



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 650

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time	28.12.2021 17h00	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (28/12/2021)

CUMULATIVE	
Tested	866 956
Confirmed	147 469
Active	13 048
Recovered	130 785
Vaccinated	
1 st doses	404 241
2 nd doses	237 865
3 rd doses	5 210
Deaths	3 623

TOTAL TODAY	
Tested	2 038
Confirmed	749
Active	13 048
Recovered	383
Vaccinated	
1 st doses	451
2 nd doses	337
3 rd doses	345
Death(s)	7

- 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 **147 469** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **6%** of the total population (**2 550 226**).
- More female cases **78 357 (53%)** have been recorded.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **5 039 (3%)** are Health Workers, with **32** new confirmations today.
 - 4 234 (84%) State; 797 (16%) Private, 8 (0.2%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
 - 4 682 (93%) recoveries and 25 (0.5%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **88.7%**.
- Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest number of cases with **49 320 (34%)** and **21 464 (15%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **3 310 (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, 28 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	72	4	21 464	2 809	18 237	413	342	5	484
Hardap	12	3	8 093	279	7 553	261	163	0	151
Karas	79	7	9 097	885	8 059	153	131	0	275
Kavango East	9	0	5 804	240	5 352	210	122	2	260
Kavango West	6	0	679	31	628	20	17	0	43
Khomas	105	10	49 320	5 389	43 050	880	686	1	1 758
Kunene	34	1	4 572	432	4 012	128	92	0	148
Ohangwena	103	8	5 545	370	5 011	162	99	2	197
Omaheke	0	0	4 552	358	3 937	257	177	0	137
Omusati	131	3	6 500	501	5 764	235	142	0	226
Oshana	99	6	9 976	568	9 076	331	196	1	577
Oshikoto	37	1	7 336	399	6 757	178	142	2	352
Otjozondjupa	62	6	11 332	663	10 393	276	187	0	321
Zambezi	0	0	3 199	124	2 956	119	67	0	110
Total	749	49	147 469	13 048	130 785	3 623	2 5633	13	5 039

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Table 2: The current distribution for hospitalization of confirmed cases by region, 28 December 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases		Vaccinated		Intensive Care Unit		Vaccinated	
	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose
Erongo	29	29	0	3	0	0	0	0
Hardap	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
ǀKaras	5	5	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	14	14	0	2	0	1	0	0
Kavango West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Khomas	93	101	3	11	17	20	0	2
Kunene	42	42	0	10	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	20	15	3	3	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omusati	35	27	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	50	44	0	0	4	1	0	0
Oshikoto	4	6	1	1	0	3	0	0
Otjozondjupa	12	11	0	1	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	336	330	7	32	21	25	0	2

- Of the total confirmed cases, **89 690 (61%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **23 272 (16%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- A total of **17 010 (12%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 50 - 59 years group.
- The under 5 years age group make up **3 184 (2%)** of the total cases whereas, **14 313 (10%)** are above 60 years of age.

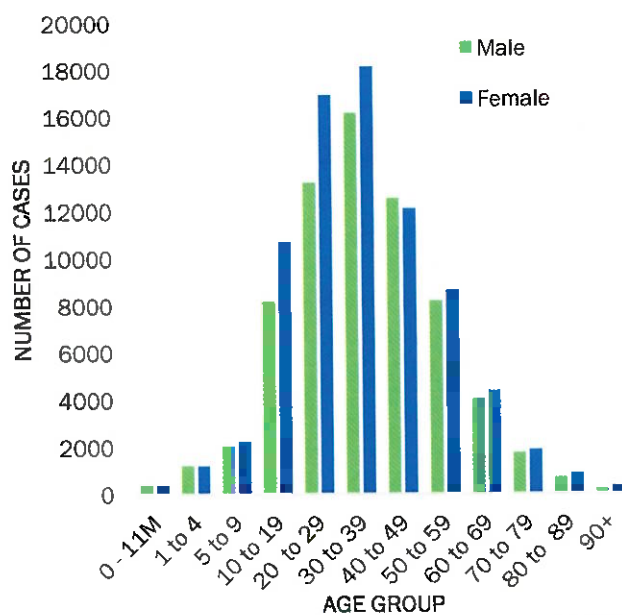


Figure 1: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 28 December 2021

- 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, **866 9561** tests (including **16 922** re-tests) have been conducted by authorized laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **157 285** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **514** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from **12** regions.
- Cumulatively, **152 746** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while **290** contacts are lost to follow-up and a total of **26 982 (18%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **650 (22%)** out of **2 901** active contacts were monitored.

Table 3: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories 28 December 2021

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	86 7073
Total samples tested	85 0034
Total samples re-tested	16 922
Total positive results	147 469
Total negative results	702 535
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	0
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	30
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excluding re-tests)	1 958

