



Ministry of Health and Social Services  
Republic of Namibia

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 89			
Outbreak Name	<i>COVID-19 outbreak</i>	Country affected	<i>Namibia</i>
Date & Time of this report	<i>15.06.2020 00:00 hrs</i>	Investigation start date	<i>13 March 2020</i>
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1. **SITUATION UPDATE / HIGHLIGHTS**

- Two new confirmed cases were recorded today (15 June 2020)
- Cumulatively, **34** confirmed cases have been reported in the country.
- Of the **34** confirmed cases, eighteen **18 (52.9%)** have recovered.
- Twenty-eight **28 (82.4%)** of the confirmed cases are imported while **6 (17.6%)** are local transmissions.
- Two Namibian truck drivers from Gobabis tested positive of COVID-19 in Botswana.
- No death has been recorded, case fatality rate is **0%**
- On 08 June 2020, His Excellency, The President of the Republic of Namibia announced the extension of the Stage 1 restrictions imposed on the Walvis Bay Local Authority Area to the entire Erongo region;
  - Effective from midnight 08 June 2020 until midnight 22 June 2020.
- The other regions are still under Stage 3 of national lockdown which covers a period of 28 days (01 June 2020 – 29 June 2020).

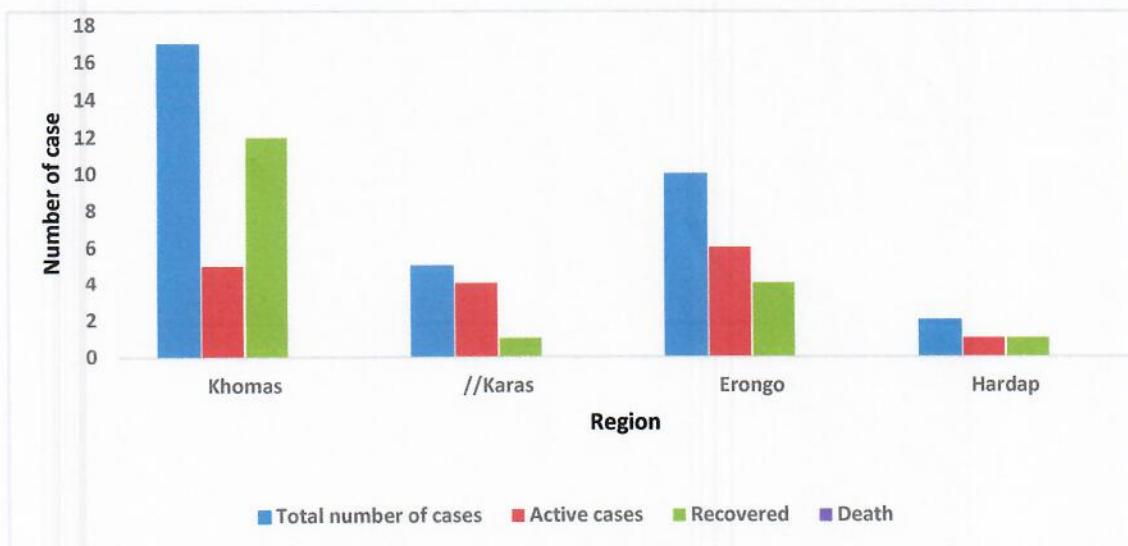
## 2. BACKGROUND

### Description of the cases

- **Index cases:** Two confirmed cases of COVID-19 were reported in Windhoek district on 13 March 2020. The married couple; a 35-years-old male and a 25-years-old female, arrived from Madrid, Spain on 11 March 2020.
- On 15 June 2020, Namibia recorded two new confirmed cases, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 34.
  - Case 33 is a 35-years old Namibian male with South African citizenship who travelled from SA on 14 June 2020. He was put into quarantine in Khomas Region.
  - Case 34 is a 39-years old Namibian female from Walvis Bay, Erongo Region. She is a contact of case number 32.

