



**NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 643**

<b>Outbreak Name</b>	COVID-19 outbreak	<b>Country affected</b>	Namibia
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	21 December 2021 17h00	<b>Investigation start Date</b>	13 March 2020
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**HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (21/12/2021)**

CUMULATIVE	TOTAL TODAY
Tested 851 949	Tested 3 710
Confirmed 142 270	Confirmed 1 225
Active 10 631	Active 10 631
Recovered 128 029	Recovered 157
Vaccinated 1 <sup>st</sup> doses 401 588 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses 236 329 3 <sup>rd</sup> doses 3 645	Vaccinated 1 <sup>st</sup> doses 1 658 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses 631 3 <sup>rd</sup> doses 779
Deaths 3 597	Death(s) 4

- A total of **142 270** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **6%** of the total population (**2 550 226**).
- More female cases **75 668 (53%)** have been recorded.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **4 863 (3%)** are Health Workers, with **60** new confirmations today.
  - 4 066 (84%) State; 789 (16%) Private, 8 (0.2%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
  - 4 579 (95%) recoveries and 25 (0.5%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **90%**.
- Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest number of cases with **48 163 (34%)** and **20 648 (14%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **3 289 (92%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **308 (8%)** are COVID-19 related deaths. The case fatality rate now stands at **2.5%**.

**Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 21 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	119	8	20 648	1 993	18 237	413	342	5	475
Hardap	35	3	7 905	271	7 374	260	162	0	146
Kharas	71	15	8 678	665	7 861	152	130	0	267
Kavango East	65	5	5 740	179	5 350	209	122	2	255
Kavango West	0	0	651	4	628	19	16	0	43
Khomas	471	45	48 163	5 004	42 287	871	680	1	1 729
Kunene	109	5	4 253	435	3 691	127	91	0	132
Ohangwena	47	2	5 296	152	4 986	156	97	2	176
Omaheke	41	4	4 386	193	3 937	256	176	0	133
Omusati	51	3	6 048	164	5 650	234	141	0	204
Oshana	15	2	9 454	223	8 899	331	196	1	547
Oshikoto	43	2	7 066	277	6 612	175	140	2	338
Otjozondjupa	128	6	10 869	1 027	9 567	275	186	0	310
Zambezi	30	0	3 113	44	2 950	119	67	0	108
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 225</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>142 270</b>	<b>10 631</b>	<b>128 029</b>	<b>3 597</b>	<b>2 546</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4 863</b>

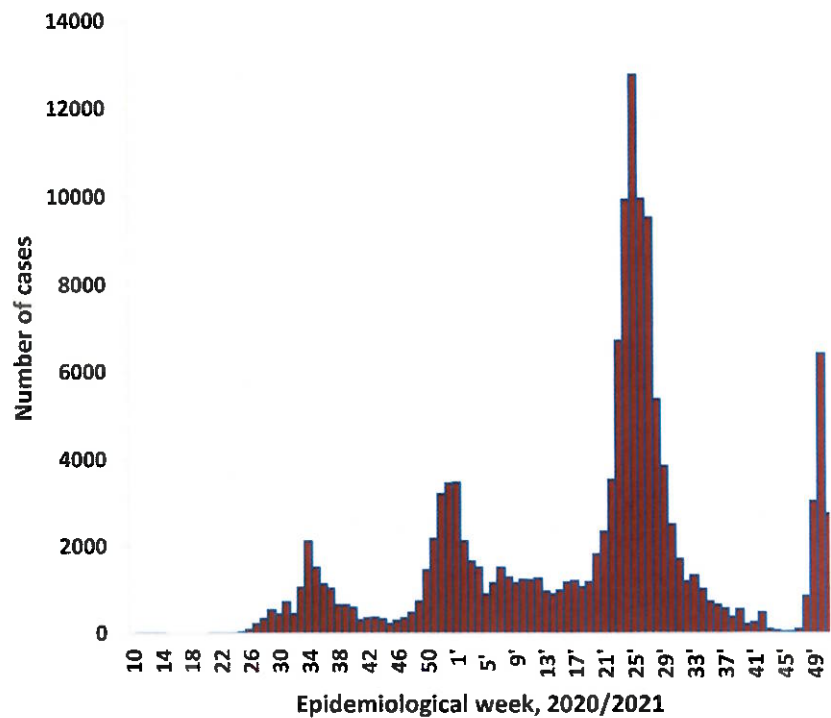
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**Table 2: The current distribution for hospitalization of confirmed cases by region, 21 December 2021**

