



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 729

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time	18.03 2022 17h00	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (18/03/2022)

CUMULATIVE

Tested 974 769

Confirmed 157 516

Active 183

Recovered 155 397

Vaccinated

1st doses 450 196 2nd doses 254 608 3rd doses 35 131

Deaths 4 015

TOTAL TODAY

Tested 1 463

Confirmed 13

Active 183

Recovered 5

Vaccinated

1st doses 459 2nd doses 268 3rd doses 497

Deaths 1

- A total of **157 516** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **6%** of the total population (**2 550 226**).
- More female cases **83 554 (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 **97%**.
- Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest number of cases with **51 073 (32%)** and **22 686 (14%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities **3 686 (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, 18 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	5	0	360	22 686	28	22 587	426	353	5	493
Hardap	0	0	67	8 389	2	8 189	265	168	0	160
! Kharas	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	4	0	893	51 073	64	51 000	901	705	1	1 816
Kunene	0	0	53	4 998	4	4 893	154	108	0	151
Oshana	0	0	42	6 049	5	5 880	204	124	2	221
Omaheke	1	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	1	0	92	10 631	21	10 307	394	243	1	607
Oshikoto	0	0	58	7 969	9	7 807	208	159	2	366
Otjozondjupa	2	0	163	12 232	29	12 081	284	194	1	343
Zambezi	0	0	23	3 570	7	3 452	135	77	0	128
Total	13	0	2 094	157 516	183	155 397	4 015	2 836	15	5 323

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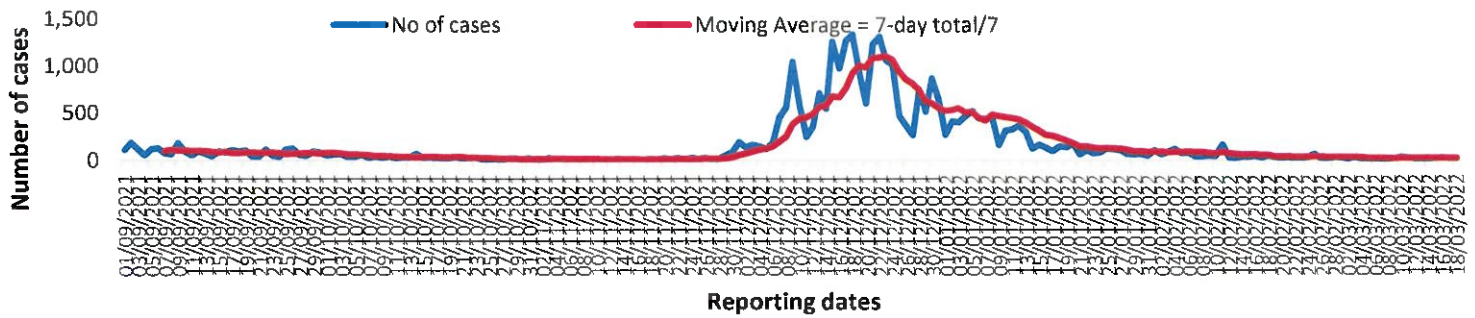


Figure 2: The 7 days moving average line chart for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 18 March 2022

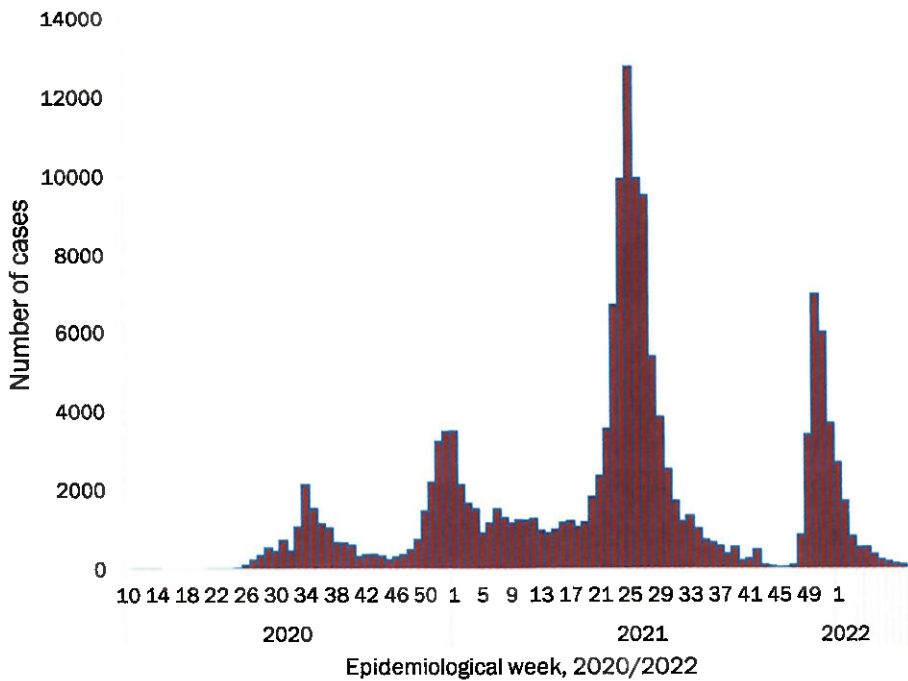


Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 18 March 2022

- 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 (18/03/2022), **249** calls were answered.