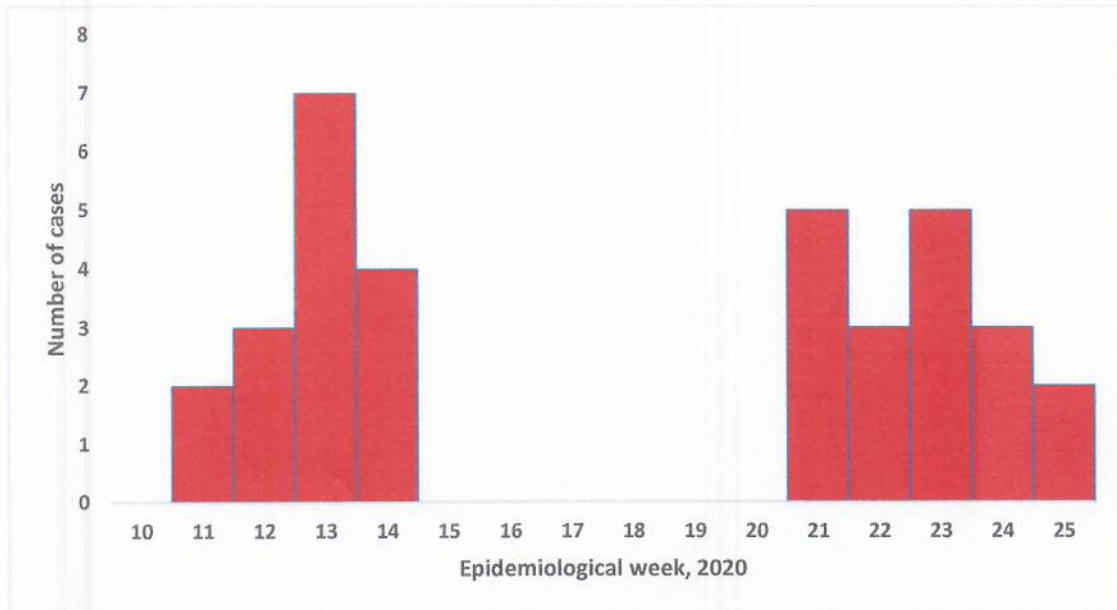
## 3. EPIDEMIOLOGY

Since 14 March, 2020 when the COVID-19 outbreak was declared in Namibia, a total of **34** cases have been confirmed. So far, four (4) regions have been affected, of which Khomas region recorded the highest number of cases; **17 (50%)**, while Hardap region recorded the least; **2 (5.9%)**, as per **figure 1**, below



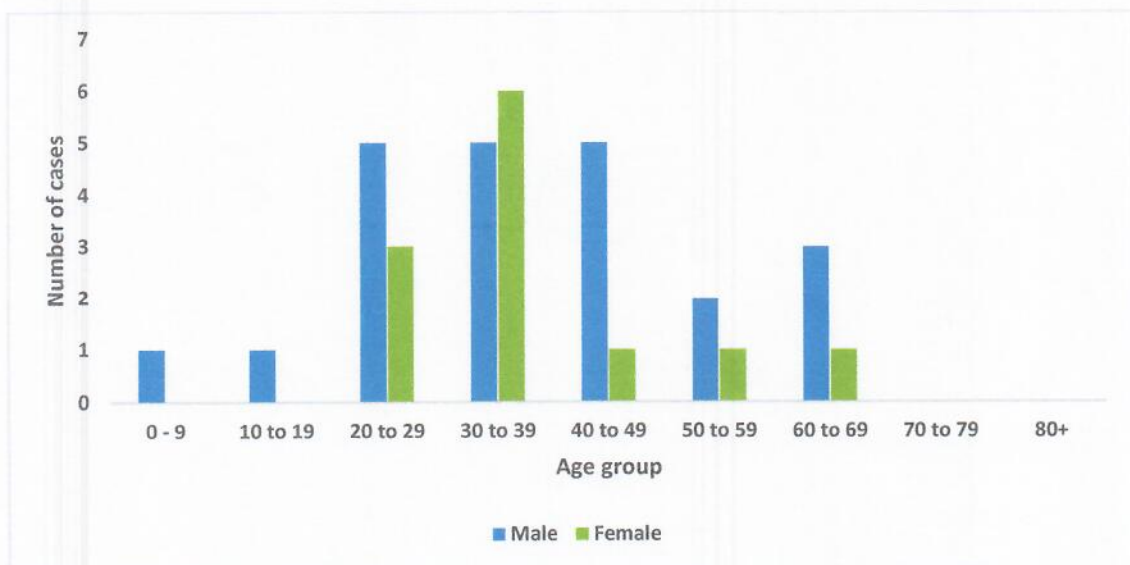
*Figure 1 Distribution of Confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia, by region as of 15 June 2020*

