



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 730

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| Outbreak Name | COVID-19 outbreak | Country affected | Namibia |
| Date & Time | 19.03 2022 17h00 | Investigation start Date | 13 March 2020 |
| Prepared by | Surveillance Team | | |

HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (19/03/2022)

CUMULATIVE

Tested 975 199

Confirmed 157 523

Active 160

Recovered 155 426

Vaccinated

1st doses 450 255 2nd doses 254 597 3rd doses 35 478

Deaths 4 016

TOTAL TODAY

Tested 430

Confirmed 7

Active 160

Recovered 29

Vaccinated

1st doses 187 2nd doses 65 3rd doses 347

Deaths 1

- A total of **157 523** cases have been recorded to-date, representing 6% of the total population (2 550 226).
- More female cases **83 558 (53%)** have been recorded.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **5 323 (3%)** are Health Workers, with no new confirmation today.
 - 4 507 (85%) State; 807 (15%) Private, 8 (0.2%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
 - 5 318 (100%) recoveries and 25 (0.5%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **99%**.
- Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest number of cases with **51 073 (32%)** and **22 687 (14%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities **3 687 (92%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **329 (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, 19 March 2022

| Region | New cases | New re-infections | Cummulative re-infections | Cummulative New cases | Active cases | Recoveries | Cumulative Deaths | Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities | Non-COVID deaths | Health Workers |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Erongo | 1 | 0 | 360 | 22 687 | 29 | 22 587 | 426 | 353 | 5 | 493 |
| Hardap | 1 | 0 | 67 | 8 390 | 3 | 8 189 | 265 | 168 | 0 | 160 |
| ǀKharas | 0 | 0 | 187 | 9 944 | 4 | 9 967 | 160 | 137 | 0 | 295 |
| Kavango East | 0 | 0 | 50 | 6 356 | 6 | 6 170 | 228 | 132 | 2 | 286 |
| Kavango West | 0 | 0 | 4 | 842 | 0 | 823 | 23 | 21 | 0 | 48 |
| Khomas | 0 | 0 | 893 | 51 073 | 52 | 51 012 | 901 | 705 | 1 | 1 816 |
| Kunene | 1 | 0 | 53 | 49 99 | 5 | 4 893 | 154 | 108 | 0 | 151 |
| Ohangwena | 0 | 0 | 42 | 6 049 | 5 | 5 880 | 204 | 124 | 2 | 221 |
| Omaheke | 0 | 0 | 60 | 5 189 | 3 | 4 955 | 290 | 204 | 1 | 143 |
| Omusati | 0 | 0 | 42 | 7 588 | 1 | 7 286 | 343 | 211 | 0 | 266 |
| Oshana | 0 | 0 | 92 | 10 631 | 20 | 10 307 | 395 | 244 | 1 | 607 |
| Oshikoto | 4 | 0 | 58 | 7 973 | 3 | 7 817 | 208 | 159 | 2 | 366 |
| Otjozondjupa | 0 | 0 | 163 | 12 232 | 22 | 12 088 | 284 | 194 | 1 | 343 |
| Zambezi | 0 | 0 | 23 | 3 570 | 7 | 3 452 | 135 | 77 | 0 | 128 |
| Total | 7 | 0 | 2 094 | 157 523 | 160 | 155 426 | 4 016 | 2 837 | 15 | 5 323 |

