



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 372

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (25/03/2021)

- A total of **43179** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **2%** of the population.
- More male cases **21799 (50%)** were recorded compared to female cases **21381 (50%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **1927 (4%)** are Health Workers (HWs).
 - 1515 (79%) State; 405 (21%) Private, 4 (0.2%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
 - 1810 (94%) recoveries and 6 (0.3%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **95%**.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; *Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest with **16123 (37%)** and **7880 (18%)** respectively.*
- Of the total fatalities, **407 (81%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **97 (19%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.

TOTAL
Tested 336448
Confirmed 43179
Active 1512
Recovered 41153
Death 504
TODAY
Tested 1560
Confirmed 169
Active 1512
Recovered 269
Death 2

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 25 March 2021

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Cumulative Deaths	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Non-COVID deaths	Health Workers
Erongo	7880	282	7494	99	95	5	209
Hardap	1860	156	1678	26	19	0	53
//Kharas	2706	86	2586	34	29	0	122
Kavango East	1706	68	1617	21	16	0	103
Kavango West	183	5	176	2	2	0	11
Khomas	16123	484	15463	176	160	0	792
Kunene	1146	113	1022	11	11	0	53
Ohangwena	1093	39	1036	16	13	2	54
Omaheke	1001	43	945	13	10	0	44
Omusati	1166	19	1139	8	5	0	31
Oshana	2726	25	2669	30	20	1	210
Oshikoto	2407	19	2372	15	15	2	112
Otjozondjupa	2510	157	2310	43	32	0	98
Zambezi	672	16	646	10	7	0	35
Total	43179	1512	41153	504	434	10	1927

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

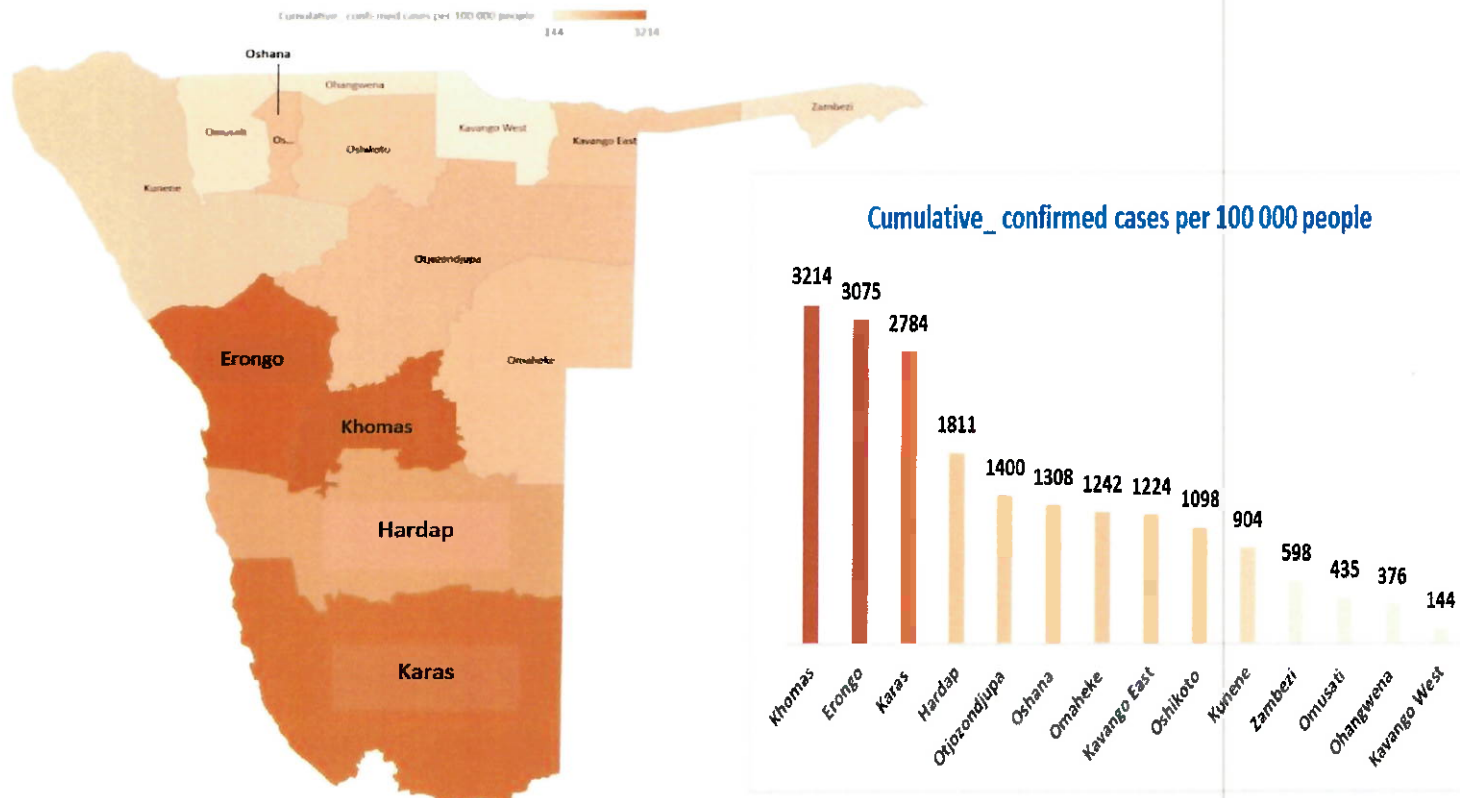


Figure 1: Distribution of cumulative confirmed cases per 100 000 by region, 25 March 2021

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories, 25 March 2021

- To date, **336448** tests (including **11736** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM, Namib Poultry, Diagno, NAMPath, Namibia Central Pathology and Central Veterinary laboratories
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **78348** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **501** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 12 regions.
- Cumulatively, **73311** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **10982 (25%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **2998 (71%)** out of **4239** active contacts monitored.

