



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 179			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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### HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (13/09/2020)

TOTAL	TODAY
Tested 79142	Tested 957
Confirmed 9818	Confirmed 99
Active 3022	Active 3022
Recovered 6693	Recovered 150
Death 103	Death 2

- A total of **9818** cases have been recorded in a population of approximately 2.5 Million people.
- Cumulatively, **9723 (99.0%)** cases are local transmissions while **95 (1.0 %)** are imported.
- To-date, **411 (4.2%)** Health Care Workers (HCWs) have tested positive for COVID-19
  - 277 (67.4%) State
  - 133 (32.4%) Private
  - 1 (0.2%) NGO
- Today (13/09/2020), **150** recoveries have been recorded from 5 regions.

- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Khomas reporting the highest **4604 (46.9%)** followed by Erongo **3710 (37.8%)**.
- Khomas region is currently the epicenter of the outbreak.

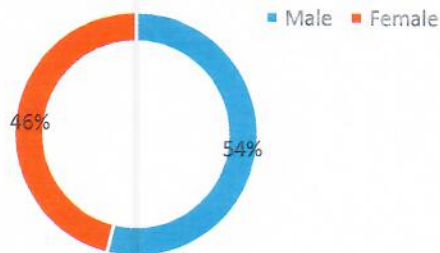
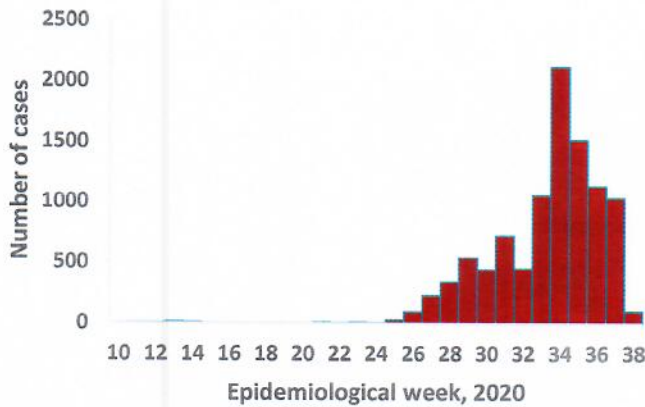


Figure 1: Sex distribution of COVID-19 Confirmed Cases, 13 September 2020

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 13 September 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers
Erongo	3710	526	3151	33	54
Hardap	265	101	160	4	16
//Kharas	298	136	158	4	7
Kavango East	92	19	70	3	15
Kavango West	8	4	3	1	1
Khomas	4604	1886	2669	49	271
Kunene	13	13	0	0	0
Ohangwena	110	26	82	2	6
Omaheke	59	14	44	1	1
Omusati	46	21	24	1	5
Oshana	190	39	148	3	10
Oshikoto	110	76	34	0	4
Otjozondjupa	248	151	95	2	13
Zambezi	65	10	55	0	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>9818</b>	<b>3022</b>	<b>6693</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>411</b>

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**Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases  
13 September 2020**

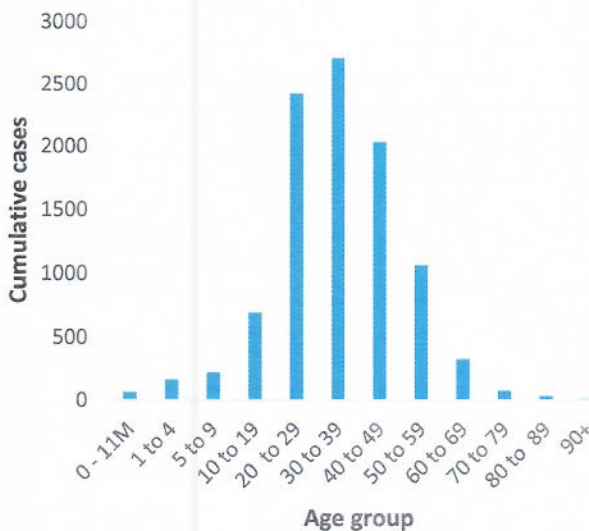
Up to **2123 (21.6%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 34 (Figure 2).

