



Ministry of Health and Social Services
Republic of Namibia

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 137			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time of this report	02.08.2020 21:00 hrs	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (02/08/2020)

- The country is in Stage 4 of the State of Emergency (4 August 2020 -17 September 2020)
- Walvis Bay, Swakopmund, and Arandis Local Authority Areas in Erongo region's Stage 3 is extended (from 04 August 2020 until 23h59 of 31 August 2020).
- One (1) fatality has been recorded today (02/08/2020).
- To-date, **45** Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Cumulatively, **2332 (96.9%)** cases are local transmissions while **74 (3.1%)** are imported.
- There is evidence of a clustered community transmission in Erongo region (Table 1)
- Up to **1429** confirmed cases in Erongo region are still to be placed in isolation facilities.
- More male cases **1412 (58.7%)** were recorded compared to female cases **994 (41.3%)**.

Total	Today
Tested 28261	Tested 737
Confirmed 2406	Confirmed 112
Active 2207	Active 2207
Recovered 187	Recovered 0
Death 12	Death 1

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 02 August 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers
Erongo	2148	1993	145	10	26
Hardap	9	4	5	0	0
//Kharas	35	30	5	0	1
Kavango East	2	2	0	0	0
Khomas	163	134	27	2	14
Kunene	1	1	0	0	0
Ohangwena	10	9	1	0	0
Omusati	2	2	0	0	0
Oshana	10	8	2	0	1
Oshikoto	2	2	0	0	1
Otjozondjupa	18	18	0	0	0
Zambezi	6	4	2	0	2
Total	2406	2207	187	12	45

- ⊙ Twelve (12) of the 14 regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **2148 (89.3%)** followed by Khomas **163 (6.8%)**.

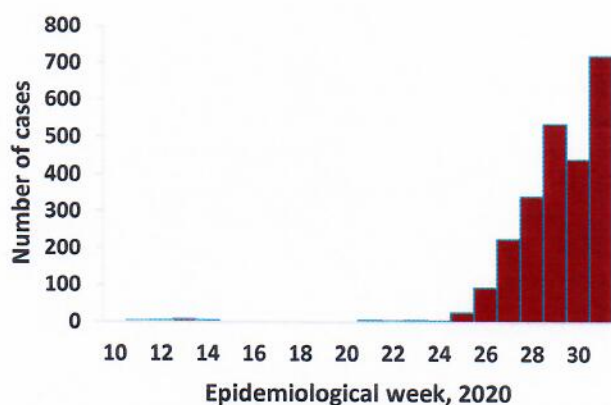


Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 02 August 2020

Namibia has recorded **2406** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **719 (30.0%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 31 (Figure 3).

- A high number of cases were recorded in the past four weeks as a result of:
 - Spread of local transmission in Walvis Bay district
 - Enhanced Active Case Search and testing, averaging 600 tests daily in the past weeks.
- Call centre continues operation for 24 hours daily. Today, **1263** calls were answered including **12** alerts.

➤ Since March 2020, **6615** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.

➤ A total of **1675** people are currently in quarantine with **59** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 02 August 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
<i>Erongo</i>	0	1624	822	802
<i>Hardap</i>	0	309	278	31
<i>Kavango</i>	5	167	118	49
<i>Khomas</i>	7	1563	1334	229
<i>//Kharas</i>	0	706	533	173
<i>Kunene</i>	2	182	120	62
<i>Ohangwena</i>	0	333	308	25
<i>Omaheke</i>	0	216	189	27
<i>Omusati</i>	4	173	136	37
<i>Oshana</i>	0	152	125	27
<i>Oshikoto</i>	0	116	89	27
<i>Otjozondjupa</i>	41	535	416	119
<i>Zambezi</i>	0	539	472	67
Total	59	6615	4940	1675

Table 4: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 02 August 2020

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Zimbabwe	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	
<i>//Kharas</i>	55	0	0	0	0	0	55
<i>Khomas</i>	92	0	6	4	0	0	102
<i>Omusati</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Oshana</i>	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
<i>Otjozondjupa</i>	11	0	3	0	0	0	14
<i>Kavango</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Ohangwena</i>	4	0	0	1	0	0	5
<i>Hardap</i>	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
<i>Kunene</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Omaheke</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Oshikoto</i>	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
<i>Zambezi</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Erongo</i>	32	0	12	1	0	44	89
Total	214	0	21	7	0	44	286

- A total of **286** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **35.7%** were heading to Khomas, **31.1%** to Erongo while **19.2%** were heading to //Kharas region.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

- To date, **28261** tests have been conducted by NIP & Path-Care laboratories (including **2406** re-tests).
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **5551** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **23** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours.
- Cumulatively, **1809** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **488** out of **3425** active contacts were monitored today.

