



**Ministry of Health and Social Services
Republic of Namibia**

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 113

Outbreak Name	<i>COVID-19 outbreak</i>	Country affected	<i>Namibia</i>
Date & Time of this report	<i>09.07.2020 21:30 hrs</i>	Investigation start Date	<i>13 March 2020</i>
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (09/07/2020)

- ⊙ 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 are in Erongo region will remain in Stage 3 (from 07 July 2020 until 23h59 of 03 August 2020).

- ⊙ **Namibia has recorded its first COVID-19 death case today** (09.07.2020)
- ⊙ Cumulatively, **620 (92.8%)** cases are local transmissions while **48 (7.2%)** are imported.
- ⊙ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **152** 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; **610 (91.5%)**.
- ⊙ More female cases **364 (54.5%)** were recorded compared to male cases **304 (45.5%)**.



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

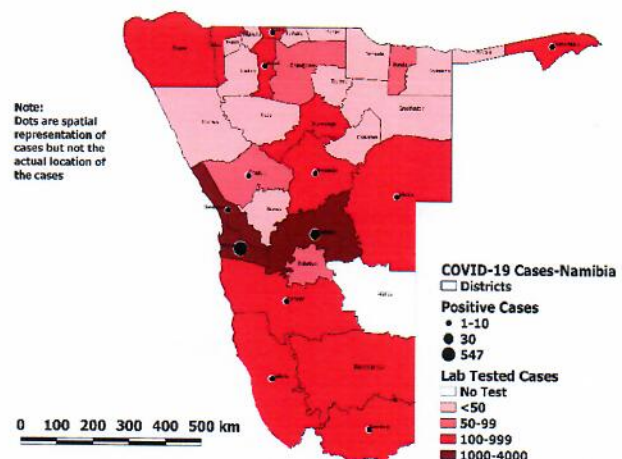


Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 09 July 2020

Death Case update:

Age: 45-years old
Gender: Male
Region: Erongo
Nationality: Namibian
 He presented with symptoms of dizziness, cough, and difficulty breathing at Walvis Bay Hospital.
 Showed signs of severe renal failure and sepsis.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

Namibia has recorded a total of **668** confirmed cases since 13 March 2020. Most, **294 (44.0%)** of the cases were recorded during week 28 (Figure 2).

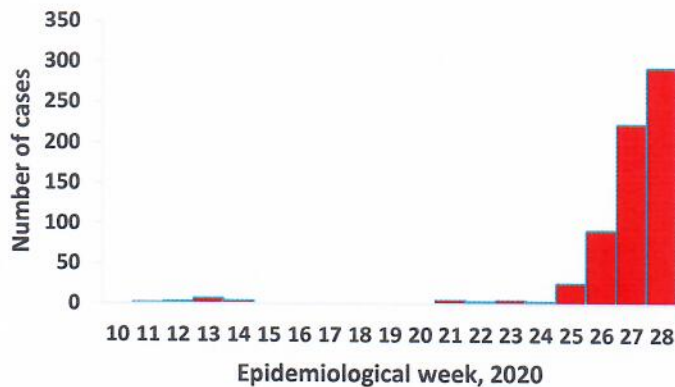


Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 09 July 2020

- ⊙ 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; **1360** calls were answered with **15** alerts investigated over the past 24hrs.

- ⊙ Eight (8) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **610 (91.3%)** followed by Khomas **31 (4.6%)**.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 09 July 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered
Erongo	610	601	8
Hardap	6	5	1
//Kharas	8	6	2
Khomas	31	17	14
Ohangwena	2	2	0
Oshana	4	4	0
Otjozondjupa	5	5	0
Zambezi	2	2	0
Total	668	642	25

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories 09 July 2020

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	11388	1980	-	13368
Total sample tested	10200	1865	-	12065
Total sample re-tested	1076	107	-	1183
Total positive results	563	104	1	668
Total negative results	9637	176	-	11398
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Invalid results	1	0	-	1
Total pending results	43	0	-	43
Suspected cases in 24 hours	119	48	-	167

- ⊙ To date, **13248** tests have been conducted by NIP & PathCare laboratories (including 1183 re-tests).

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 09 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	0	97	73	24
Omusati	0	120	118	2
Oshana	0	117	42	75
Ohangwena	0	306	231	75
Hardap	0	252	218	34
Otjozondjupa	0	412	368	44
Khomas	24	1327	1085	242
Zambezi	8	446	391	55
//Kharas	41	532	438	94
Erongo	0	466	331	135
Oshikoto	0	86	62	24
Total	73	4375	3550	825

- ⊙ Since March 2020, **4375** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- ⊙ A total of **825** people are currently in quarantine with **73** new admissions.
- ⊙ Since March 2020, **93** people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.

- ⊙ The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **517 (77.4%)**.
- ⊙ Those aged 60 and above constitute **2.8%** (19) of those affected.
- ⊙ In Namibia, more female **364 (54.5%)** are affected.

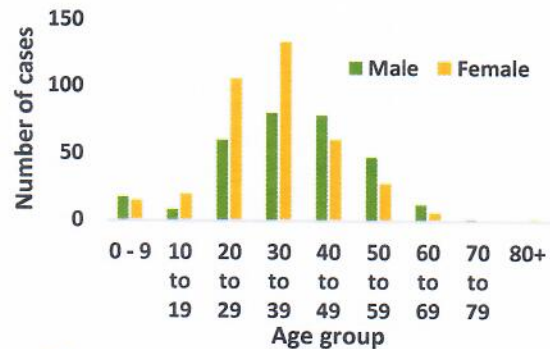


Figure 3: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 09 July 2020

Table 4. Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighboring countries and destination regions on 09 July 2020

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Zambia	Botswana	DRC	Angola	Tanzania	
//Kharas	74	0	0	0	0	0	74
Khomas	106	0	5	0	8	0	119
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Otjozondjupa	6	1	3	0	0	0	10
Kavango	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Ohangwena	3	0	0	0	1	0	4
Hardap	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oshikoto	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Zambezi	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Erongo	4	25	6	0	0	0	35
Total	207	26	16	0	10	0	259

- ⊙ A total of **259** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- ⊙ Of these trucks, **45.9%** were heading to Khomas region, **28.6%** to //Kharas while **13.5%** were heading to Erongo 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

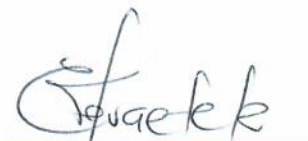
- ⊙ Establish fully equipped isolation units at health facilities in the regions.
- ⊙ Logistics pillar to continue with the procurement and distribution of sufficient PPE to the regions to ensure that response is not interrupted.
- ⊙ NIP to continue sourcing for swabs and appropriate transport media.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

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