- A high number of cases were recorded in the past eight weeks as a result of:
  - Spread of local transmission in the country
  - Enhanced surveillance including active case search.
- Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily. Today, **1151** calls were answered including **6** alerts.

- To date, **79142** tests have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, and UNAM laboratories (including **4578** re-tests).
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **19892** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **82** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 9 regions.
- Cumulatively, **9807** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total **1333 (13.6%)** of the contacts have tested positive
- Today, **9296 (94.4%)** out of **9844** active contacts were monitored.

**Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories  
as of 13 September 2020**

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	79260
Total samples tested	74564
Total samples re-tested	4578
Total positive results	9818
Total negative results	64720
Total samples discarded	76
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	41
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	26
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	908



**Figure 3: Age distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases  
As of 13 September 2020**

- The 20-49 years age- brackets constitute **7177 (73.1%)** of the confirmed cases, while a sizable proportion of the 50-59 age group **1063 (10.8%)**.
- Among those aged 30-39, a significant proportion of males **1501 (55.3%)** are infected more than females **1215 (44.7%)**.
- The under 5 make up **226 (2.3%)** of the total cases.
- Aged 60 years and above constitute **440 (4.5%)** of the confirmed cases.

Table 3: Fatality summary as of 13 September 2020

Region	Cumulative no. of deaths	Deaths in 24 hours	Cumulative with co-morbidities
Erongo	33	1	30
Hardap	4	0	1
//Kharas	4	0	3
Kavango East	3	0	2
Kavango West	1	0	1
Khomas	49	1	46
Ohangwena	2	0	0
Omaheke	1	0	1
Omusati	1	0	0
Otjozondjupa	2	0	2
Oshana	3	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>88</b>

- Cumulatively, **88 (85.4%)** of the fatalities were known to have multiple co-morbidities.

Table 4: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 13 September 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers (24 Hours)
Erongo	1	3124	2932	192	0
Hardap	4	577	531	46	0
Kavango	0	426	384	42	0
Khomas	0	1967	1820	147	0
//Kharas	89	1534	1391	143	0
Kunene	6	435	368	67	0
Ohangwena	0	470	435	35	0
Omaheke	0	826	715	111	0
Omusati	0	273	268	5	0
Oshana	0	299	280	19	0
Oshikoto	0	729	543	186	0
Otjozondjupa	0	797	774	23	0
Zambezi	4	775	732	43	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>12232</b>	<b>11173</b>	<b>1059</b>	<b>0</b>

- Since March 2020, **12232** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **11173** people are currently in quarantine with **104** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

Table 5: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 12 September 2020

Destination	Origin						Total
	RSA	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zimbabwe	Zambia	
//Kharas	108	0	0	0	0	0	108
Khomas	107	8	6	0	0	1	122
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
Otjozondjupa	13	1	1	0	0	0	15
Kavango	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ohangwena	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hardap	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Kunene	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Omaheke	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Oshikoto	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Zambezi	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Erongo	9	9	3	0	0	33	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>320</b>

- A total of **320** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **122 (38.1%)** were heading to Khomas, **108 (33.8%)** to //Kharas while **54 (16.9%)** were heading to Erongo region.
- The remaining **36 (11.3%)** were heading to the other 8 regions.

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- Expansion of result collection sites around Windhoek is ongoing.
- Recruitment of local volunteers into the response in the districts and regions is ongoing.
- Weekly engagements with regions to ensure readiness for effective response.
- Public awareness on COVID-19 prevention measures is ongoing

### CHALLENGES

- Large data backlog - awaiting entry into excel data base and DHIS2.
- Inadequate ICU facilities and ICU equipment at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.
- Inadequate ambulances in the regions.
- Inadequate isolation units, at health facilities in the regions.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Fast tracking of efforts to use GoData app and DHIS2.
- Provision of fully equipped ICU facilities at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.
- Procurement of ambulances in the regions to ensure prompt response.
- Establish fully equipped isolation units at health facilities in the regions.

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