



## NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 353

<b>Outbreak Name</b>	COVID-19 outbreak	<b>Country affected</b>	Namibia
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	06.03.2021 17h00	<b>Investigation start Date</b>	13 March 2020
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### HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (06/03/2021)

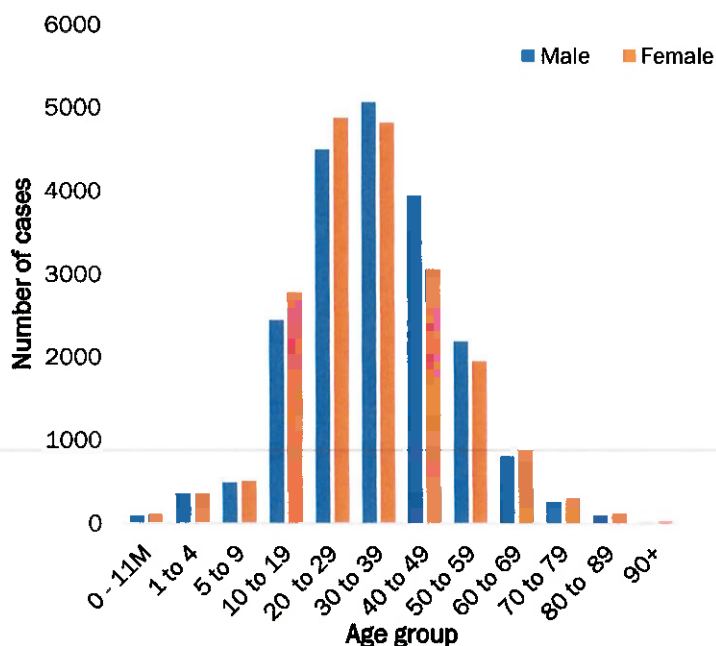


- A total of **40030** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **2%** of the population.
- More male cases **20280 (51%)** were recorded compared to female cases **19750 (49%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **1797 (4%)** are Health Workers (HWs).
  - 1401 (78%) State; 392 (22%) Private, 4 (0.2%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
  - 1686 (94%) recoveries and 6 (0.3%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **94%**.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; **Khomas** and **Erongo** regions reported the highest with **15493 (39%)** and **7530 (19%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **348 (79%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **90 (21%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.

**Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 06 March 2021**

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Cumulative Deaths	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Non-COVID deaths	Health Workers
Erongo	7530	169	7267	90	86	4	199
Hardap	1627	64	1544	19	15	0	35
//Kharas	2527	65	2432	30	25	0	110
Kavango East	1464	339	1110	15	11	0	94
Kavango West	167	12	153	2	2	0	7
Khomas	15493	265	15064	164	151	0	769
Kunene	963	105	849	9	9	0	48
Ohangwena	914	155	744	13	10	2	48
Omaheke	846	52	783	11	8	0	43
Omusati	1031	56	970	5	3	0	31
Oshana	2558	215	2315	28	21	0	187
Oshikoto	2183	105	2066	10	10	2	98
Otjozondjupa	2138	201	1903	34	26	0	94
Zambezi	589	261	320	8	6	0	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>40030</b>	<b>2064</b>	<b>37520</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1797</b>

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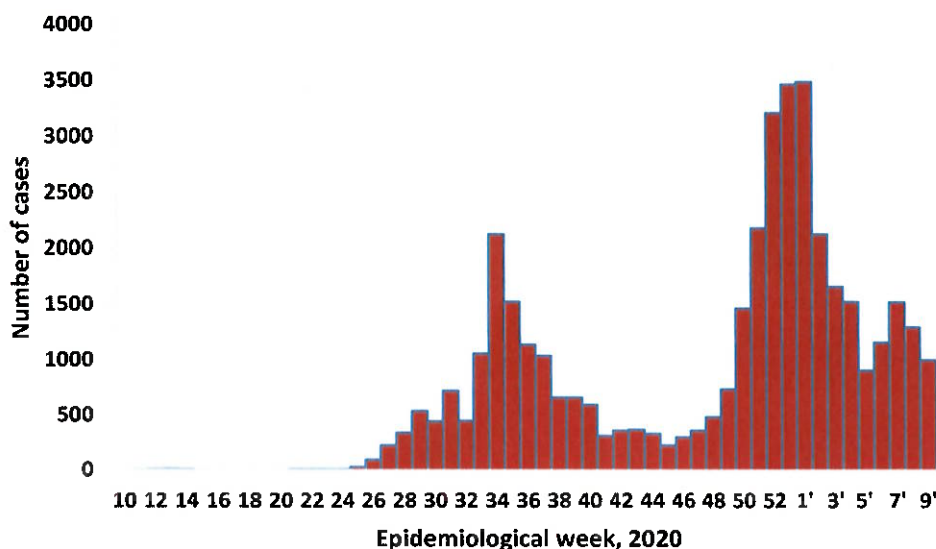
- Of the total confirmed cases, **26262 (66%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **6219 (15%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- The under 5 years age group make up **906 (2%)** of the total cases whereas, **2512 (6%)** are above 60 years of age.

**Figure 1: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 06 March 2021**

- To date, **309108** tests (including **11602** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM, Namib Poultry, Diagno, NAMPath and Central Veterinary laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **71988** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **125** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 8 regions.
- Cumulatively, **67239** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **9813 (25%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **114 (3%)** out of **4301** active contacts monitored.

**Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories 06 March 2021**

VARIABLES	TOTAL
<b>Total samples received by the Laboratory</b>	309225
<b>Total samples tested</b>	297506
<b>Total samples re-tested</b>	11602
<b>Total positive results</b>	40030
<b>Total negative results</b>	257423
<b>Total samples discarded</b>	117
<b>Invalid results</b>	0
<b>Total pending results</b>	46
<b>Indeterminant/Inconclusive</b>	7
<b>Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)</b>	1322

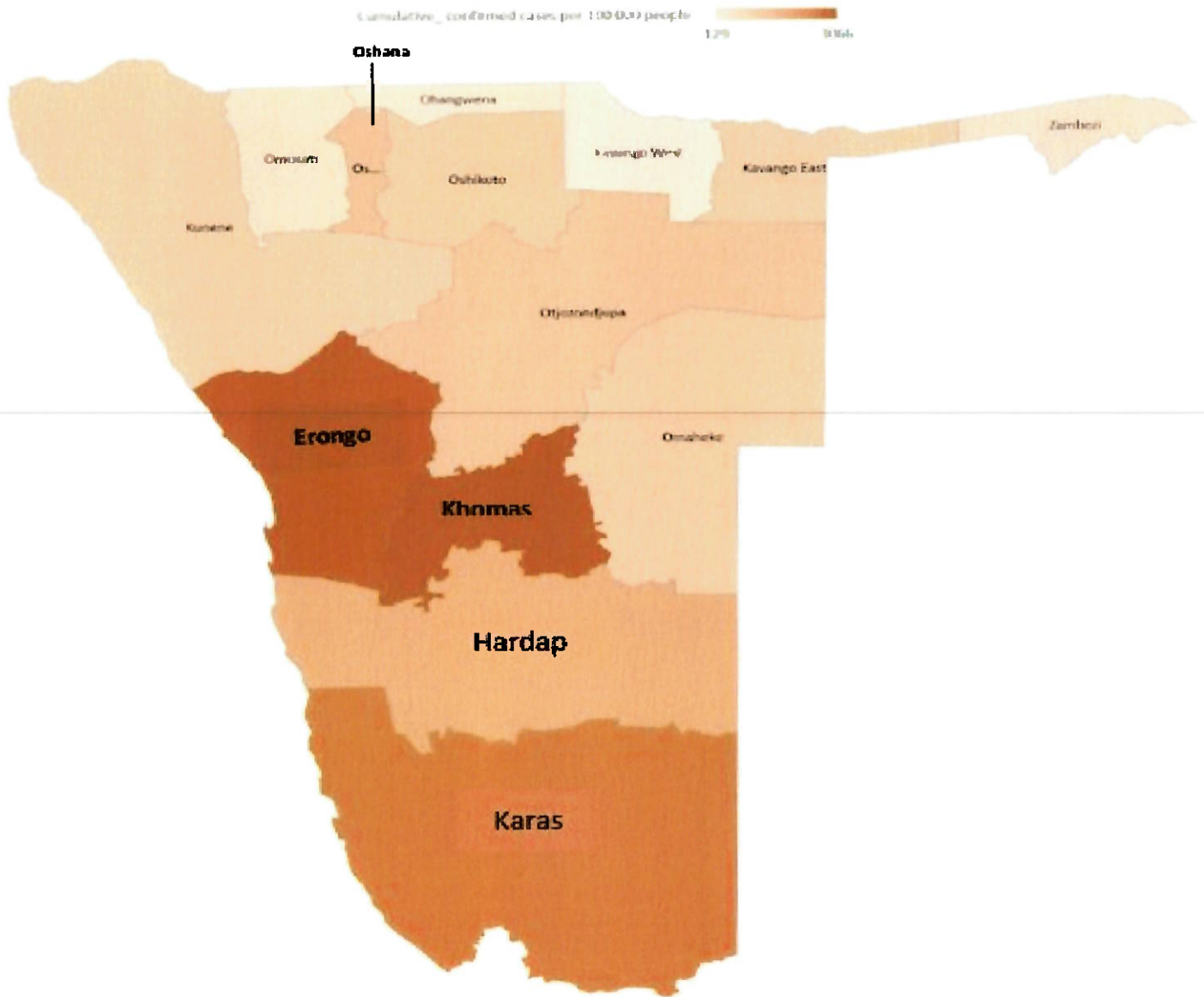


- A highest peak of **3485 (9%)** cases was recorded during week 1 in 2021 (Figure 2).

The National Call Center continues operations for 24 hours daily.

Today (06/03/2021), **579** calls were answered including **81** alerts.

**Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 06 March 2021**



**Figure 3: Distribution of cumulative confirmed cases per 100 000 by region, 06 March 2021**

**Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 06 March 2021**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	5158	4933	225
Hardap	2	1459	1417	42
Kavango	0	1124	1107	17
Khomas	0	3363	3206	157
//Kharas	0	4760	4637	123
Kunene	47	3297	3117	180
Ohangwena	0	644	641	3
Omaheke	166	4230	3930	300
Omusati	0	551	551	0
Oshana	0	400	399	1
Oshikoto	215	9231	8135	1096
Otjozondjupa	0	1403	1386	17
Zambezi	0	1383	1357	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>37003</b>	<b>34816</b>	<b>2187</b>

➤ Since March 2020, **37003** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.

➤ A total of **2187** people are currently in quarantine, with **430** new admissions.

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION(S)

- Mechanisms are underway on how to roll out the vaccine nationwide once it is made available.
- The government and developmental partners continue to prioritise the continuation of essential health services.

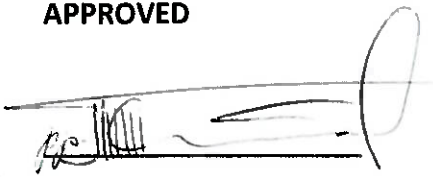
### CHALLENGES

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

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 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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