



### NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 623

<b>Outbreak Name</b>	COVID-19 outbreak	<b>Country affected</b>	Namibia
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	01.12. 2021 17h00	<b>Investigation start Date</b>	13 March 2020
<b>Prepared by</b>	Surveillance Team		

#### HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (01/12/2021)

CUMULATIVE	TOTAL TODAY
<b>Tested 796 279</b>	<b>Tested 3 108</b>
<b>Confirmed 129 508</b>	<b>Confirmed 184</b>
<b>Active 417</b>	<b>Active 417</b>
<b>Recovered 125 506</b>	<b>Recovered 6</b>
<b>Vaccinated</b>	<b>Vaccinated</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> doses 373 811      2<sup>nd</sup> doses 229 535</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> doses 1 672      2<sup>nd</sup> doses 432</b>
<b>Deaths 3 573</b>	<b>Deaths 0</b>

- The country is reporting a high number of new cases which indicates a 56% national increment as compared to yesterday's report. Khomas region is reporting the highest number of new cases, making up 76% of the total confirmed cases.
- A total of **129 508** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **5%** of the total population (**2 550 226**).
- More female cases **68 882 (53%)** have been recorded.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **4 380 (3%)** are Health Workers, with no new confirmation today.
  - 3 656 (83%) State; 716 (16%) Private, 8 (0.2%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
  - 4 353 (99%) recoveries and 25 (0.6%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **97%**.
- Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest number of cases with **42 143 (33%)** and **18 500 (14%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **3 276 (92%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **297 (8%)** are COVID-19 related deaths. The case fatality rate now stands at **2.8%**.

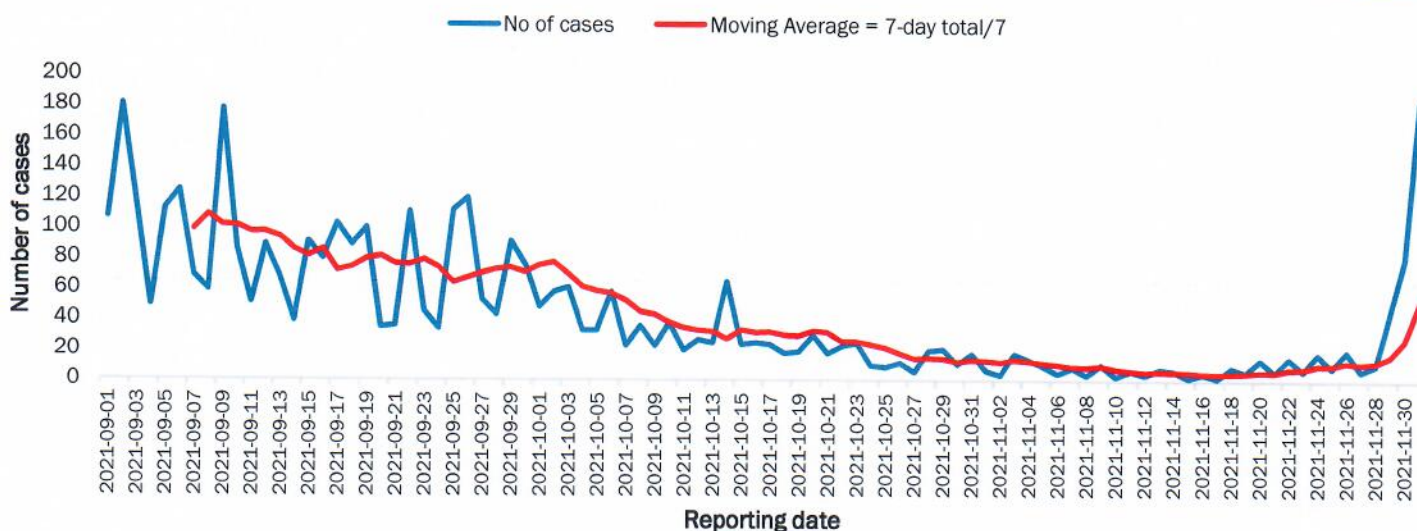
**Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 01 December 2021**