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories 02 August 2020

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	21900	6483	-	28383
Total sample tested	19291	6229	-	25520
Total sample re-tested	2499	242	-	2741
Total positive results	1494	911	1	2406
Total negative results	17797	5318	-	23115
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Invalid results	1	0	-	1
Total pending results	41	0	-	41
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	-	4	-	4

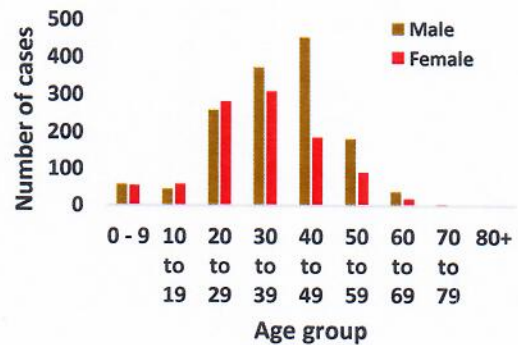


Figure 1: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 02 August 2020

- The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **1857 (77.2%)**.
- Those aged 60 and above constitute **62 (2.6%)** of those affected.

Note:
Dots are spatial representation of cases but not the actual location of the cases

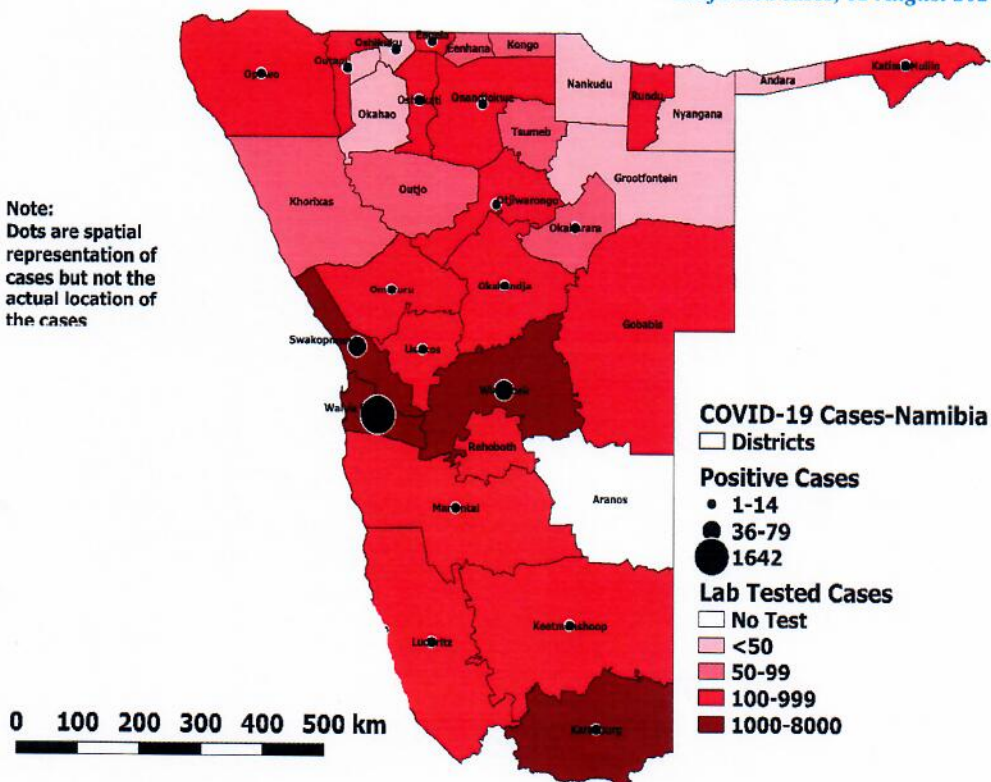


Figure 2: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 02 August 2020

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- National level continues to support the regions
- Regions have enhanced social mobilization on COVID-19
- Targeted testing in Walvis Bay is ongoing
- Regions have intensified surveillance on travellers from high risk areas for early case detection

CHALLENGES

- Inadequate Human resources in the regions
- Inadequate ICU facilities and ICU equipment at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.
- 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

- The Ministry to fast track the appointment of critical positions for the response in the regions
- Provision of fully equipped ICU facilities at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.
- 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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