



Ministry of Health and Social Services  
Republic of Namibia

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 114			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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**HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (10/07/2020)**

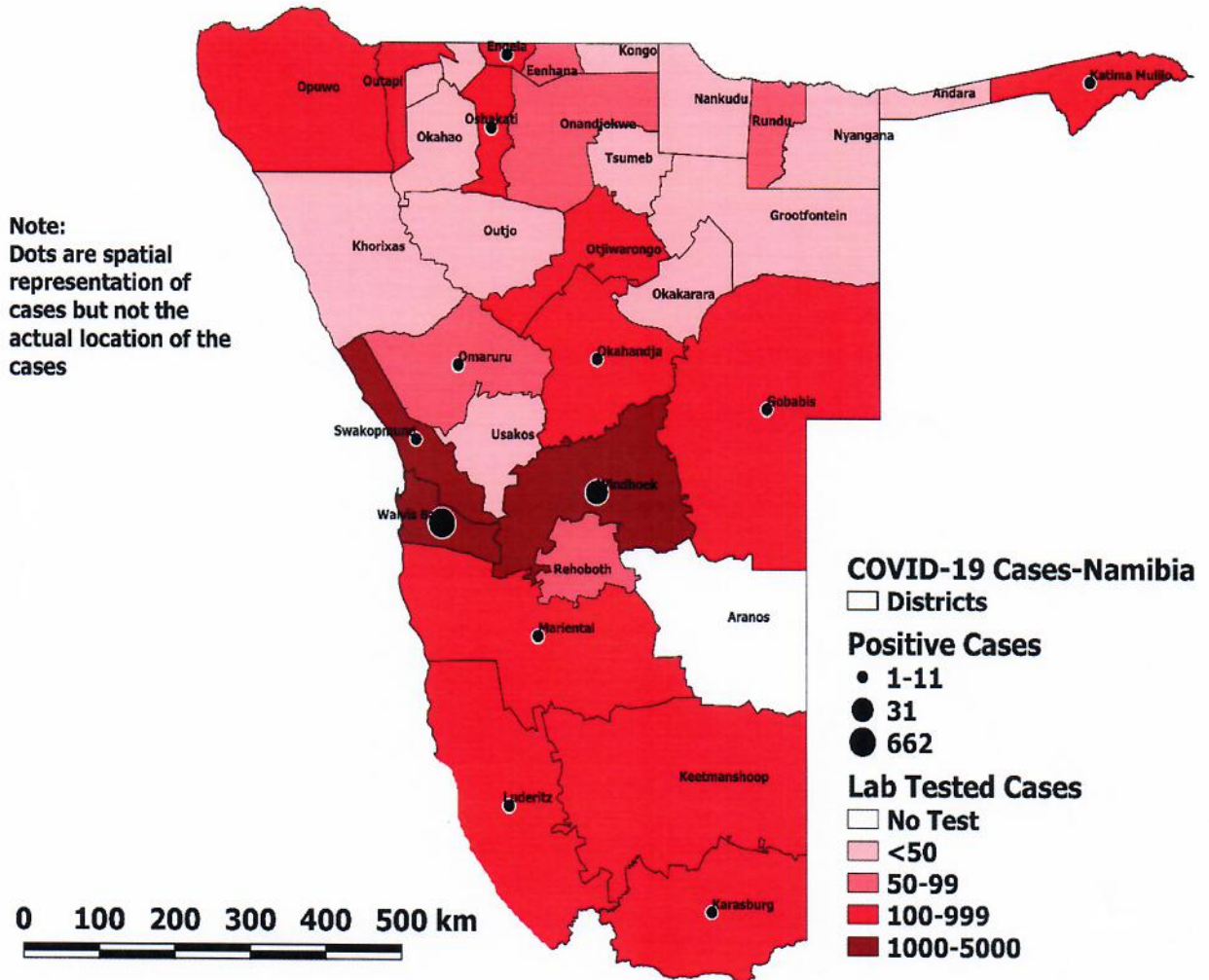
- ⊙ The country is in Stage 4 of the State of Emergency (29 June 2020 -17 September 2020)
- ⊙ Walvis Bay, Swakopmund, and Arandis Local Authority Areas in Erongo region will remain in Stage 3 (from 07 July 2020 until 23h59 of 03 August 2020).

Total	Today
Tested 13805	Tested 444
Confirmed 713	Confirmed 45
Active 687	Active 687
Recovered 25	Recovered 0
Death 1	Death 0

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- ⊙ **Namibia has recorded its first COVID-19 death case on 09 July 2020.**
- ⊙ Cumulatively, **665 (93.3%)** cases are local transmissions while **48 (6.7%)** are imported.
- ⊙ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **156** 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; **645 (91.7%)**.
- ⊙ More female cases **381 (53.4%)** were recorded compared to male cases **332 (46.6%)**.

*Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 10 July 2020*



Namibia has recorded a total of **713** confirmed cases since 13 March 2020. Most, **339 (47.5%)** of the cases were recorded during week 28 (Figure 2).

