



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 638

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time	16 December 2021 17h00	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
Prepared by	Surveillance Team		

HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (16/12/2021)

CUMULATIVE

Tested 830 762

Confirmed 136 921

Active 7 012

Recovered 126 314

Vaccinated

1<sup>st</sup> doses 396 349 2<sup>nd</sup> doses 234 797 3<sup>rd</sup> doses 1 270

Deaths 3 581

TOTAL TODAY

Tested 2 297

Confirmed 970

Active 7 012

Recovered 26

Vaccinated

1<sup>st</sup> doses 4 548 2<sup>nd</sup> doses 1 096 3<sup>rd</sup> doses 243

Death(s) 1

- A total of **136 921** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **5%** of the total population (**2 550 226**).
- More female cases **72 989 (53%)** have been recorded.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **4 682 (3%)** are Health Workers, with **33** new confirmations today.
  - 3 903 (83%) State; 771 (16%) Private, 8 (0.2%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
  - 4 361 (93%) recoveries and 25 (0.5%) deaths.

- The recovery rate now stands at **92.3%**.
- Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest number of cases with **46 020 (34%)** and **19 741 (14%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **3 280 (92%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **301 (8%)** are COVID-19 related deaths. The case fatality rate now stands at **2.6%**.

**Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 16 December 2021**

Region	Total cases daily	New reported re-infections	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Cumulative Deaths	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Non-COVID deaths	Health Workers
Erongo	265	16	19 741	1 087	18 237	412	341	5	451
Hardap	62	6	7 790	166	7 366	258	161	0	141
Kharas	102	17	8 350	385	7 813	152	130	0	260
Kavango East	47	4	5 638	78	5 349	209	122	2	255
Kavango West	1	0	650	3	628	19	16	0	43
Khomas	229	30	46 020	3 840	41 311	868	676	1	1 670
Kunene	45	2	3 933	172	3 637	124	89	0	115
Ohangwena	16	3	5 179	50	4 971	156	97	2	170
Omaheke	0	0	4 087	82	3 752	253	174	0	124
Omusati	39	2	5 909	94	5 583	232	140	0	188
Oshana	40	2	9 310	99	8 879	331	196	1	539
Oshikoto	32	2	6 892	124	6 591	175	140	2	321
Otjozondjupa	83	4	10 346	781	9 291	274	185	0	298
Zambezi	9	0	3 076	51	2 906	119	67	0	107
<b>Total</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>136 921</b>	<b>7 012</b>	<b>126 314</b>	<b>3 582</b>	<b>2 534</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4 682</b>

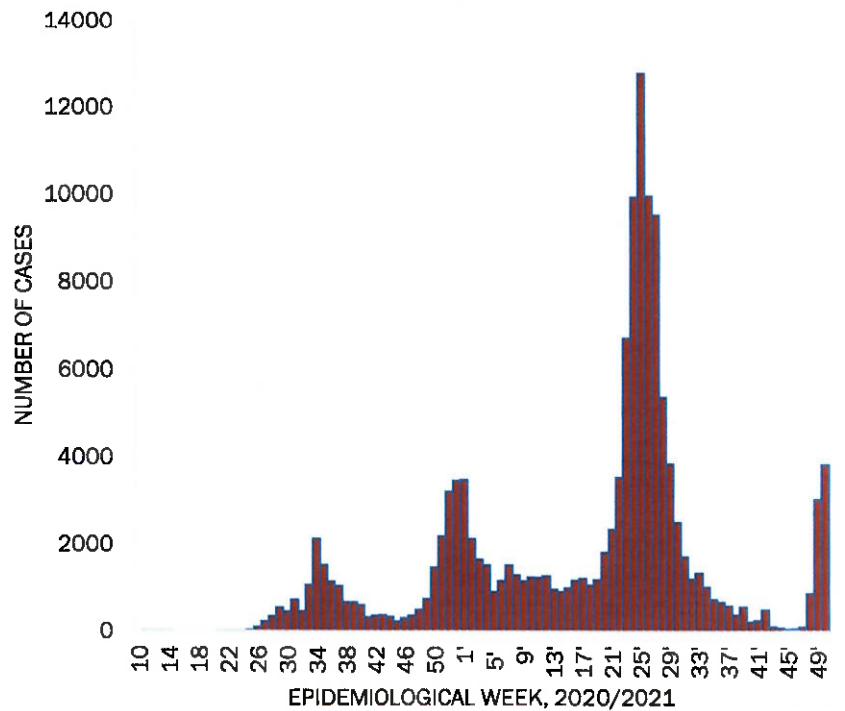
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**Table 2: The current distribution for hospitalization of confirmed cases by region, 16 December 2021**

