



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 649

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time	27.12. 2021 17h00	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (27/12/2021)

CUMULATIVE
Tested 864 924
Confirmed 146 720
Active 12 689
Recovered 130 402
Vaccinated 1 <sup>st</sup> doses 403 790 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses 237 528 3 <sup>rd</sup> doses 4 865
Deaths 3 616

TOTAL TODAY
Tested 1 407
Confirmed 261
Active 12 689
Recovered 627
Vaccinated 1 <sup>st</sup> doses 302 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses 233 3 <sup>rd</sup> doses 383
Death(s) 3

- A daily increase of confirmed cases continue to be observed with concern and among them, majority are still not vaccinated . In the same vein we continue to observe increased hospitalized cases including those in ICU.
- A total of **146 720** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **6%** of the total population (**2 550 226**).
- More female cases **77 947 (53%)** have been recorded.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **5 007 (3%)** are Health Workers, with **8** new confirmations today.
  - 4 204 (84%) State; 795 (16%) Private, 8 (0.2%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
  - 4 682 (94%) recoveries and 25 (0.5%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **88.9%**.
- Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest number of cases with **49 215 (34%)** and **21 392 (15%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **3 303 (91%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **313 (9%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.
- The case fatality rate now stands at **2.5%**.

**Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 27 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	49	3	21 392	2 737	18 237	413	342	5	484
Hardap	0	0	8 081	349	7 471	261	163	0	151
ǀKaras	7	1	9 018	888	7 977	153	131	0	270
Kavango East	23	0	5 795	234	5 350	209	122	2	256
Kavango West	1	0	673	26	628	19	16	0	43
Khomas	109	9	49 215	5 286	43 050	878	685	1	1 753
Kunene	14	0	4 538	451	3 959	128	92	0	146
Ohangwena	0	0	5 442	270	5 011	159	97	2	192
Omaheke	2	0	4 552	358	3 937	257	177	0	137
Omusati	0	0	6 369	370	5 764	235	142	0	221
Oshana	6	0	9 877	476	9 069	331	196	1	575
Oshikoto	19	0	7 299	462	6 657	178	142	2	348
Otjozondjupa	29	0	11 270	658	10 336	276	187	0	321
Zambezi	2	0	3 199	124	2 956	119	67	0	110
<b>Total</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>146 459</b>	<b>12 689</b>	<b>130 402</b>	<b>3 616</b>	<b>2 558</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5 007</b>

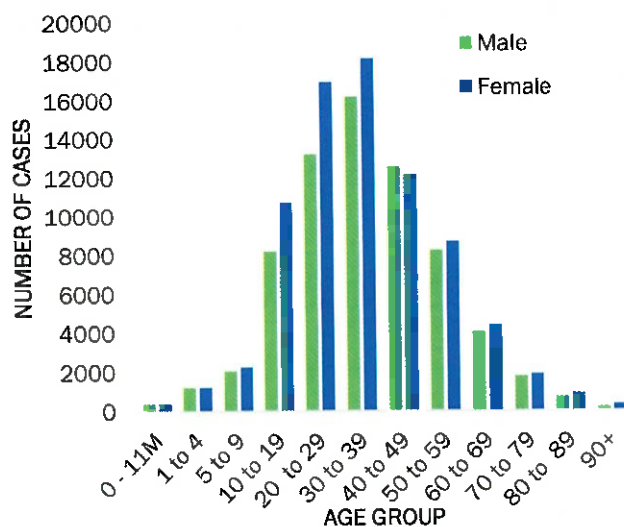


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**Table 2: The current distribution for hospitalization of confirmed cases by region, 27 December 2021**

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	29	29	0	3	0	0	0	0
Hardap	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
ǀKaras	5	8	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	14	14	0	2	1	0	0	0
Kavango West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Khomas	101	117	3	11	20	24	0	2
Kunene	42	38	0	10	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	15	15	0	4	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omusati	27	27	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	44	41	1	1	1	0	0	0
Oshikoto	6	6	1	1	3	3	0	0
Otjozondjupa	11	10	0	1	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	17	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

- Of the total confirmed cases, **89 198 (61%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **23 218 (16%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- A total of **16 924 (12%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 50 - 59 years group.
- The under 5 years age group make up **3 176 (2%)** of the total cases whereas, **14 204 (10%)** are above 60 years of age.

