Ministry of Health and Social Services
Republic of Namibia

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 116

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<th>Outbreak Name</th>
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<td>12.07.2020 23:00 hrs</td>
<td>Investigation start Date</td>
<td>13 March 2020</td>
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<td>Prepared by</td>
<td>Surveillance Team</td>
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (12/07/2020)

- 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).

![Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases](image)

Epidemiological week, 2020

Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases
12 July 2020

Namibia has recorded a total of 861 COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to 339 (39.4%) of the total cases were recorded during week 28 (Figure 1).

- 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; 1479 calls were answered with 14 alerts, today.

- Two recoveries have been recorded today (12 July 2020) from Erongo region.
- Cumulatively, 810 (94.1%) cases are local transmissions while 51 (5.9%) 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; 796 (92.5%).
- More female cases 438 (50.9%) were recorded compared to male cases 423 (49.1%).

Eight (8) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest 796 (92.5%) followed by Khomas 33 (3.8%).

Since the beginning of the outbreak, 2287 contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, 18 new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours. Cumulatively, 1102 contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while 161 out of 1154 active contacts were monitored today.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 12 July 2020

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Total No. of cases</th>
<th>Active cases</th>
<th>Recovered</th>
<th>Death</th>
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<td>Hardap</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>861</strong></td>
<td><strong>832</strong></td>
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Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Pathcare Laboratories
12 July 2020

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<td>NIP</td>
<td>Path</td>
<td>South</td>
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<td>Total sample received by the Laboratory</td>
<td>12829</td>
<td>2403</td>
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<td>15232</td>
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<td>Total sample tested</td>
<td>11324</td>
<td>2288</td>
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<td>Total sample re-tested</td>
<td>1393</td>
<td>107</td>
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<td>Total positive results</td>
<td>682</td>
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<td>Total negative results</td>
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<td>Suspected cases in 24 hours</td>
<td>437</td>
<td>158</td>
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<td>595</td>
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To date, **15112** tests have been conducted by NIP & PathCare laboratories (including **1500** re-tests).

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 12 July 2020

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<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Newly quarantined 24 hours</th>
<th>Cumulative number</th>
<th>Number discharged</th>
<th>Number in quarantine now</th>
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<td>13</td>
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Since March 2020, **4433** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.

A total of **738** people are currently in quarantine with **13** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

Since March 2020, **99** people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.

The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **669** (77.7%).
Those aged 60 and above constitute **19** (2.2%) of those affected.

Figure 3: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 12 July 2020
Table 4. Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighboring countries and destination regions on 12 July 2020

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<th>Destination</th>
<th>Country of departure</th>
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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 throughout the country

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