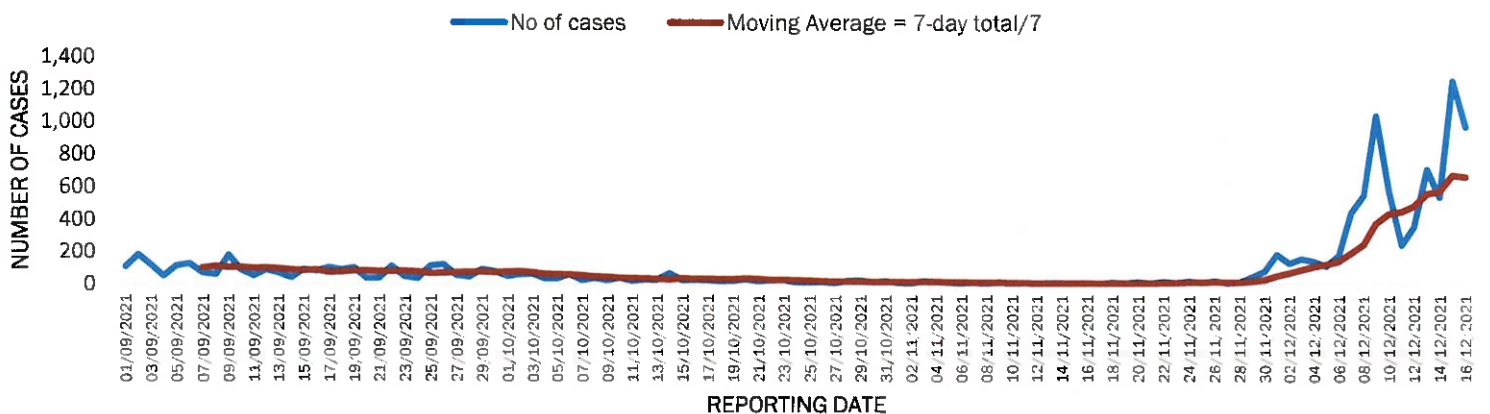
Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases		Vaccinated		Intensive Care Unit		Vaccinated	
	Current	Previous	1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	Current	Previous	1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose
Erongo	19	20	1	1	0	0	0	0
Hardap	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ǀKaras	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Khomas	75	78	6	5	13	13	0	0
Kunene	20	17	0	12	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omusati	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	11	3	0	1	1	2	0	0
Oshikoto	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	17	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	15	11	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- The highest peak of **12 787 (9%)** cases was recorded during week 25 of 2021 (Figure 1).
- The country has started seeing an increase in the daily number of confirmed cases from 13 in epi-week 47 to 434 in epi-week 49.

- The National Call Center continues operations for 24 hours daily.
- Today (16/12/2021), **525** calls were answered.



**Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 16 December 2021**



**Figure 2: The 7 days moving average line chart for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 16 December 2021**

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

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	831 336
Total samples tested	815 778
Total samples re-tested	15 437
Total positive results	136 921
Total negative results	678 845
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	0
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	13
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excluding re-tests)	2 652

➤ The laboratory testing capacity has been enhanced; with a total of nineteen (19) 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, Biotech Medical, Covisure, Star Care, Soweto Medical Center .

➤ To date, **830 768** tests (including **15 437** re-tests) have been conducted by authorized laboratories.

➤ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **151 646** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **549** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 9 regions.

➤ Cumulatively, **147 707** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while **290** contacts are lost to follow-up and a total of **25 903 (19%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.