Region	Total cases daily	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Cumulative Deaths	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Non-COVID deaths	Health Workers
Erongo	14	18 500	26	18 058	411	341	5	418
Hardap	0	7 617	4	7 355	258	161	0	133
Karas	13	7 917	29	7 736	152	130	0	242
Kavango East	0	5 523	1	5 314	207	122	1	246
Kavango West	0	645	0	626	19	16	0	38
Khomas	140	42 143	321	40 956	865	676	1	1 516
Kunene	0	3 746	2	3 620	124	89	0	97
Ohangwena	0	5 122	2	4 962	156	97	2	163
Omaheke	2	4 008	3	3 752	253	174	0	122
Omusati	0	5 806	1	5 574	231	139	0	181
Oshana	6	9 174	11	8 831	331	196	1	531
Oshikoto	2	6 769	3	6 589	175	140	2	319
Otjozondjupa	6	9 528	11	9 243	274	185	0	268
Zambezi	1	3 010	3	2 890	117	67	0	106
<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>129 508</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>125 506</b>	<b>3 573</b>	<b>2 533</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4 380</b>

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**Table 2: The current distribution for hospitalization of confirmed cases by region, 01 December 2021**

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Erongo	1	0
Hardap	0	0
Kharas	4	0
Kavango East	1	0
Kavango West	0	0
Khomas	8	1
Kunene	0	0
Ohangwena	2	0
Omaheke	0	0
Omusati	0	0
Oshana	2	0
Oshikoto	1	0
Otjozondjupa	0	0
Zambezi	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>



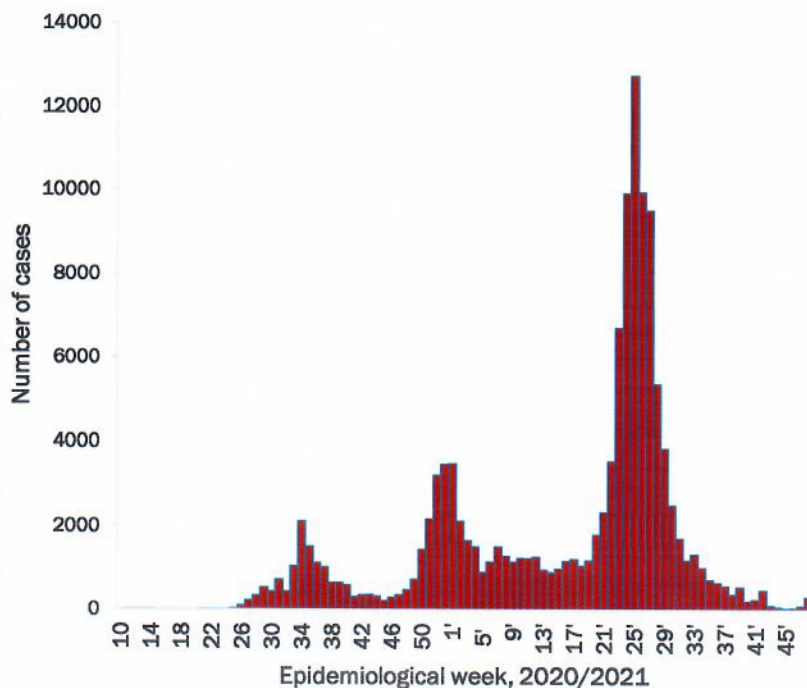
**Figure 1: The 7 days moving average line chart for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 01 December 2021**

➤ 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 1 827 to 13 in epi-week 47.

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

➤ Today (01/12/2021), **554** calls were answered.