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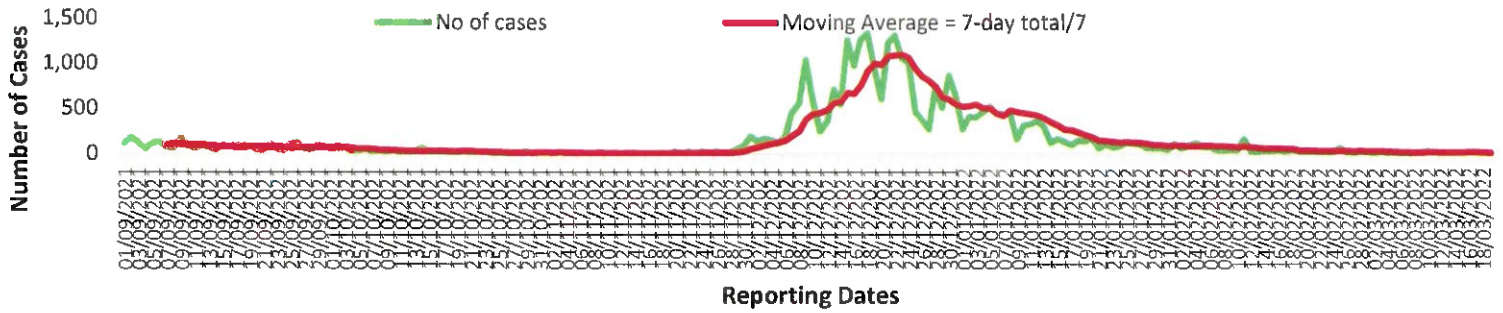
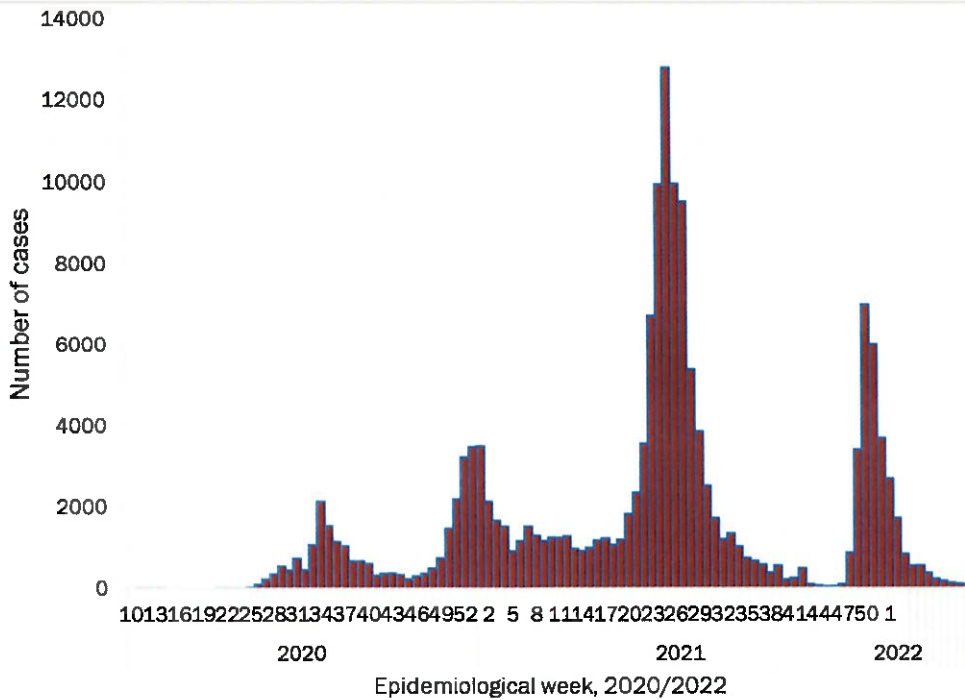


Figure 2: The 7 days moving average line chart for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 19 March 2022



➤ The highest peak of **12 787 (8%)** cases was recorded during week 25 of 2021 (Figure 3).

➤ The country has started seeing a gradual reduction in the average number of confirmed cases from 1424 to 29 from epi-week 26 to 40 of 2021.

➤ Another peak of **7005** cases was recorded in week 50 of 2021

➤ The number of cases have decreased in the last seven weeks as seen in the graph.

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

➤ Today (19/03/2022), **292** calls were answered.

Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 19 March 2022

Table 4: Number of people in quarantine 19 March 2022

| Region | Newly quarantined 24 hours | Cumulative number | Number discharged | Number in quarantine now |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Erongo | 0 | 7331 | 7295 | 36 |
| Hardap | 0 | 3263 | 3263 | 0 |
| Kavango (East and West) | 0 | 1686 | 1673 | 13 |
| Khomas | 0 | 3767 | 3767 | 0 |
| Kharas | 0 | 10000 | 10000 | 0 |
| Kunene | 0 | 6493 | 6493 | 0 |
| Oshana | 0 | 924 | 924 | 0 |
| Omaheke | 0 | 19973 | 19953 | 20 |
| Omusati | 0 | 3999 | 3990 | 9 |
| Oshana | 0 | 400 | 400 | 0 |
| Oshikoto | 0 | 27844 | 27816 | 28 |
| Otjozondjupa | 0 | 1932 | 1932 | 0 |
| Zambezi | 0 | 2184 | 2148 | 36 |
| Total | 0 | 89796 | 89654 | 142 |

➤ Since March 2020, **89 796** people have been placed into quarantine around the country.

➤ A total of **142** people are currently in quarantine, with no new admissions.

**Table 3: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories
19 March 2022**

| VARIABLES | TOTAL |
|--|---------|
| Total samples received by the Laboratory | 975 186 |
| Total samples tested | 956 840 |
| Total samples re-tested | 18 229 |
| Total positive results | 157 523 |
| Total negative results | 799 240 |
| Total samples discarded | 117 |
| Invalid results | 0 |
| Total pending results | 0 |
| Indeterminant/Inconclusive | 77 |
| Suspected cases in 24 hours (excluding re-tests) | 429 |

➤ The laboratory testing capacity has been enhanced; with a total of twenty-three (23) 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, Hosea Kutako International Airport & Oshana Med Laboratory.

➤ To date, 975 199 tests (including 18 229 re-tests) have been conducted by authorized laboratories.