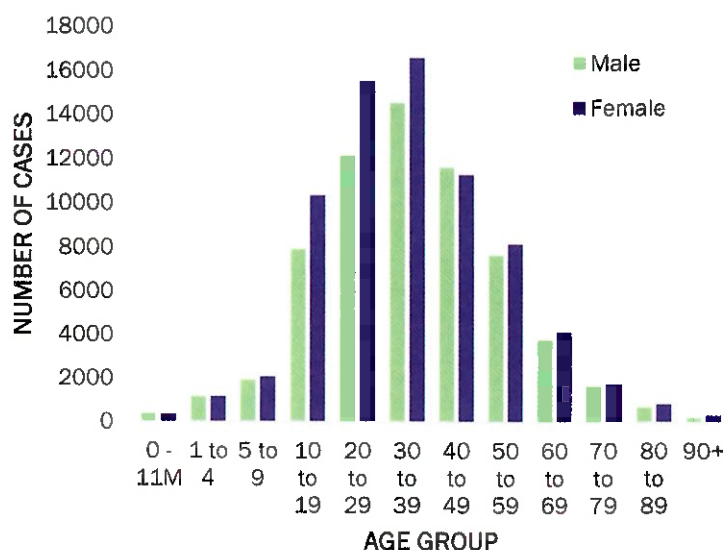
➤ Today, **1 070 (49%)** out of **2 188** active contacts were monitored.

➤ Of the total confirmed cases, **82 377 (60%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.

➤ A total of **22 286 (16%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.

➤ A total of **15 884 (12%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 50 - 59 years group.

➤ The under 5 years age group make up **3 023 (2%)** of the total cases whereas, **13 351 (10%)** are above 60 years of age.



**Figure 3: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 16 December 2021**

**Table 4: Number of people in quarantine 16 December 2021**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	6 939	6 936	3
Hardap	0	3 255	3 252	3
Kavango (East and West)	0	1 673	1 673	0
Komas	0	3 720	3 705	15
Karas	0	10 000	9 949	51
Kunene	0	6 493	6 493	0
Oshana	14	894	880	14
Omaheke	109	18 148	17 915	233
Omusati	26	3 471	3 441	30
Oshana	0	400	400	0
Oshikoto	50	24 836	24 747	89
Otjozondjupa	0	1 932	1 880	52
Zambezi	0	2 077	2 032	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>83 838</b>	<b>83 303</b>	<b>535</b>

➤ Since March 2020, **83 838** people have been placed into quarantine around the country.

➤ A total of **535** people are currently in quarantine, with **199** new admissions.

**Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered, 16 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	38 440	33 711	121 682	28%	1 406	1 070
Hardap	23 888	20 437	56 741	36%	524	431
Kharas	20 049	16 510	55 489	30%	799	471
Kavango East	26 565	19 124	117 665	16%	1 204	952
Kavango West	19 357	16 106	29 228	55%	417	377
Khomas	93 371	80 223	286 641	28%	3978	2 937
Kunene	24 210	19 658	66 499	30%	649	505
Ohangwena	26 703	22 514	164 102	14%	819	642
Omaheke	18 364	13 941	51 765	27%	373	269
Omusati	25 820	22 320	139 451	16%	975	767
Oshana	21 395	18 819	126 374	15%	1 546	1 277
Oshikoto	21 135	18 732	124 395	15%	863	740
Otjozondjupa	29 792	26 005	97 903	26%	870	628
Zambezi	7 350	6 602	63 106	10%	633	590
<b>Total</b>	<b>396 439</b>	<b>334 702</b>	<b>1 501 041</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>15 056</b>	<b>11 656</b>

**Table 6: Summary of Sinopharm vaccine 3<sup>rd</sup> doses administered, 16 December 2021**

Region	Cumulative no. of persons vaccinated
Erongo	203
Hardap	72
Kharas	80
Kavango East	67
Kavango West	23
Khomas	339
Kunene	15
Ohangwena	34
Omaheke	11
Omusati	57
Oshana	131
Oshikoto	115
Otjozondjupa	112
Zambezi	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 270</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.

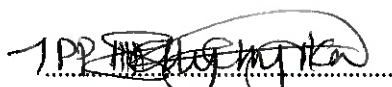
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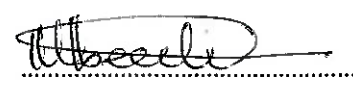
- Slow vaccine uptake among members of the public, and circulation of anti-vaccination information.



**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

APPROVED

  
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