



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 549

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time	18 September 2021 17h00	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (18/09/2021)

CUMULATIVE	TOTAL TODAY
Tested 688 760	Tested 1 326
Confirmed 126 900	Confirmed 89
Active 1 328	Active 1 328
Recoveries 122 089	Recoveries 8
Vaccinated 1 st doses 243 807 2 nd doses 155 427	Vaccinated 1 st doses 904 2 nd doses 611
Deaths 3 471	Deaths 2

- A total of **126 900** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **5%** of the total population (**2 550 226**).
- More female cases **67 481 (53%)** have been recorded.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **4 314 (3%)** are Health Workers, with **1** new confirmations today.
 - 3 595 (83%) State; 711 (16%) Private, 8 (0.2%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
 - 4 265 (99%) recoveries and 25 (0.6%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **96%**.
- Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest number of cases with **41 503 (33%)** and **18 218 (14%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **3 186 (92%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **285 (8%)** are COVID-19 related deaths. The case fatality rate now stands at **2.7%**.

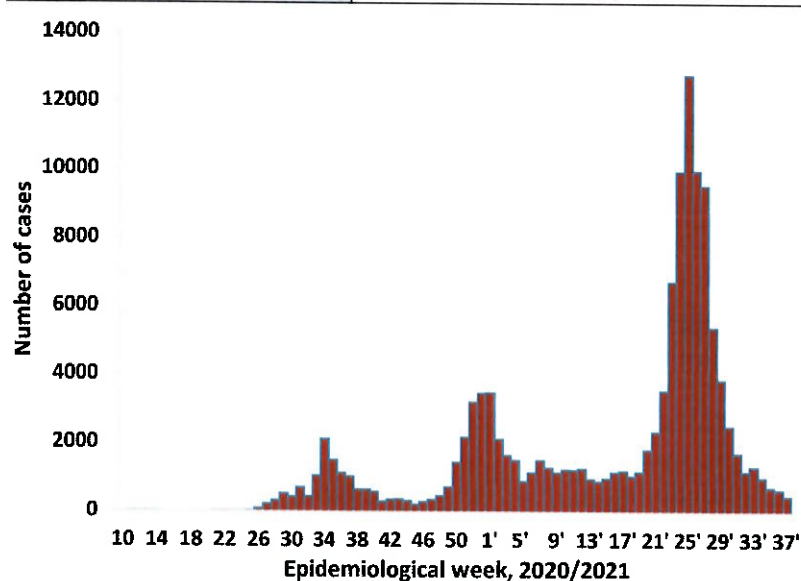
Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 18 September 2021

Region	Total cases daily	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Cumulative Deaths	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Non-COVID deaths	Health Workers
Erongo	5	18 218	69	17 736	408	339	5	417
Hardap	4	7 446	45	7 144	257	160	0	123
Karas	2	7 773	79	7 549	145	125	0	235
Kavango East	0	5 464	7	5 263	193	115	1	246
Kavango West	0	636	26	592	18	16	0	38
Khomas	5	41 503	364	40 284	854	667	1	1 489
Kunene	5	3 670	45	3 516	109	80	0	97
Ohangwena	33	4 676	356	4 176	142	89	2	158
Omaheke	12	3 975	94	3 631	250	173	0	121
Omusati	5	5 538	95	5 221	222	134	0	180
Oshana	7	8 995	76	8 591	327	194	1	523
Oshikoto	7	6 673	44	6 456	171	136	2	318
Otjozondjupa	4	9 377	7	9 100	270	185	0	262
Zambezi	0	2 956	21	2 830	105	59	0	106
Total	89	126 900	1 328	122 089	3 471	2 472	12	4 314

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Table 2: The current distribution for hospitalization of confirmed cases by region, 18 September 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Erongo	22	8
Hardap	1	0
Kharas	5	0
Kavango East	8	0
Kavango West	2	0
Khomas	14	6
Kunene	7	0
Ohangwena	11	0
Omaheke	0	0
Omusati	11	0
Oshana	15	3
Oshikoto	4	2
Otjozondjupa	1	0
Zambezi	3	0
Total	104	19



- 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 from 1 598 to 94 in epi-week 37.
- The number of cases have plateaued in the last four weeks as seen in the graph.

- The National Call Center continues operations for 24 hours daily.
- Today (18/09/2021), **644** calls were answered.

Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 18 September 2021

- 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, **688 760** tests (including **14 214** re-tests) have been conducted by authorized laboratories.

- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **142 259** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **23** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 10 regions.

- Cumulatively, **139 682** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while **288** contacts are lost to follow-up and a total of **25 089 (20%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.

- Today, **446 (44%)** out of **1 012** active contacts were monitored.