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	336565
Total samples tested	324712
Total samples re-tested	11736
Total positive results	43179
Total negative results	281480
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	0
Total pending results	46
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	7
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1555

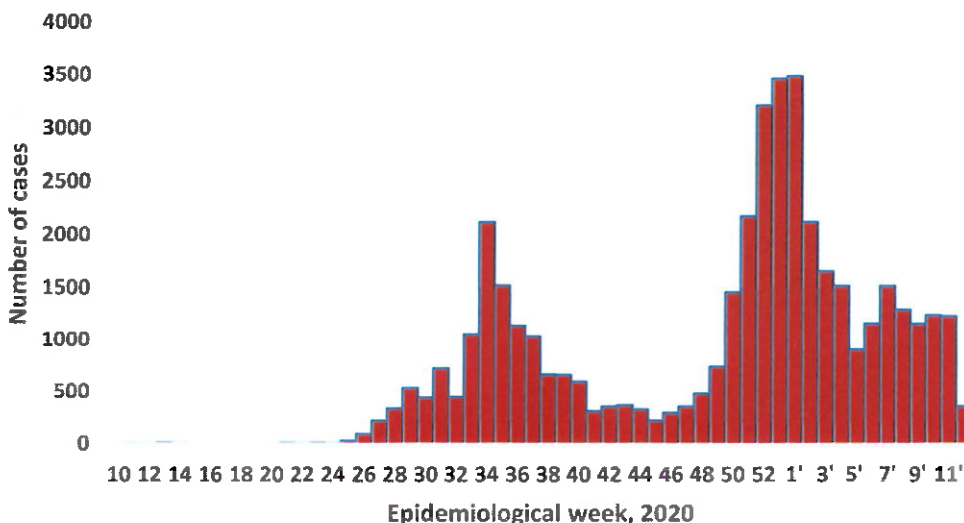


Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 25 March 2021

➤ A highest peak of **3485 (8%)** cases was recorded during week 1 in 2021 (Figure 2).

- The National Call Center continues operations for 24 hours daily.
- Today (25/03/2021), **569** calls were answered including **23** alerts.

- Of the total confirmed cases, **27859 (65%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **7129 (17%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- The under 5 years age group make up **982 (2%)** of the total cases whereas, **2748 (6%)** are above 60 years of age.

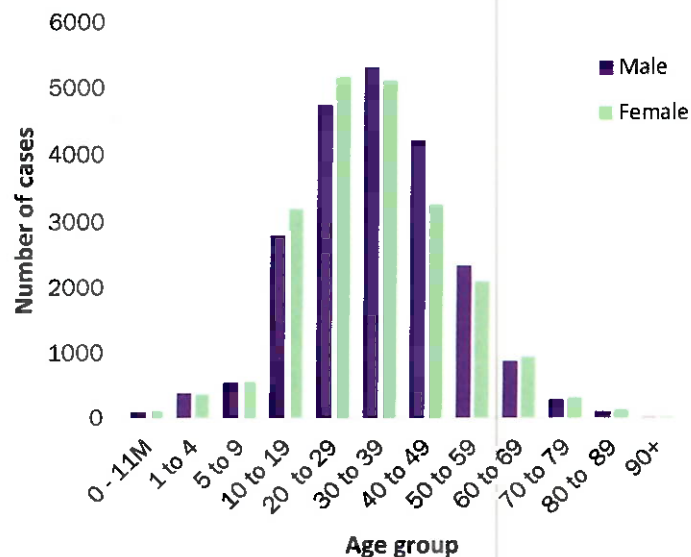


Figure 3: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases as of 25 March 2021

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 25 March 2021

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	5193	5170	23
Hardap	2	1520	1506	14
Kavango	0	1274	1265	9
Khomas	2	3368	3358	10
//Kharas	8	5269	4887	382
Kunene	111	4128	3767	361
Ohangwena	0	690	690	0
Omaheke	38	4806	4654	152
Omusati	0	553	553	0
Oshana	0	400	400	0
Oshikoto	58	10579	9895	
Otjozondjupa	0	1403	1403	0
Zambezi	0	1442	1405	37
Total	219	40625	38953	1672

- Since March 2020, **40625** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1672** people are currently in quarantine, with **219** new admissions.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION (S)

- Honourable Minister of Health and Social Services launched a national COVID-19 vaccination programme in Windhoek.
- The government and developmental partners continue to prioritise the continuation of essential health services.

CHALLENGES

- Lack of isolation units and facilities for cases detected in boarding schools.
- Non-adherence to COVID-19 prevention measures by the general public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Establish fully equipped isolation units and facilities for cases in schools.
- Continue to give awareness on the importance of adhering to COVID-19 prevention measures; with the involvement of

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