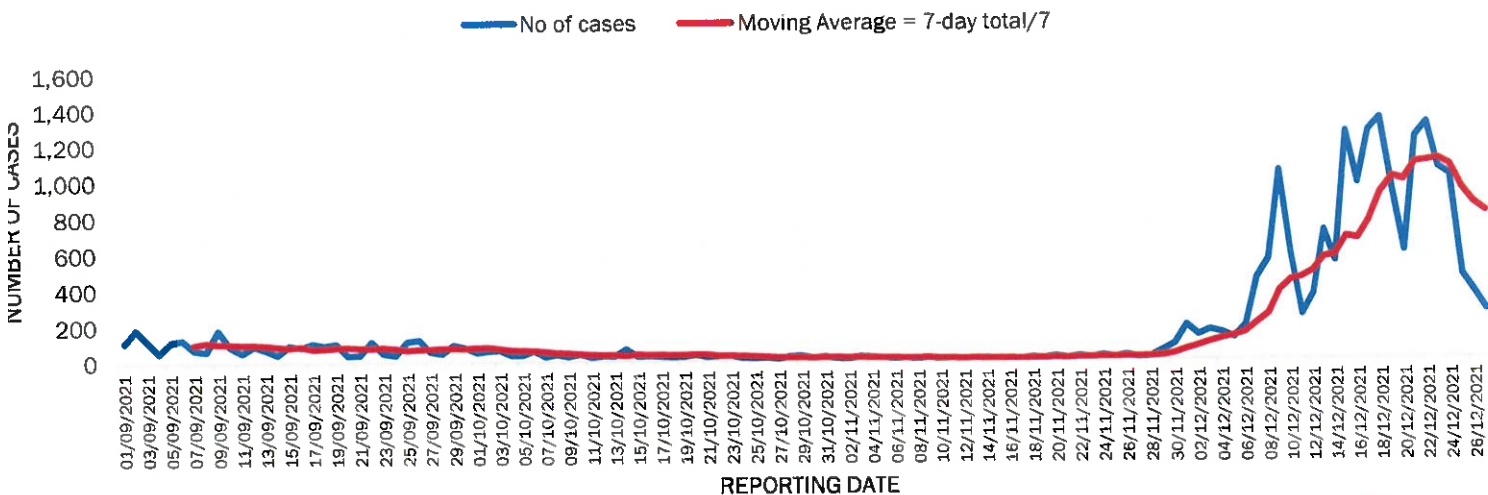


**Figure 1: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 27 December 2021**

- The laboratory testing capacity has been enhanced; with a total of twenty (20) 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 & Oshana Med Laboratory .
- To date, **864 924** tests (including **16 842** re-tests) have been conducted by authorized laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **156 771** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **674** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 7 regions.
- Cumulatively, **152 235** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while **290** contacts are lost to follow-up and a total of **26 842 (18%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **438 (16%)** out of **2 689** active contacts were monitored.