Table 4: Number of people in quarantine 18 March 2022

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	10	7 331	7 295	36
Hardap	0	3 263	3 263	0
Kavango (East and West)	0	1 686	1 673	13
Khomas	0	3 767	3 767	0
Kharas	0	10 000	10 000	0
Kunene	0	6 493	6 493	0
Ohangwena	0	924	924	0
Omaheke	15	19 973	19 953	20
Omusati	0	3 999	3 990	9
Oshana	0	400	400	0
Oshikoto	9	27 844	27 816	28
Otjozondjupa	0	1 932	1 932	0
Zambezi	0	2 184	2 148	36
Total	34	89 796	89 654	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
18 March 2022**

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	974 764
Total samples tested	956 419
Total samples re-tested	18 228
Total positive results	157 516
Total negative results	798 826
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	0
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	77
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excluding re-tests)	1 459

➤ 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, 974 769 tests (including 18 228 re-tests) have been conducted by authorized laboratories.

➤ Since the beginning of the outbreak, 168 700 contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, 5 new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 11 regions.

➤ Cumulatively, 166 986 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, 102 (83%) out of 167 active contacts were monitored.

- Of the total confirmed cases, 94 839 (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 18 151 (12%) of the confirmed cases are among the 50 - 59 years group.
- The under 5 years age group make up 3 488 (2%) of the total cases whereas, 16 112 (10%) are above 60 years of age.

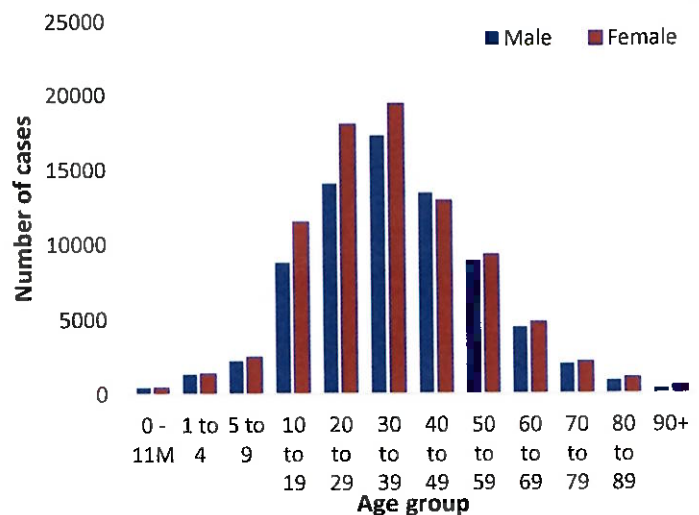


Figure 1: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 18 March 2022

Table 2: The current distribution for hospitalization of confirmed cases by region, 18 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	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
ǀKaras	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Khomas	6	5	0	1	4	3	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	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	5	3	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	17	15	0	2	4	3	0	0

Table 6: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine 3rd doses administered, 18 March 2022

Region	Cumulative no. of persons vaccinated			
	Sinopharm	AstraZeneca	Pfizer	Booster Doses J&J
Erongo	1 641	601	2 872	347
Hardap	2 020	370	963	148
Kharas	807	161	328	65
Kavango East	527	193	247	434
Kavango West	535	247	267	287
Khomas	2 527	868	5 212	591
Kunene	1 482	376	579	454
Ohangwena	283	82	22	59
Omaheke	397	152	144	47
Omusati	873	308	446	64
Oshana	1 185	196	595	182
Oshikoto	801	164	209	43
Otjozondjupa	1 647	451	909	6
Zambezi	439	38	105	135
Total	15 164	4 207	12 898	2 862

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered, 18 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	41 829	37 205	161 966	23%	1 432	1 095
Hardap	27 543	23 903	69 121	34%	541	447
Kharas	22 876	19 356	69 786	28%	815	490
Kavango East	38 027	27 477	105 223	26%	1 264	1011
Kavango West	28 129	21 083	57 210	37%	434	388
Khomas	100 825	88 523	362 620	24%	4 065	3 055
Kunene	26 825	22 089	72 991	30%	678	526
Ohangwena	28 331	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	23 569	21 000	143 395	15%	1 612	1 331
Oshikoto	22 762	20 549	144 912	14%	881	770
Otjozondjupa	33 665	29 992	112 119	27%	911	666
Zambezi	8 374	7 695	73 010	11%	662	614
Total	450 196	383 150	1 779 271	21%	15 529	12 139

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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