



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 735

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time	24.03 2022 17h00	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
Prepared by	Surveillance Team		

HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (24/03/2022)

CUMULATIVE

Tested 979 582

Confirmed 157 576

Active 162

Recovered 155 477

Vaccinated

1st doses 452 242 2nd doses 255 721 3rd doses 37 344

Deaths 4 018

TOTAL TODAY

Tested 1 230

Confirmed 10

Active 162

Recovered 13

Vaccinated

1st doses 549 2nd doses 316 3rd doses 750

Deaths 1

- A total of 157 576 cases have been recorded to-date, representing 6% of the total population (2 550 226).
- More female cases 83 581 (53%) have been recorded.
- Of the total confirmed cases, 5 326 (3%) are Health Workers, with one new confirmation today.
 - 4 520 (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 97.4%.
- Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest number of cases with 51 096 (32%) and 22 694 (14%) respectively.
- Of the total fatalities 3 688 (92%) are COVID-19 deaths while 330 (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, 24 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	22 694	24	22 598	426	353	5	493
Hardap	0	0	67	8 390	3	8 189	265	168	0	160
Kharas	0	0	187	9 947	5	9 969	162	138	0	295
Kavango East	0	0	50	6 357	7	6 170	228	132	2	286
Kavango West	0	0	4	842	0	823	23	21	0	48
Khomas	3	1	895	51 096	64	51 022	901	705	1	1 818
Kunene	0	0	53	4 999	1	4 897	154	108	0	151
Oshana	2	0	42	6 055	9	5 880	204	124	2	221
Omaheke	0	0	60	5 190	4	4 955	290	204	1	143
Omusati	2	0	42	7 590	1	7 286	343	211	0	266
Oshana	0	0	92	10 635	24	10 307	395	244	1	607
Oshikoto	0	0	58	7 973	1	7 831	209	160	2	366
Otjozondjupa	2	0	163	12 236	15	12 097	284	194	1	344
Zambezi	0	0	23	3 572	9	3 453	135	77	0	128
Total	10	1	2 096	157 576	162	155 477	4 018	2 839	15	5 326

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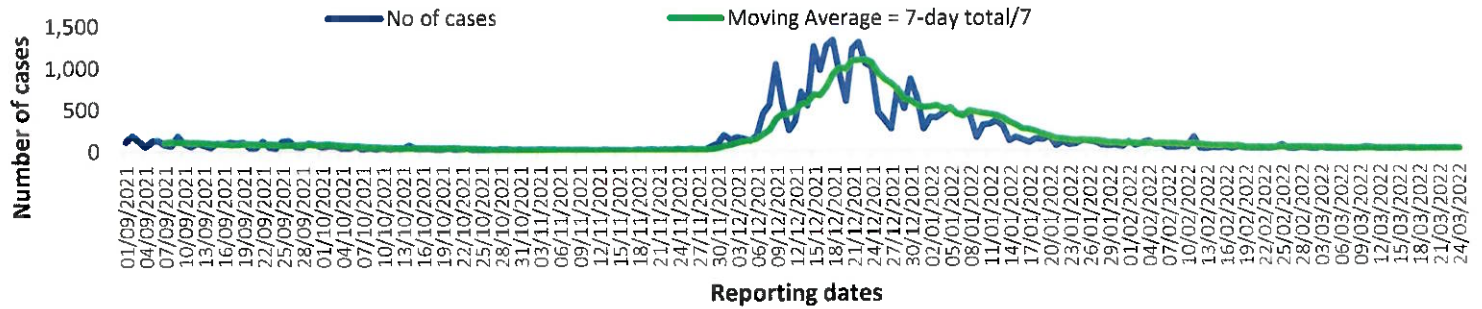


Figure 2: The 7 days moving average line chart for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 24 March 2022

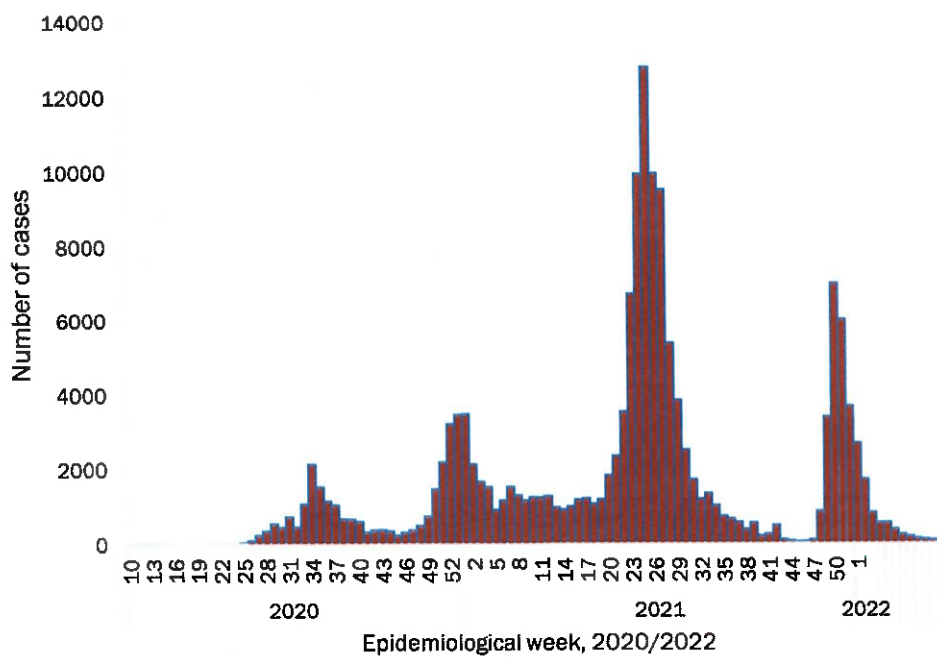


Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 24 March 2022

- 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 (24/03/2022), **181** calls were answered.