➤ Since the beginning of the outbreak, 168 700 contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, 0 new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 8 regions.

➤ Cumulatively, 166 991 contacts have completed their monitoring period, while 299 contacts are lost to follow-up and a total of 28 578 (18%) contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.

➤ Today, 46 (32%) out of 145 active contacts were monitored.

- Of the total confirmed cases, 94 843 (60%) are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of 24 926 (16%) of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- A total of 18 152 (12%) of the confirmed cases are among the 50 - 59 years group.
- The under 5 years age group make up 3 489 (2%) of the total cases whereas, 16 113 (10%) are above 60 years of age.

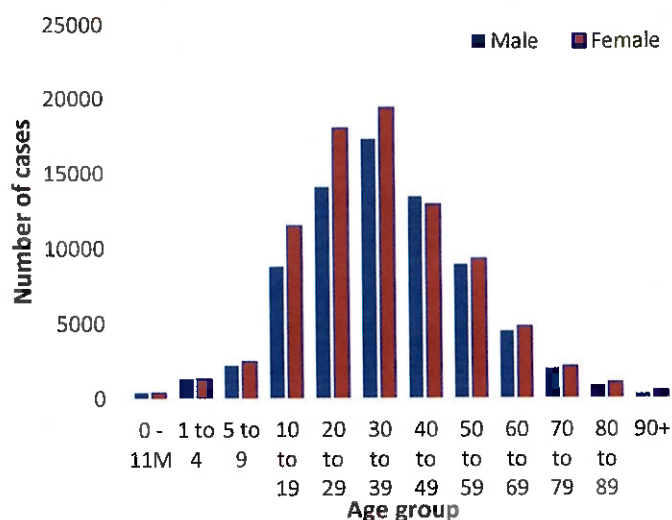


Figure 1: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 19 March 2022

Table 2: The current distribution for hospitalization of confirmed cases by region, 19 March 2022

| 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 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hardap | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ǀKaras | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kavango East | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kavango West | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Khomas | 6 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Kunene | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ohangwena | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Omaheke | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Omusati | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oshana | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oshikoto | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Otjozondjupa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zambezi | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 12 | 17 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 |

Table 6: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine 3rd doses administered, 19 March 2022

| Region | Cumulative no. of persons vaccinated | | | |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | Sinopharm | AstraZeneca | Pfizer | Booster Doses J&J |
| Erongo | 1 641 | 601 | 2 872 | 348 |
| Hardap | 2 042 | 385 | 966 | 203 |
| Kharas | 830 | 167 | 330 | 66 |
| Kavango East | 527 | 193 | 247 | 434 |
| Kavango West | 535 | 247 | 267 | 302 |
| Khomas | 2 545 | 888 | 5 264 | 614 |
| Kunene | 1 482 | 376 | 579 | 454 |
| Ohangwena | 283 | 82 | 22 | 59 |
| Omaheke | 397 | 152 | 144 | 61 |
| Omusati | 873 | 308 | 446 | 64 |
| Oshana | 1 185 | 196 | 595 | 192 |
| Oshikoto | 807 | 168 | 217 | 57 |
| Otjozondjupa | 1 653 | 453 | 924 | 6 |
| Zambezi | 439 | 38 | 105 | 147 |
| Total | 15 239 | 4 254 | 12 978 | 3007 |

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered, 19 March 2022

| 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 | 41 826 | 37 200 | 161 966 | 23% | 1 432 | 1 095 |
| Hardap | 27 580 | 23 929 | 69 121 | 34% | 541 | 447 |
| Kharas | 22 909 | 19 383 | 69 786 | 28% | 815 | 491 |
| Kavango East | 38 027 | 27 477 | 105 223 | 26% | 1 264 | 1 011 |
| Kavango West | 28 129 | 21 083 | 57 210 | 37% | 434 | 388 |
| Khomas | 100 790 | 88 520 | 362 620 | 24% | 4 065 | 3 055 |
| Kunene | 26 825 | 22 089 | 72 991 | 30% | 678 | 526 |
| Ohangwena | 28 329 | 24 410 | 174 546 | 14% | 855 | 684 |
| Omaheke | 19 764 | 15 421 | 53 002 | 29% | 379 | 272 |
| Omusati | 27 677 | 24 447 | 179 370 | 14% | 1 000 | 790 |
| Oshana | 23 540 | 20 992 | 143 395 | 15% | 1 612 | 1 331 |
| Oshikoto | 22 775 | 20 561 | 144 912 | 14% | 881 | 770 |
| Otjozondjupa | 33 710 | 30 032 | 112 119 | 27% | 911 | 666 |
| Zambezi | 8 374 | 7 695 | 73 010 | 11% | 662 | 614 |
| Total | 450 255 | 383 239 | 1 779 271 | 21% | 15 529 | 12 140 |

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.

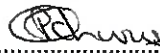
CHALLENGES

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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