Table 3: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories 18 September 2021

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	688 879
Total samples tested	674 546
Total samples re-tested	14 214
Total positive results	126 900
Total negative results	547 632
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	0
Total pending results	7
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	7
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excluding re-tests)	1 321

Table 4: Number of people in quarantine, 18 September 2021

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	6 931	6 751	180
Hardap	0	2 911	2 900	11
Kavango (East and West)	0	1 673	1 669	4
Khomas	0	3 695	3 692	3
Kharas	0	9 909	9 809	100
Kunene	0	6 493	6 205	288
Ohangwena	0	695	695	0
Omaheke	0	14 901	14 826	75
Omusati	7	2 950	2 904	46
Oshana	0	400	400	0
Oshikoto	0	22 587	22 471	116
Otjozondjupa	0	1 743	1 703	40
Zambezi	0	2 006	1 991	15
Total	7	76 894	76 016	878

- Since March 2020, **76 894** people have been placed into quarantine around the country.
- A total of **878** people are currently in quarantine, with **7** admissions.

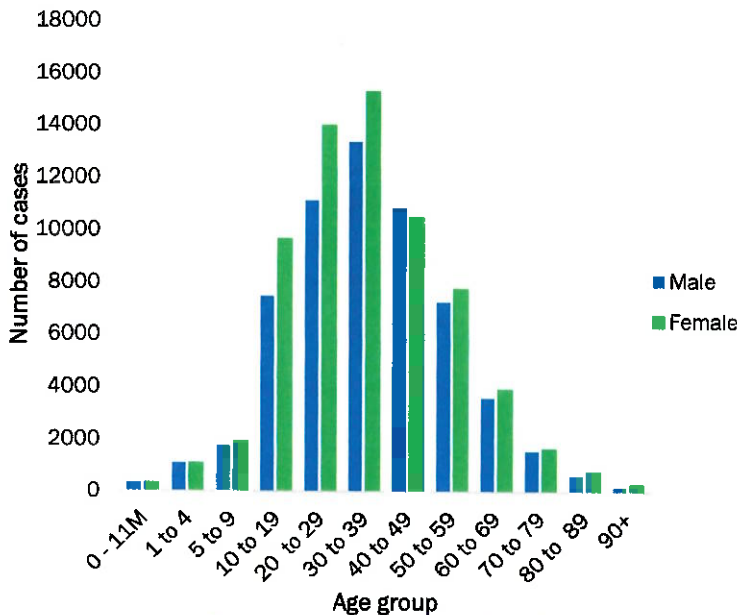


Figure 2: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases 18 September 2021

- Of the total confirmed cases, **75 357 (59%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **20 954 (17%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- A total of **15 046 (12%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 50 - 59 years group.
- The under 5 years age group make up **2 859 (2%)** of the total cases whereas, **12 684 (10%)** are above 60 years of age.

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered, 18 September 2021

Region	Cumulative no. of persons vaccinated with doses of Sinopharm, AstraZeneca, Sputnik V and Jassen & Johnson		Targeted Population	Vaccination Coverage (%)	Cumulative no. of Healthcare Workers vaccinated with doses of Sinopharm, AstraZeneca, Sputnik V and Jassen & Johnson	
	1 st doses	2 nd doses			1 st doses	2 nd doses
Erongo	26 276	17 528	121 682	14%	1 008	652
Hardap	15 684	9 299	56 741	16%	454	347
Kharas	10 950	7 406	55 489	13%	612	312
Kavango East	12 679	6 025	117 665	5%	884	505
Kavango West	5 751	4 036	29 228	14%	341	257
Khomas	65 789	44 301	286 641	15%	3 335	2 114
Kunene	13 336	6 990	66 499	11%	540	381
Ohangwena	15 336	9 469	164 102	6%	688	455
Omaheke	11 425	5 954	51 765	12%	350	220
Omusati	16 175	10 449	139 451	7%	811	540
Oshana	14 747	10 083	126 374	8%	1 262	830
Oshikoto	12 954	8 426	124 395	7%	706	544
Otjozondjupa	18 678	12 566	97 903	13%	712	461
Zambezi	4 027	2 895	63 106	5%	482	425
Total	243 807	155 427	1 501 041	10%	12 185	8 043

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION (S)

- Administration of the first doses for Sputnik V and Jassen & Johnson vaccines has commenced nationwide.
- The COVID-19 vaccination programme is ongoing throughout the country.
- Public Health measures continue to be enforced as the situation is closely monitored.
- The government and development partners continue to prioritize the continuation of essential health services.

CHALLENGES

- Slow vaccine uptake among members of the public, and circulation of anti-vaccination information.
- Poor adherence to COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures by the general public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Encourage the public to get vaccinated and strengthen community health awareness to encounter anti-vaccination information in circulation.
- 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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