



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 523

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time	23 August 2021 20h00	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (23/08/2021)

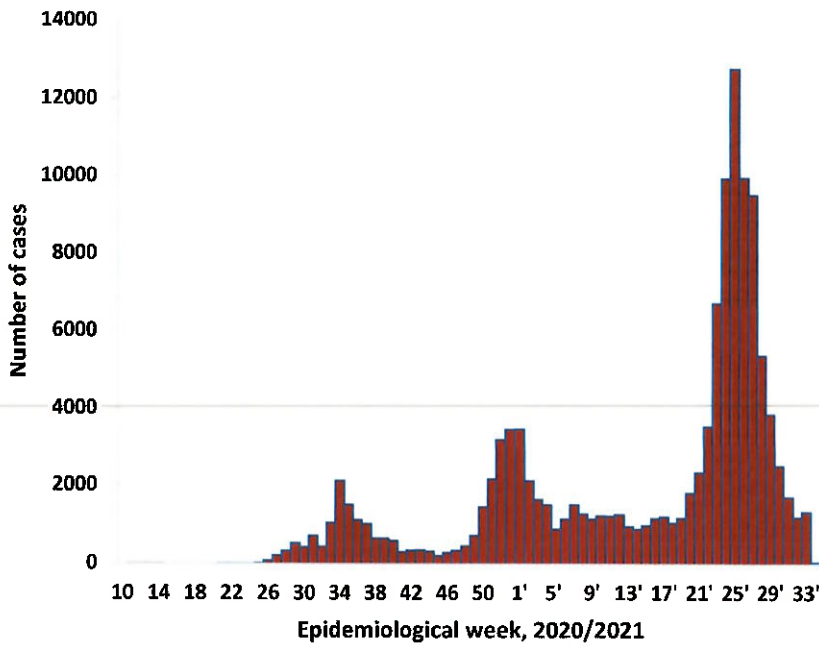
CUMULATIVE		CUMULATIVE	
Tested 651 049		Tested 913	
Confirmed 124 083		Confirmed 51	
Active 2 252		Active 2 252	
Recoveries 118 471		Recoveries 187	
Vaccinated		Vaccinated	
1 st doses 204 142	2 nd doses 100 944	1 st doses 1 858	2 nd doses 2 643
Deaths 3 349		Deaths 3	

- A total of **124 083** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **5%** of the total population (**2 550 226**).
- More female cases **65 808 (53%)** have been recorded.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **4 243 (3%)** are Health Workers.
 - 3 526 (83%) State; 709 (17%) Private, 8 (0.2%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
 - 4 157 (98%) recoveries and 25 (0.6%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **95%**.
- Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest number of cases with **41 263 (33%)** and **18 065 (15%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **3 071 (92%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **278 (8%)** are COVID-19 related deaths. The case fatality rate now stands at **2.7%**.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 23 August 2021

Region	Total cases daily	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Cumulative Deaths	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Non-COVID deaths	Health Workers
Erongo	6	18 065	830	16 828	402	335	5	412
Hardap	2	7 373	76	7 041	256	160	0	122
Kharas	8	7 590	131	7 318	141	124	0	231
Kavango East	1	5 410	13	5 220	177	114	0	244
Kavango West	0	588	17	554	17	14	0	38
Khomas	14	41 263	268	40 151	843	658	1	1 481
Kunene	1	3 427	49	3 293	85	69	0	91
Ohangwena	0	4 187	379	3 680	126	81	2	145
Omaheke	0	3 736	24	3 463	249	172	0	119
Omusati	6	5 135	304	4 630	201	121	0	171
Oshana	4	8 757	79	8 359	318	189	1	515
Oshikoto	7	6 508	7	6 338	161	128	2	314
Otjozondjupa	2	9 173	63	8 840	270	185	0	256
Zambezi	0	2 871	12	2 756	103	59	0	104
Total	51	124 083	2 252	118 471	3 349	2 409	11	4 243

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA



➤ The highest peak of **12 787 (10%)** cases was recorded during week 25 of 2021 (Figure 1).

➤ After a peak in epi-week 25, the country has seen a gradual reduction in the average number of confirmed cases to 170 in epi-week 32.

➤ The National Call Center continues operations for 24 hours daily.

➤ Today (23/08/2021), **408** calls were answered including 7 alerts.

Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 23 August 2021

Table 2: The current distribution for hospitalization of confirmed cases by region, 23 August 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Erongo	24	9
Hardap	5	0
Karas	8	0
Kavango East	5	0
Kavango West	0	0
Khomas	48	15
Kunene	19	0
Ohangwena	17	0
Omaheke	1	0
Omusati	30	0
Oshana	26	4
Oshikoto	10	3
Otjozondjupa	15	0
Zambezi	2	0
Total	210	31

- Of the total confirmed cases, **74 254 (60%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **19 946 (16%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- A total of **14 806 (12%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 50 - 59 years group.
- The under 5 years age group make up **2 764 (2%)** of the total cases whereas, **12 313 (10%)** are above 60 years of age.