Table 4: Number of people in quarantine 24 March 2022

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	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	0	19 973	19973	0
Omusati	0	3 999	3 997	2
Oshana	0	400	400	0
Oshikoto	9	27 892	27 860	32
Otjozondjupa	0	1 932	1 932	0
Zambezi	0	2 184	2 148	36
Total	9	89 844	89 725	119

- Since March 2020, **89 844** people have been placed into quarantine around the country.
- A total of **119** people are currently in quarantine, with no new admissions.

Table 3: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories 24 March 2022

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	979 569
Total samples tested	96 1216
Total samples re-tested	18 236
Total positive results	157 576
Total negative results	803 559
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	0
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	81
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excluding re-tests)	1 229

➤ 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, 979 582 tests (including 18 236 re-tests) have been conducted by authorized laboratories.

➤ Since the beginning of the outbreak, 168 788 contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, 4 new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 10 regions.

➤ Cumulatively, 167 106 contacts have completed their monitoring period, while 299 contacts are lost to follow-up and a total of 28 625 (18%) contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.

➤ Today, 56 (62%) out of 91 active contacts were monitored.

- Of the total confirmed cases, 94 870 (60%) are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of 24 934 (16%) of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- A total of 18 158 (12%) of the confirmed cases are among the 50 - 59 years group.
- The under 5 years age group make up 3 490 (2%) of the total cases whereas, 16 124 (10%) are above 60 years of age.

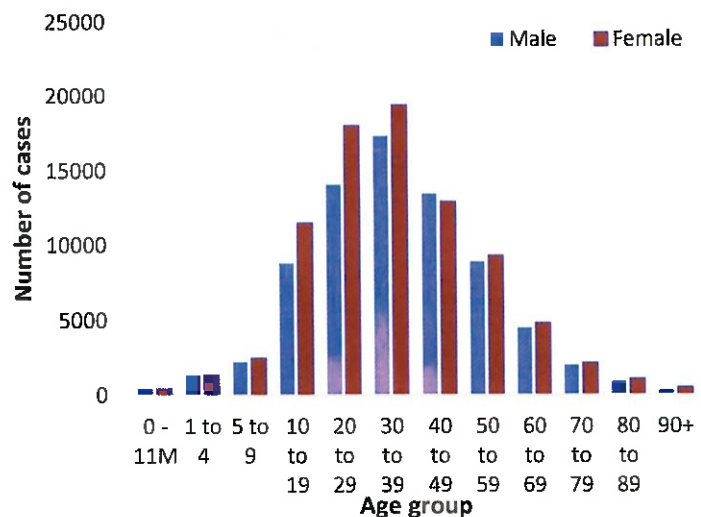


Figure 1: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 24 March 2022

Table 2: The current distribution for hospitalization of confirmed cases by region, 24 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	0	0	0	0	0
ǀKaras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Khomas	3	5	0	1	1	3	0	0
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	0	1	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	7	10	0	1	1	3	0	0

Table 6: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine 3rd doses administered, 24 March 2022

Region	Cumulative no. of persons vaccinated			
	Sinopharm	AstraZeneca	Pfizer	Booster Doses J&J
Erongo	1 673	645	2 919	363
Hardap	2 118	420	983	226
Kharas	855	182	338	88
Kavango East	557	193	273	471
Kavango West	631	247	394	334
Khomas	2 598	915	5 345	628
Kunene	1 701	423	671	627
Ohangwena	283	82	22	59
Omaheke	429	161	152	61
Omusati	908	323	491	74
Oshana	1 241	228	608	195
Oshikoto	876	175	220	57
Otjozondjupa	1 673	502	935	8
Zambezi	456	51	105	151
Total	15 999	4 547	13 456	3 342

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered, 24 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	41 895	37 480	161 966	23%	1 432	1 095
Hardap	27 678	24 337	69 121	35%	541	447
Kharas	22 962	19 602	69 786	28%	815	491
Kavango East	38 591	30 592	105 223	26%	1 264	1 011
Kavango West	28 520	24 416	57 210	38%	434	388
Khomas	100 968	88 901	362 620	24%	4 065	3 055
Kunene	27 166	22 805	72 991	30%	678	526
Ohangwena	28 329	24 508	174 546	14%	855	684
Omaheke	19 820	15 511	53 002	29%	382	272
Omusati	27 710	24 616	179 370	14%	1 000	790
Oshana	23 607	21 231	143 395	15%	1 612	1 331
Oshikoto	22 810	20 644	144 912	14%	881	770
Otjozondjupa	33 732	30 220	112 119	27%	911	666
Zambezi	8 454	7 772	73 010	11%	662	614
Total	452 242	392 635	1 779 271	22%	15 532	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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