**Table 3: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories 27 December 2021**

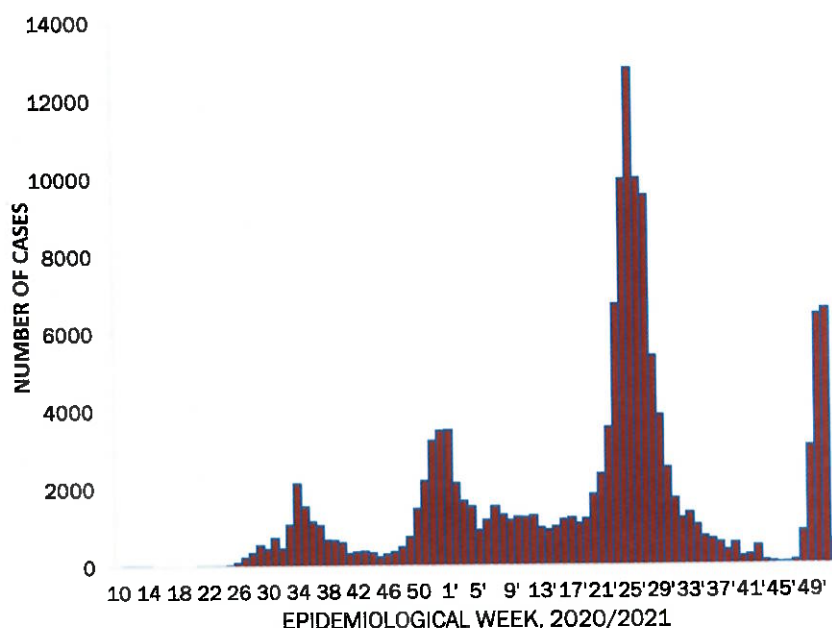
VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	865 040
Total samples tested	848 082
Total samples re-tested	16 842
Total positive results	146 720
Total negative results	701 331
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	0
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	30
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excluding re-tests)	1 365



**Figure 2: The 7 days moving average line chart for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 27 December 2021**

- The highest peak of **12 787 (9%)** cases was recorded during week 25 of 2021 (Figure 3).
- The country has started seeing an increase in the daily number of confirmed cases from 13 in epi-week 47 to 939 in epi-week 50.

- The National Call Center continues operations for 24 hours daily.
- Today (27/12/2021), **502** calls were answered.



**Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 27 December 2021**

**Table 4: Number of people in quarantine 27 December 2021**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	6949	6943	6
Hardap	0	3263	3256	7
Kavango (East and West)	0	1673	1673	0
Khomas	0	3733	3708	25
Kharas	0	10000	9990	10
Kunene	0	6493	6493	0
Ohangwena	0	911	886	25
Omaheke	0	18148	17915	233
Omusati	0	3720	3486	234
Oshana	0	400	400	0
Oshikoto	0	25412	25240	172
Otjondjupa	0	1932	1892	40
Zambezi	0	2077	2057	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>84 711</b>	<b>83 939</b>	<b>772</b>

- Since March 2020, **84 711** people have been placed into quarantine around the country.
- A total of **772** people are currently in quarantine, with no new admissions.



**Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered, 27 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	38 849	34 149	121 682	28%	1 408	1 071
Hardap	24 474	20 963	56 741	37%	524	431
Kharas	20 450	16 913	55 489	30%	803	474
Kavango East	28 941	21 415	117 665	18%	1 208	954
Kavango West	20 183	16 742	29 228	57%	417	377
Khomas	94 200	81 074	286 641	28%	3 984	2 954
Kunene	24 423	19 923	66 499	30%	649	505
Ohangwena	26 963	22 856	164 102	14%	819	642
Omaheke	18 663	14 234	51 765	27%	374	270
Omusati	26 100	22 722	139 451	16%	977	770
Oshana	21 633	19 053	126 374	15%	1 565	1 284
Oshikoto	21 364	18 983	124 395	15%	863	740
Otjozondjupa	30 086	26 341	97 903	27%	870	630
Zambezi	7 461	6 719	63 106	11%	633	590
<b>Total</b>	<b>403 790</b>	<b>342 087</b>	<b>1 501 041</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>15 094</b>	<b>11 692</b>

**Table 6: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine 3<sup>rd</sup> doses administered, 27 December 2021**

Region	Cumulative no. of persons vaccinated		
	Sinopharm	AstraZeneca	Pfizer
Erongo	346	74	541
Hardap	149	0	115
Kharas	127	19	26
Kavango East	104	0	37
Kavango West	51	0	15
Khomas	619	271	1 003
Kunene	53	9	0
Ohangwena	46	2	1
Omaheke	19	0	4
Omusati	137	20	61
Oshana	288	57	88
Oshikoto	176	20	13
Otjozondjupa	184	45	112
Zambezi	24	2	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 323</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>2 023</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**

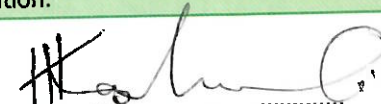
- Slow vaccine uptake among members of the public, and circulation of anti-vaccination information.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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


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