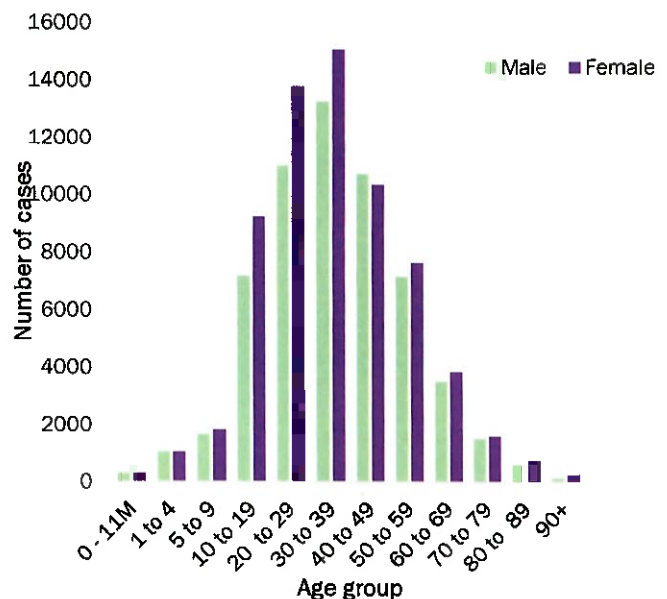


Figure 2: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases 23 August 2021

**Table 3: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories
23 August 2021**

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	651 166
Total samples tested	636 940
Total samples re-tested	14 109
Total positive results	124 083
Total negative results	512 846
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	0
Total pending results	6
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	5
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excluding re-tests)	907

- The laboratory testing capacity has been enhanced; with a total of fifteen (15) laboratories carrying out the testing of samples: NIP, Path-Care, UNAM Molecular, Central Veterinary Laboratory, Namib Poultry, NAMDEB, NamPath, Namibia Central Pathology, DiagnoLab, High Care, Alpha Medical Laboratory, Des-Jo Medical Test Centre, ProQuest Diagnostic Laboratory, MAXI and Medlink Laboratory Services.
- To date, **651 049** tests (including **14 109** re-tests) have been conducted by authorized laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **137 330** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **817** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 12 regions.
- Cumulatively, **134 086** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while **180** contacts are lost to follow-up and a total of **24 403 (20%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **691 (38%)** out of **1 822** active contacts were monitored.

Table 4: Number of people in quarantine, 23 August 2021

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	6 931	6 517	414
Hardap	0	2 824	2 814	10
Kavango (East and West)	2	1 667	1 665	2
Khomas	2	3 691	3 689	2
Kharas	0	9 445	9 303	142
Kunene	0	6 079	5 882	197
Ohangwena	0	695	695	0
Omaheke	0	13 114	12 835	279
Omusati	13	2 560	2 402	158
Oshana	0	400	400	0
Oshikoto	102	21 356	21 077	279
Otjozondjupa	0	1 540	1 540	0
Zambezi	0	1 991	1 824	167
Total	119	72 293	70 643	1 650

- Since March 2020, **72 293** people have been placed into quarantine around the country.
- A total of **1 650** people are currently in quarantine, with **119** new admissions.

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered, 23 August 2021

Region	Cumulative no. of persons vaccinated with doses of Sinopharm and AstraZeneca		Targeted Population	Vaccination Coverage (%)	Cumulative no. of Healthcare Workers vaccinated with doses of Sinopharm and AstraZeneca	
	1 st doses	2 nd doses			1 st doses	2 nd doses
Erongo	21 815	11 000	121 682	9%	907	588
Hardap	12 811	4 651	56 741	8%	420	287
Kharas	8 893	4 969	55 489	9%	567	265
Kavango East	10 861	4 510	117 665	4%	831	418
Kavango West	4 705	2 403	29 228	8%	329	205
Khomas	56 342	31 582	286 641	11%	3 208	1 878
Kunene	10 334	3 887	66 499	6%	508	332
Ohangwena	12 800	5 127	164 102	3%	634	341
Omaheke	8 889	3 235	51 765	6%	333	198
Omusati	13 699	6 311	139 451	5%	775	438
Oshana	12 714	7 078	126 374	6%	1 117	712
Oshikoto	10 679	5 098	124 395	4%	665	459
Otjozondjupa	16 115	8 831	97 903	9%	689	438
Zambezi	3 485	2 262	63 106	4%	425	330
Total	204 142	100 944	1 501 041	7%	11 408	6 889

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION (S)

- Public Health measures continues to be enforced as the situation is closely monitored.
- The COVID-19 vaccination programme is ongoing throughout the country
- The government and development partners continue to prioritize the continuation of essential health services.

CHALLENGES

- Poor adherence to COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures by the general public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue to give awareness on the importance of adhering to COVID-19 IPC measures; with the involvement of the Security Cluster.

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