HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (29/06/2020)

- The country has entered into Stage 4 of the State of Emergency as of today (29 June 2020 - 17 September 2020)
- Erongo region is in Stage 3 with restrictions in Walvis Bay, Swakopmund, and Arandis Local Authority Areas (from 22 June 2020 until 23h59 of 06 July 2020).

- Oshana region reported its first confirmed case today. The case is imported.
- One-hundred-and-sixty-one 161 (79.3%) cases are local transmissions while forty-two 42 (20.7%) are imported.
- Cumulatively, fifty-six 56 cases were identified during active case search.
- Eight of the 14 regions have reported confirmed cases with Erongo region reporting the highest number of cases; 160 (78.8%).
- More female cases 126 (62.1%) were recorded compared to male cases 77 (37.9%).
- Of the 20 cases reported today, 13 are symptomatic, while 7 are asymptomatic.

STAGE 4 COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS:
- Public gatherings shall not exceed 250 persons (including weddings, funerals, and religious gatherings)
- All persons traveling from abroad including tourists must provide a 72-hours valid COVID-19 negative results certificate, and will be subjected to mandatory supervised quarantine at their own cost.
EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

Namibia has recorded a total of 203 confirmed cases since 13 March 2020. Most, 92 (45.3%) of the cases were recorded during week 26 (Figure 2).

- A high number of cases were recorded in the past two weeks as a result of:
  - Spread of local transmission in Walvis Bay district
  - Increased active case search and testing, averaging 300 daily in the past few days
- A total of 875 people are currently in quarantine with 47 new admissions. Since March 2020, 44 people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Call centre continues operation for 24 hours daily; 1326 calls were answered with 8 alerts investigated

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 29 June 2020

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<th>Total No. of cases</th>
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- The most affected ages are within 20 and 39 years 126 (62.1%). Those aged 60 and above constitute 10 (4.9%) of those affected.
- In Namibia, more female 126 (62.1%) are affected.
Since the beginning of the outbreak, **1498** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, no new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours. Cumulatively, **648** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **99** out of **811** active contacts were monitored today.

Since March 2020, **3838** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.

A total of **265** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours, of which **33.2%** were heading to Khomas region, while **27.9%** were heading to Erongo region.

**PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION**

- IPC Standard Operating Procedures for the Aviation Industry and Correctional Facilities under development.
- Integrated teams sent to Kavango and Zambezi regions to give technical support for a period of 7 days.
- Regions have intensified surveillance on travellers from Erongo region for early case detection.
- Targeted testing in Walvis Bay is ongoing.
- Stage 4 State of Emergency COVID-19 Regulations were gazetted on 28.06.2020

**CHALLENGES**

- Inadequate isolation units, at health facilities in the regions.
- Inadequate PPE
- Inadequate nasopharyngeal swabs and appropriate transport media.
- Prolonged turn-around time of results at NIP.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 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.
- Enhance laboratory testing capacity through out the country

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