Namibia recorded its cases of COVID-19 during the epidemiological weeks displayed in figure 2 below.

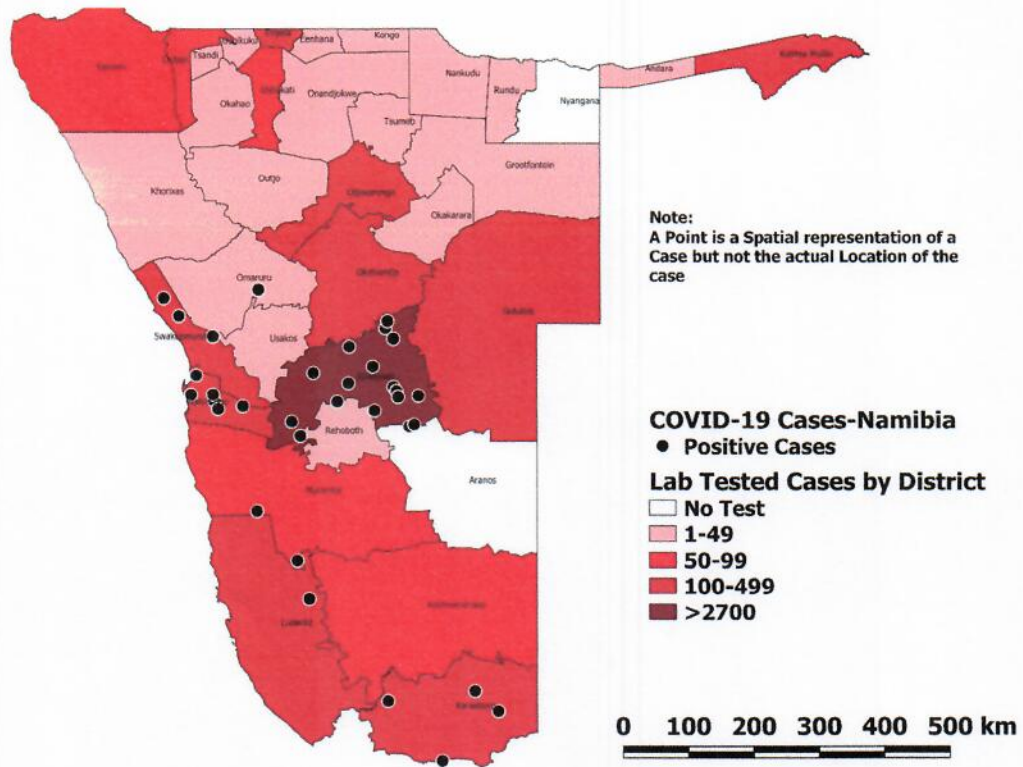


*Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia as of 15 June 2020*

As presented in figure 3 below, more male cases are recorded; **22 (64.7%)** comparing to female cases; **12 (35.3%)**.