— No of cases — Moving Average = 7-day total/7

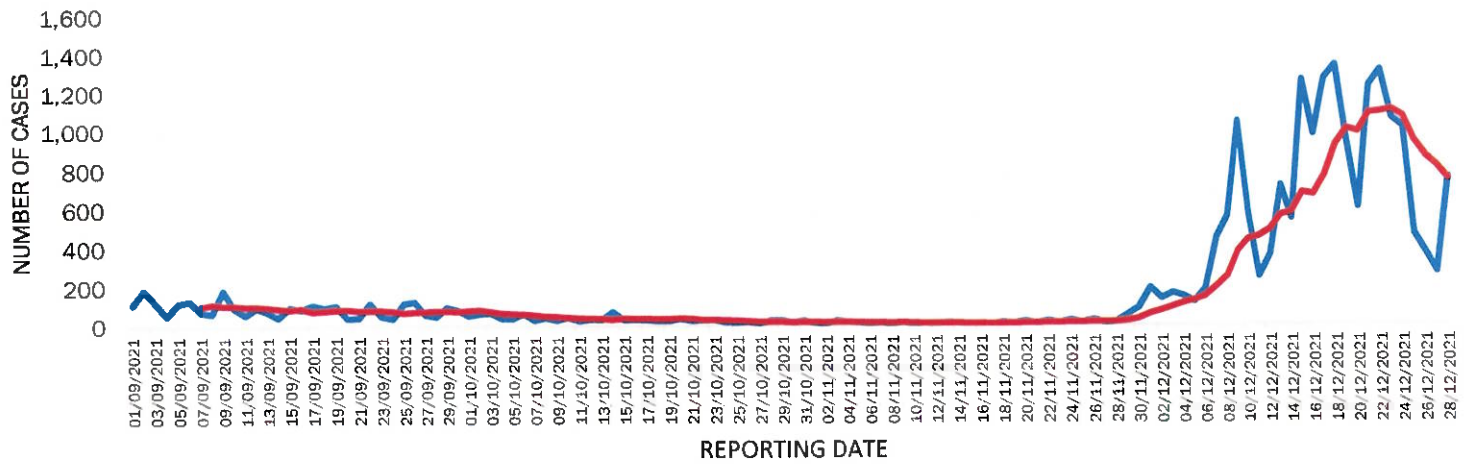


Figure 2: The 7 days moving average line chart for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 28 December 2021

➤ 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 (28/12/2021), **487** calls were answered.

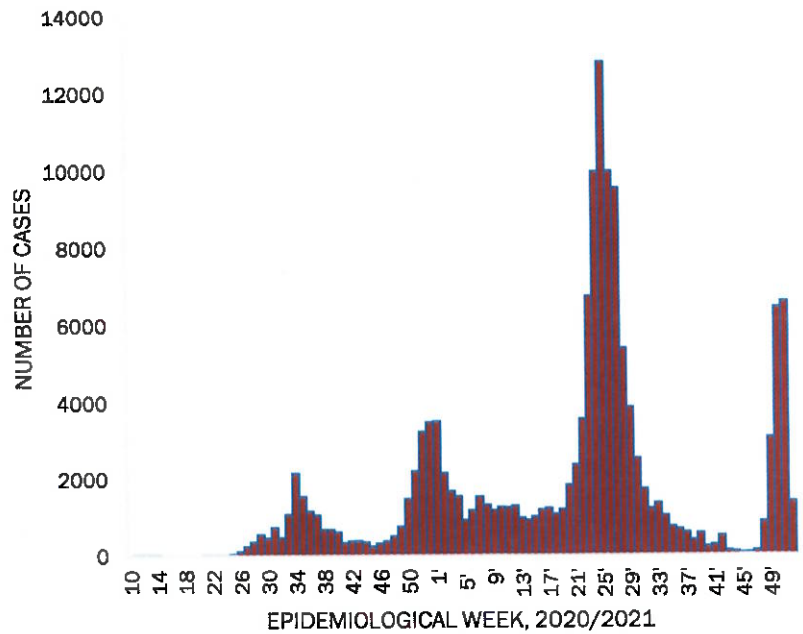


Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 28 December 2021

Table 4: Number of people in quarantine 28 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
Oshana	0	911	886	25
Omaheke	0	18148	17915	233
Omusati	0	3720	3486	234
Oshana	0	400	400	0
Oshikoto	144	25556	25340	216
Otjondjupa	0	1932	1892	40
Zambezi	0	2077	2057	20
Total	144	84 855	84 039	816

➤ Since March 2020, **84 855** people have been placed into quarantine around the country.

➤ A total of **816** people are currently in quarantine, with **144** new admissions.

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered, 28 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 st doses	Fully vaccinated			1 st doses	Fully vaccinated
Erongo	38 895	34 213	121 682	28%	1 408	1 071
Hardap	24 563	21 050	56 741	37%	524	431
Kharas	20 470	16 945	55 489	30%	803	474
Kavango East	28 981	21 467	117 665	18%	1 208	954
Kavango West	20 221	16 785	29 228	57%	417	377
Khomas	94 274	81 200	286 641	28%	3 988	2 960
Kunene	24 423	19 925	66 499	30%	649	505
Ohangwena	26 995	22 917	164 102	14%	819	642
Omaheke	18 670	14 239	51 765	27%	374	270
Omusati	26 100	22 728	139 451	16%	977	770
Oshana	21 656	19 091	126 374	15%	1 565	1 284
Oshikoto	21 386	19 008	124 395	15%	863	740
Otjozondjupa	30 139	26 400	97 903	27%	870	630
Zambezi	7 468	6 733	63 106	11%	633	590
Total	404 241	342 701	1 501 041	23%	15 098	11 698

Table 6: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine 3rd doses administered, 28 December 2021

Region	Cumulative no. of persons vaccinated		
	Sinopharm	AstraZeneca	Pfizer
Erongo	367	74	612
Hardap	161	0	150
Kharas	136	24	32
Kavango East	107	2	43
Kavango West	52	0	15
Khomas	652	295	1 075
Kunene	53	11	0
Ohangwena	48	2	1
Omaheke	19	0	4
Omusati	137	20	61
Oshana	272	57	98
Oshikoto	178	21	13
Otjozondjupa	198	57	122
Zambezi	25	3	13
Total	2 405	566	2 239

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.

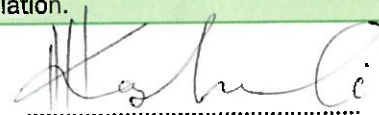
RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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