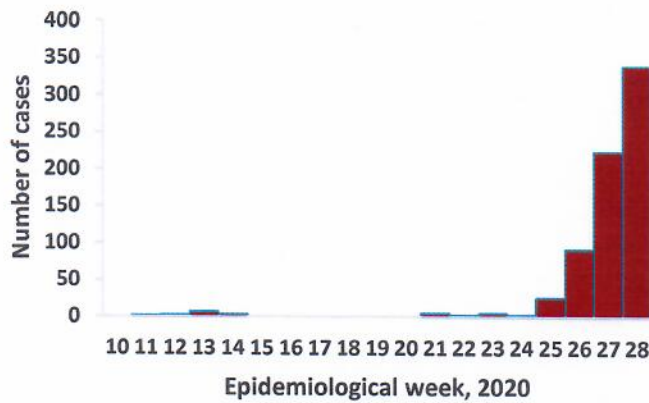


Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 10 July 2020

- ⊙ A high number of cases were recorded in the past three 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.
- ⊙ Call centre continues operation for 24 hours daily; **1448** calls were answered with **32** alerts investigated over the past 24hrs.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 10 July 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered
Erongo	654	645	8
Hardap	6	5	1
//Kharas	9	7	2
Khomas	31	17	14
Oshana	4	4	0
Otjozondjupa	5	5	0
Zambezi	2	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>25</b>

- ⊙ Eight (8) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **654 (91.7%)** followed by Khomas **31 (4.3%)**.
- ⊙ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **2234** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **3** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours. Cumulatively, **1059** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **148** out of **1142** active contacts were monitored today.

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories 10 July 2020

variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	11843	2082	-	13925
Total sample tested	10542	1967	-	12509
Total sample re-tested	1189	107	-	1296
Total positive results	596	116	1	713
Total negative results	9946	1851	-	11797
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Invalid results	1	0	-	1
Total pending results	43	0	-	43
Suspected cases in 24 hours	342	102	-	444

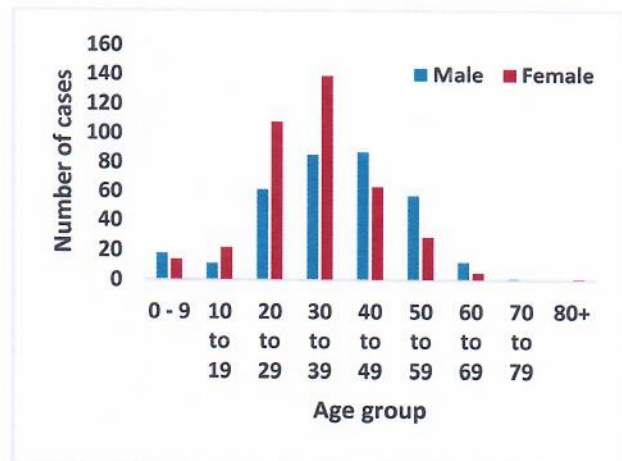
- ⊙ To date, **13805** tests have been conducted by NIP & PathCare laboratories (including **13805** re-tests).

**Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 10 July 2020**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Kunene	0	96	75	21
Omaheke	0	118	118	0
Kavango	3	100	89	11
Omusati	1	121	118	3
Oshana	0	117	42	75
Ohangwena	1	307	234	73
Hardap	5	257	218	39
Otjozondjupa	0	412	370	42
Khomas	17	1344	1120	224
Zambezi	5	451	403	48
//Kharas	0	532	440	92
Erongo	0	466	331	135
Oshikoto	0	86	68	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4407</b>	<b>3626</b>	<b>781</b>

- ⊙ Since March 2020, **4407** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- ⊙ A total of **781** people are currently in quarantine with **32** new admissions.
- ⊙ Since March 2020, **45** people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.

- ⊙ The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **543 (76.2%)**.
- ⊙ Those aged 60 and above constitute **19 (2.7%)** of those affected.
- ⊙ In Namibia, more female **381 (53.4%)** are affected.



**Figure 3: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 10 July 2020**

**Table 4. Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighboring countries and destination regions on 10 July 2020**

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Zambia	Botswana	DRC	Angola	Tanzania	
//Kharas	78	0	0	0	0	0	78
Khomas	49	0	8	0	0	0	57
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	4	0	1	0	0	0	5
Otjozondjupa	7	2	4	0	0	0	13
Kavango	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Ohangwena	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hardap	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Oshikoto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Erongo	10	38	15	0	0	0	63
<b>Total</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>228</b>

- ⊙ A total of **228** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- ⊙ Of these trucks, **34.2%** were heading to //Kharas, **27.6%** to Erongo while **25%** were heading to Khomas region.

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- ⊙ Regions have enhanced social mobilization on COVID-19
- ⊙ Targeted testing in Walvis Bay is ongoing
- ⊙ Integrated teams sent to Omusati and Oshana regions to give technical support for a period of 9 days
- ⊙ Regions have intensified surveillance on travellers from Erongo region for early case detection


### 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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