Ministry of Health and Social Services  
Republic of Namibia  

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 104

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<td>30.06.2020 21:30 hrs</td>
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Prepared by: Surveillance Team

HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (30/06/2020)

- The country has entered into Stage 4 of the State of Emergency (29 June 2020 - 17 September 2020).
- Eroango 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).

Total | Today
---|---
Tested 9700 | Tested 542
Confirmed 257 | Confirmed 54
Active 233 | Active 233
Recovered 24 | Recovered 0
Death 0 | Death 0

- Two-hundred-and-fourteen 214 (83.3\%) cases are local transmissions while forty-three 43 (16.7\%) are imported.
- Cumulatively, eighty-one (81) cases were identified during active case search.
- Eight of the 14 regions have reported confirmed cases with Eroango region reporting the highest number of cases; 212 (82.5\%).
- More female cases 154 (60.0\%) were recorded compared to male cases 103 (40.1\%).
- Of the 54 cases reported today, 29 are symptomatic, while 25 are asymptomatic.

![Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 30 June 2020](https://cutt.ly/Covid-19-situation-Namibia)

Dashboard information can be accessed at: https://cutt.ly/Covid-19-situation-Namibia

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 257 confirmed cases since 13 March 2020. Most, 107 (41.6%) of the cases were recorded during week 27 (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.
- Call centre continues operation for 24 hours daily; 1979 calls were answered with 22 alerts investigated over the past 24hrs.

Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases as, 30 June 2020

- Eight (8) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest 212 (82.5%) followed by Khomas 25 (9.7%).
- Ohangwena have reported the least confirmed cases (0.3%).
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, 1756 contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, no new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours. Cumulatively, 689 contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while 99 out of 1060 active contacts were monitored today.

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<th>Total No. of cases</th>
<th>Active cases</th>
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<td>Oshana</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 30 June 2020

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<td>7370 1502 - 8872</td>
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<td>Total sample re-tested</td>
<td>757 70 - 827</td>
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<td>Total positive results</td>
<td>239 17 1 257</td>
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<td>Total negative results</td>
<td>7131 1485 - 8616</td>
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<td>Total sample discarded</td>
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<td>42 0 - 42</td>
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<td>Total new suspected cases in last 24 hours</td>
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Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories 30 June 2020

- To date, 9700 tests have been conducted by NIP & PathCare laboratories (including 827 re-tests).
- The highest number of tests were from Khomas (3408) and the lowest from Kavango-West region (13).
The most affected ages are within 20 and 39 years 161 (62.6%). Those aged 60 and above constitute 10 (3.9%) of those affected.

In Namibia, more female 154 (60.0%) are affected.

Since March 2020, 3867 people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.

A total of 879 people are currently in quarantine with 29 new admissions.

Since March 2020, 44 people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.

A total of 196 trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours, of which 33.7% were heading to Khomas region, while 32.1% were heading to Erongo region.
PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- Thirty-two (32) Community-Based Health Workers were trained at Swakopmund District, Erongo Region.
- IPC Protocol for assessing the Health Care Worker’s Risk for COVID-19 were developed.
- Assessing and supervising PPE procurement capacity is ongoing.
- 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 June 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.

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