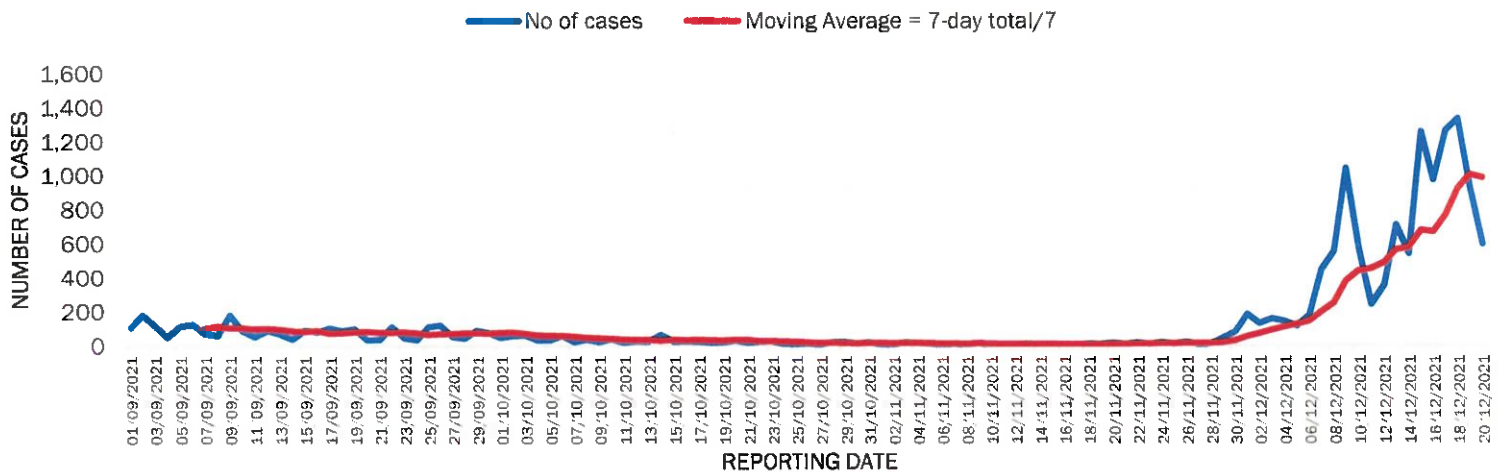
Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases		Vaccinated		Intensive Care Unit		Vaccinated	
	Current	Previous	1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	Current	Previous	1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose
Erongo	25	19	0	2	0	0	0	0
Hardap	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
ǀKharas	9	14	1	3	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Khomas	109	92	3	10	21	15	0	2
Kunene	36	36	0	9	0	0	0	0
Oshana	13	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omusati	24	21	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	31	30	2	1	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
Otjozondjupa	7	14	0	1	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	12	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</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 918 in epi-week 49.

- The National Call Center continues operations for 24 hours daily.
- Today (21/12/2021), **608** calls were answered.



**Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 21 December 2021**



**Figure 2: The 7 days moving average line chart for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 21 December 2021**

