69%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **3571 (12%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- The under 5 years age group make **705 (2%)** of the total cases whereas, **1928 (6%)** are above 60 years

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

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	54	4754	4604	150
Hardap	7	1224	1162	62
Kavango	0	1004	950	54
Khomas	1	3130	3109	21
//Kharas	0	4615	4244	371
Kunene	0	2409	1989	420
Ohangwena	0	604	601	3
Omaheke	68	2626	2461	165
Omusati	0	530	510	20
Oshana	0	393	390	3
Oshikoto	116	5569	4757	812
Otjozondjupa	0	1130	1095	35
Zambezi	17	1302	1259	43
Total	263	29290	27131	2159

- Since March 2020, **29290** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **2159** people are currently in quarantine, with **263** 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.

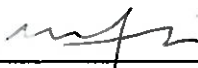
CHALLENGES

- 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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