*Figure 3: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases in Namibia as of 15 June 2020*



*Figure 4: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 15 June 2020*

#### 4. PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION / RESPONSE INTERVENTIONS AND SURVEILLANCE

- **Case definitions as of 20 March 2020:**

**Suspected case:**

A. A patient with acute respiratory illness (fever and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory disease, e.g., cough, shortness of breath), AND a history of travel to or residence in a location reporting community transmission of COVID-19 disease during the 14 days prior to symptom onset; OR

B. A patient with any acute respiratory illness AND having been in contact with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case in the last 14 days prior to symptom onset; OR

C. A patient with severe acute respiratory illness (fever and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory disease, e.g., cough, shortness of breath; AND

requiring hospitalization) AND in the absence of an alternative diagnosis that fully explains the clinical presentation.

**Probable case:** A suspect case for whom testing for COVID-19 is inconclusive. Inconclusive being the result of the test reported by the laboratory

**Confirmed case:** A person with laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 infection, irrespective of clinical signs and symptoms

- **Active surveillance working case definition as of 20 April 2020**

A patient diagnosed with Upper/Lower Respiratory Infection (Mild or Severe) presenting any of the following signs and symptoms: cough, sore throat, fever, chills, myalgia/body pains or shortness of breath in the past 7 days.

- **Surveillance activities**

- Call centre continue operations for 24 hours every day; **697** calls were answered at the hotline today (15.06.2020) and **7** alerts were investigated.
- Namibia COVID-19 dashboard accessible via a link on the MoHSS's website <http://www.mhss.gov.na/> or at <https://cutt.ly/Covid-19-situation-Namibia>
- Active case search in all regions is on going.
- Contact tracing and monitoring is ongoing (**see Table 1**).
- Mandatory supervised quarantine of all persons arriving from abroad is ongoing (**see Table 2**).
  - All people are tested upon entry into mandatory quarantine for rapid detection of positive cases.
  - All people in quarantine are monitored daily for 14 days and are being tested twice ( upon arrival and on day 12 before release on day 15 if they test negative).

## CONTACT TRACING SUMMARY

*Table 1: National contacts tracing summary for COVID-19 as of 15 June 2020*

Variables	High	Medium	Low	Total
Total Number of contacts listed for follow up (potential)	200	100	282	582
Total Number of contacts identified (cumulative)	200	100	266	566
Total number of Contacts never reached	0	0	16	16
Total Number of contacts lost to follow up	0	2	5	7
Total Number of contacts that developed signs & symptoms	28	9	9	46
Total Number of contacts that tested positive (became cases)	4	1	0	5
Number of active contacts monitored/followed in the last 24hrs	37	4	19	60
Total number of Contacts completed 14-days follow up	159	95	240	494

As of 15 June 2020, a total of **566** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified. A total of **494** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, **60** are still active and being monitored daily for 14 days and all were monitored today. **(Table 1)**.

The National and Regional team is supporting the Walvis Bay district team in reviewing recent cases and contacts to rule out possible community transmission and to identify possible COVID-19 transmission hot spots for enhanced response.

*Table 2: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities as of 15 June 2020*

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number of people	Number people discharged	Number of people in quarantine now
Kunene	0	53	53	0
Omaheke	0	94	57	37
Kavango	6	71	53	18
Omusati	0	102	87	15
Oshana	0	30	20	10
Ohangwena	13	203	167	36
Hardap	3	151	140	11
Otjozondjupa	3	331	326	5
Khomas	3	911	622	289
Zambezi	15	376	301	75
//Kharas	52	407	324	83
Erongo	4	146	114	32
Oshikoto	0	42	41	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>2917</b>	<b>2305</b>	<b>612</b>

As of 15 June 2020, a total of **2917** persons who came into the country have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country. Of the 2917, **2305** have been discharged and **612** are currently quarantined (**Table 2**).

### LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS

- As of 15 June 2020, a total of **5943** (including **507 re-tested**) COVID-19 specimens have been tested in the two laboratories (NIP and Path Care) as per **Table 3** below:

*Table 3: COVID-19 specimens recorded at NIP and Path care Laboratories as of 15 June 2020*

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	4849	1187	-	6036
<b>Total sample tested</b>	<b>4284</b>	<b>1152</b>	-	<b>5436</b>
Total sample re-tested	480	27	-	507
<b>Total results positive</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>34</b>
Total results negative	4258	1145	-	5403
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Total results pending	17	0	-	17
Total results inconclusive/indeterminate	0	0	-	0
Total new suspected cases in last 24 hours	62	0	-	62

### COUNTRY COORDINATION, PLANNING AND MONITORING

- A delegation has been sent to Erongo region to give technical support for two weeks from 11 - 25 June 2020.
- Another delegation was sent to Omaheke Region today (15 June 2020) to give 2 days technical support.
- Drafted and submitted a concept note for integrated support visits to other regions (Zambezi, Kavango, Ohangwena, Omusati, Kunene, Karas and Oshana region) to management.

### **CASE MANAGEMENT:**

- Out of the 34 cumulative confirmed cases, 18 have recovered after testing negative twice for COVID-19 at 48 hours' interval.
- Of the 16 active cases, 1 is still in ICU but in a stable and improving condition. The other 15 are clinically stable.

### **INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL:**

- IPC activities are on going:
  - Distribution of PPE according to the Regional plans
  - Monitoring of IPC in health facilities

### **LOGISTICS.**

- Received a donation of 35 laptops (each with a bag and a mouse), and 37 tablets from Old Mutual Namibia for surveillance pillar.
  - The electronic devices were issued to the surveillance team.
- Facilitation of the allocation of quarantine facilities around the country and transportation of discharged people from quarantine facilities is ongoing.
- A donation was received from UNICEF on 13 June 2020 containing:
  - N95 Masks – 27 670
  - Xl Coveralls – 47 800
  - Thermometers – 200

### **POINTS OF ENTRY:**

- Ongoing screening and inspection of incoming travellers and trucks at points of entry and check points.



*Table 4. Distribution of truck drivers who came into Namibia from neighboring countries and their destination regions on 15 June 2020*

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Zambia	Botswana	DRC	Angola	Zimbabwe	
Karas	52	0	0	0	0	0	52
Khomas	50	0	0	0	3	0	53
Oshana	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Otjozondjupa	5	1	1	0	1	0	8
Kavango	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Ohangwena	5	0	0	0	2	0	7
Hardap	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Omusati	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oshikoto	4	0	0	0	1	0	5
Zambezi	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Erongo	5	38	0	2	0	0	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>177</b>

The majority **127(72%)** of the truck drivers departed from South Africa to various regions. The largest number (**53**) of truck drivers were headed to Khomas Region (**Table 4**).

#### **RISK COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

- The sms project with MTC and TN Mobile has resumed. A set of messages on COVID-19 have been developed. The messages are aimed at giving tips on the use of masks, prevention mechanisms and on nutritional guidelines. The messages will be shared with all MTC and TN mobile users as from the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
- An additional 2000 copies of the Community Engagement toolkit printed by UNAIDS have been received and the distribution has commenced.
- The media monitoring activities still continues with aim of showing how the public is interacting with the IEC materials.
- Distribution of IEC Materials to schools is on-going.
- A total of 400 community engagement toolkits have been delivered to the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture. This will enable the schools to facilitate educational sessions on COVID-19.

- A google drive has been created to save all final copies of the materials produced for COVID – 19. These materials are to be shared with the IT department for uploading on the Ministerial website.
- The National Statistics Agency presented a tool to the RCCE team. The design of this tool assists in the analysis of information on social media and detection of fake news.

#### **PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES:**

- Continous provision of health education, psychosocial support services to persons in need;
  - Confirmed cases and their families
  - People in quarantine

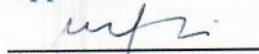
#### **5. CHALLENGES:**

- Inadequate isolation units at health facilities in the regions.
- Inadquate PPE
- Inadequate nasopharyngeal swabs and appropriate transport media.

#### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS AND WAY FORWARD:**

- Establish fully equipped isolation units at health facilities in the regions.
- Logistics pillar to continue with the procurement and distribution of sufficient PPE to the regions to ensure that response is not interrupted.
- NIP to continue sourcing for swabs and appropriate transport media.

Approved:



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