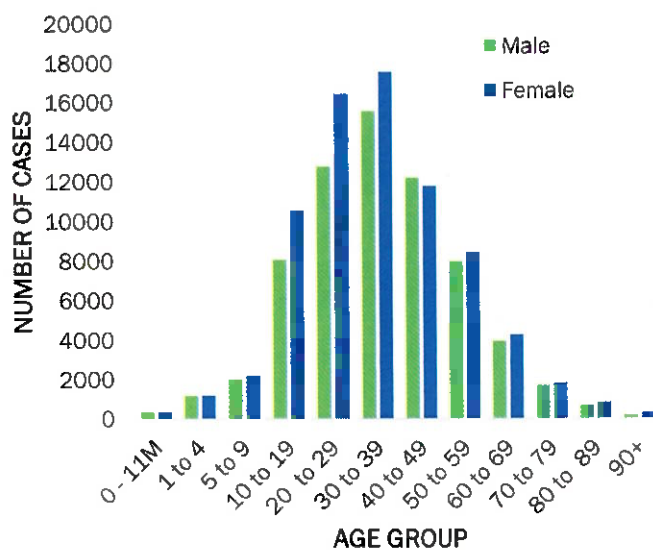


**Table 3: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories  
21 December 2021**

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	851 006
Total samples tested	834 736
Total samples re-tested	16 153
Total positive results	142 270
Total negative results	692 451
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	0
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	15
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excluding re-tests)	3 550

- 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, **851 949** tests (including **16 153** re-tests) have been conducted by authorized laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **154 359** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **723** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from **11** regions.
- Cumulatively, **149 766** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while **290** contacts are lost to follow-up and a total of **26 344 (19%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **1 577 (54%)** out of **2 917** active contacts were monitored.

- Of the total confirmed cases, **86 213 (61%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **22 792 (16%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- A total of **16 414 (12%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 50 - 59 years group.
- The under 5 years age group make up **3 101 (2%)** of the total cases whereas, **13 750 (10%)** are above 60 years of age.



**Figure 3: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 21 December 2021**

**Table 4: Number of people in quarantine 21 December 2021**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number In quarantine now
Erongo	10	6 949	6 936	13
Hardap	8	3 263	3 252	11
Kavango (East and West)	0	1 673	1 673	0
Khomas	0	3 733	3 705	28
Kharas	0	10 000	9 970	30
Kunene	0	6 493	6 493	0
Ohangwena	17	911	880	31
Omaheke	0	18 148	17 915	233
Omusati	66	3 604	3 477	127
Oshana	0	400	400	0
Oshikoto	94	25 181	25 012	169
Otjozondjupa	0	1 932	1 886	46
Zambezi	0	2 077	2 039	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>84 364</b>	<b>83 638</b>	<b>726</b>

- Since March 2020, **84 364** people have been placed into quarantine around the country.
- A total of **726** people are currently in quarantine, with **195** new admissions.

**Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered, 21 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	38 652	33 942	121 682	28%	1 408	1 071
Hardap	24 383	20 867	56 741	36%	524	431
Kharas	20 382	16 835	55 489	30%	803	474
Kavango East	28 201	20 615	117 665	17%	1 208	954
Kavango West	19 985	16 540	29 228	56%	417	377
Khomas	93 989	80 781	286 641	28%	3 978	2 937
Kunene	24 354	19 843	66 499	30%	649	505
Ohangwena	26 858	22 708	164 102	14%	819	642
Omaheke	18 527	14 123	51 765	27%	373	270
Omusati	25 962	22 505	139 451	16%	977	769
Oshana	21 543	18 962	126 374	15%	1 562	1 281
Oshikoto	21 311	18 920	124 395	15%	863	740
Otjozondjupa	29 999	26 242	97 903	27%	870	630
Zambezi	7 442	6 690	63 106	11%	633	590
<b>Total</b>	<b>401 588</b>	<b>339 573</b>	<b>1 501 041</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>15 084</b>	<b>11 671</b>

**Table 6: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine 3<sup>rd</sup> doses administered, 21 December 2021**

Region	Cumulative no. of persons vaccinated		
	Sinopharm	AstraZeneca	Pfizer
Erongo	295	70	70
Hardap	125	0	0
Kharas	122	19	19
Kavango East	90	0	0
Kavango West	34	0	0
Khomas	550	206	206
Kunene	36	0	0
Ohangwena	41	0	0
Omaheke	17	0	0
Omusati	91	16	16
Oshana	203	40	40
Oshikoto	154	13	13
Otjozondjupa	145	37	37
Zambezi	20	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 923</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>403</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.

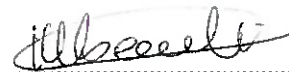
**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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