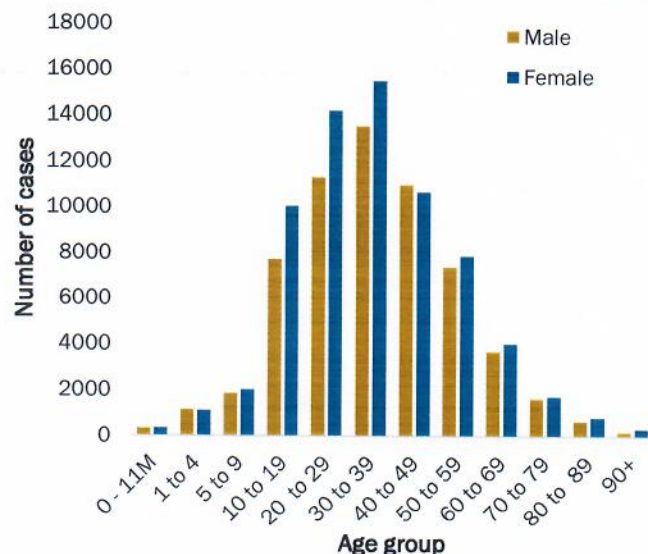
**Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 01 December 2021**

**Table 3: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories  
01 December 2021**

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	796 422
Total samples tested	781 885
Total samples re-tested	14 420
Total positive results	129 508
Total negative results	652 375
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	0
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	2
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excluding re-tests)	3 082

- The laboratory testing capacity has been enhanced; with a total of sixteen (16) 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, Medlink Laboratory Services and Biotech Medical.
- To date, **796 279** tests (including **14 420** re-tests) have been conducted by authorized laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **147 518** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **28** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 11 regions.
- Cumulatively, **145 532** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while **290** contacts are lost to follow-up and a total of **25 438 (20%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **125 (48%)** out of **264** active contacts were monitored.

- Of the total confirmed cases, **76 568 (59%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **21 695 (17%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- A total of **15 280 (12%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 50 - 59 years group.
- The under 5 years age group make up **2 941 (2%)** of the total cases whereas, **13 024 (10%)** are above 60 years of age.



**Table 4: Number of people in quarantine  
01 December 2021**

**Figure 3: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases  
01 December 2021**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	6 939	6 933	6
Hardap	0	3 241	3 241	0
Kavango (East and West)	0	1 673	1 673	0
Khomas	7	3 710	3 703	7
Kharas	20	10 000	9 919	81
Kunene	0	6 493	6 493	0
Ohangwena	0	880	880	0
Omaheke	0	17 658	17 615	43
Omusati	0	3 423	3 423	0
Oshana	0	400	400	0
Oshikoto	39	24 456	24 427	29
Otjozondjupa	0	1 849	1 834	15
Zambezi	0	2 032	2 029	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>82 754</b>	<b>82 570</b>	<b>184</b>

- Since March 2020, **82 754** people have been placed into quarantine around the country.
- A total of **184** people are currently in quarantine, with **66** new admissions.

**Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered, 01 December 2021**

Region	Cumulative no. of persons vaccinated with doses of Sinopharm, AstraZeneca, Sputnik V, Pfizer and Jassen & Johnson		Targeted Population	Vaccination Coverage (%)	Cumulative no. of Healthcare Workers vaccinated with doses of Sinopharm, AstraZeneca, Sputnik V, Pfizer and Jassen & Johnson	
	1 <sup>st</sup> doses	Fully vaccinated			1 <sup>st</sup> doses	Fully vaccinated
Erongo	36 233	31 732	121 682	26%	1 351	1 023
Hardap	22 413	18 929	56 741	33%	516	424
Karas	17 459	15 427	55 489	27%	671	387
Kavango East	24 638	17 519	117 665	15%	1 187	942
Kavango West	16 248	13 404	29 228	44%	417	377
Khomas	90 080	77 228	286 641	27%	3 911	2 873
Kunene	23 476	18 874	66 499	27%	647	504
Ohangwena	25 356	21 102	164 102	12%	813	636
Omaheke	17 433	13 009	51 765	24%	373	269
Omusati	24 488	21 075	139 451	15%	946	742
Oshana	20 482	17 981	126 374	14%	1 496	1 244
Oshikoto	20 205	17 773	124 395	14%	853	734
Otjozondjupa	28 226	24 527	97 903	25%	851	624
Zambezi	7 074	6 319	63 106	10%	623	574
<b>Total</b>	<b>373 811</b>	<b>314 899</b>	<b>1 501 041</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>14 655</b>	<b>11 353</b>

**PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION (S)**

- 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.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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