



### NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 201

<b>Outbreak Name</b>	COVID-19 outbreak	<b>Country affected</b>	Namibia
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	05.10.2020 19h00	<b>Investigation start Date</b>	13 March 2020
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#### HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (05/10/2020)

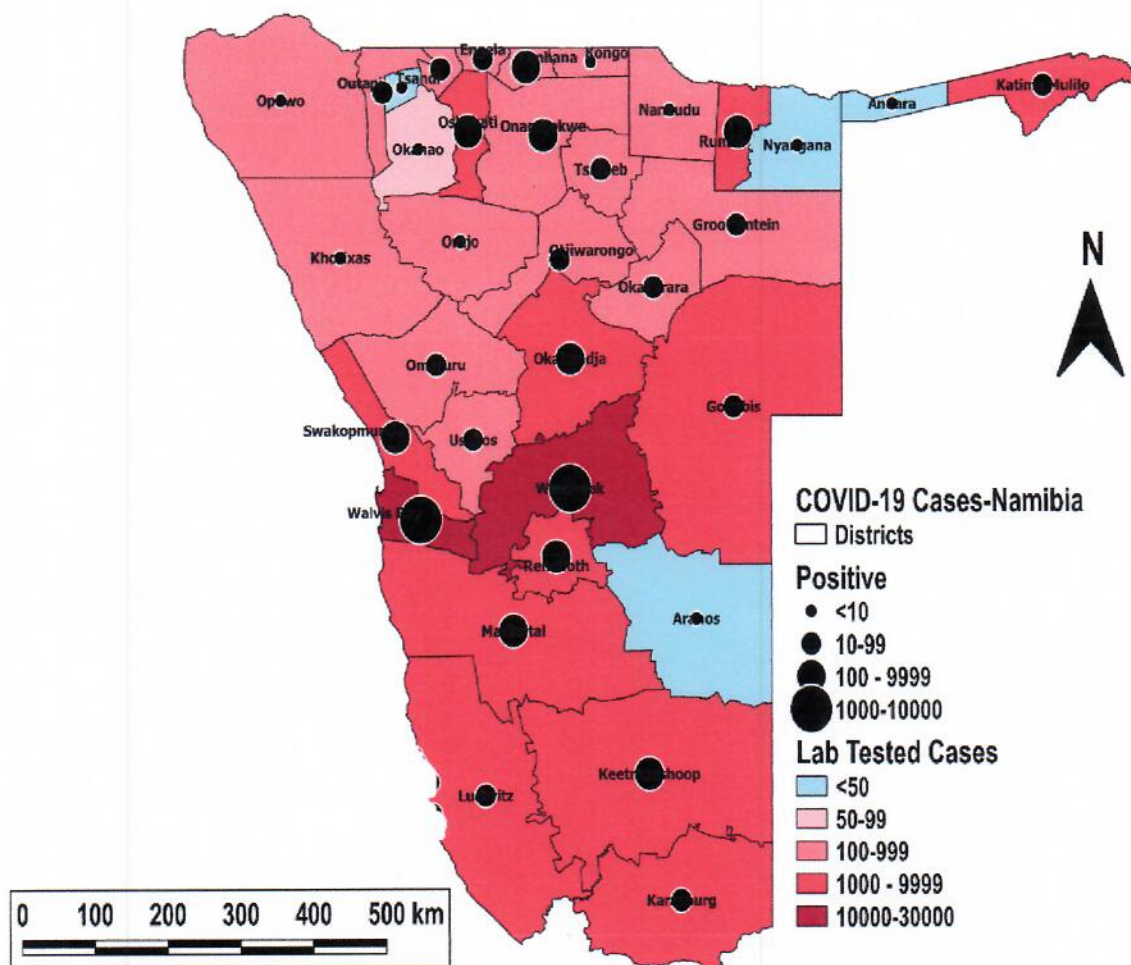
TOTAL	TODAY
Tested 103220	Tested 458
Confirmed 11673	Confirmed 19
Active 1937	Active 1937
Recovered 9611	Recovered 160
Death 125	Death 0

- A total of **11673** cases have been recorded in a population of approximately 2.5 Million people, making it about **0.5%** of the population infected.
- More male cases **6348 (54.4%)** were recorded compared to female cases **5325 (45.6%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **466 (4.0%)** Health Care Workers (HCWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 to-date.
  - 304 (65.2%) State; 161 (34.5%) Private, 1 (0.2%) NGO
- Today (05/10/2020), **160** recoveries have been recorded from **6** regions; the recovery rate now stands at **82.3%**.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest with **5417 (46.4%)** and **3872 (33.2%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **98 (78.4%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **27 (21.6%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.
- There is an alarming increase in the number of COVID-19 positive cases in closed settings such as schools, police holding cells and prisons.

**Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 05 October 2020**

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Deaths	Deaths in 24 hours	Cumulative death with co-morbidities	Health Care Workers
Erongo	3872	47	3787	38	0	35	66
Hardap	493	100	389	4	0	1	17
//Kharas	355	37	314	4	0	3	9
Kavango East	166	93	70	3	0	2	17
Kavango West	8	4	3	1	0	1	1
Khomas	5417	1297	4058	62	0	59	304
Kunene	14	0	14	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	187	3	182	2	0	0	6
Omaheke	79	6	71	2	0	1	1
Omusati	50	0	49	1	0	0	5
Oshana	312	51	258	3	0	2	12
Oshikoto	317	247	70	0	0	0	4
Otjozondjupa	326	47	274	5	0	4	13
Zambezi	77	5	72	0	0	0	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>11673</b>	<b>1937</b>	<b>9611</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>466</b>

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

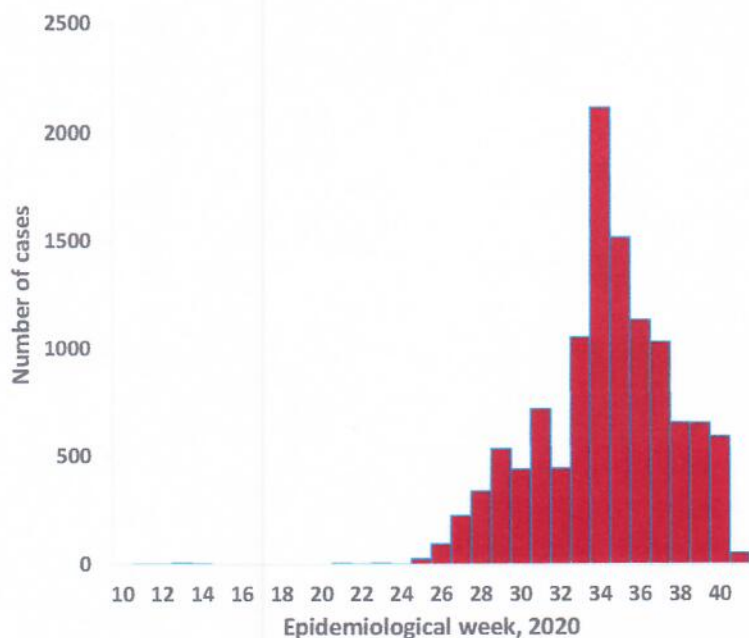


**Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases by District, 05 October 2020**

- To date, **103220** tests (including **5586** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM and Namib Poultry laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **27123** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **2017** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 12 regions.
- Cumulatively, **17133** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **2743 (27.7%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **8660 (87.5%)** out of **9895** active contacts were monitored.

**Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories, as of 05 October 2020**

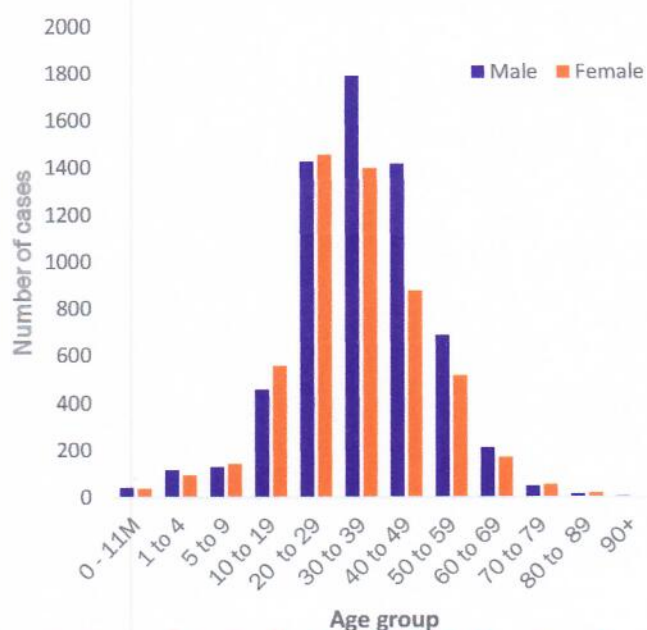
VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	103338
Total samples tested	97634
Total samples re-tested	5586
Total positive results	11673
Total negative results	85928
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	33
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	449



**Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, As of 05 October 2020**

- Up to **2123 (18.2%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 34 (Figure 2).
- After a peak in epi-week 34, the country has seen a gradual reduction in the average number of confirmed cases from 303 to 85 in epi-week 40.
- Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily. Today, **1242** calls were answered including **24** alerts.

- The 20-49 years age-brackets constitute **8369 (71.7%)** of the confirmed cases, while a sizable proportion of the 50-59 age group is **104 (10.3%)**.
- A total of **1287 (11.0%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- Among those aged 30-39 years, a significant proportion of males, **1790 (56.1%)** are infected more than females **1397 (43.9%)**.
- The under 5 years make up **290 (2.5%)** of the total cases.
- Aged 60 years and above constitute **525 (4.5%)** of the confirmed cases.



**Figure 3: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, As of 05 October 2020**

**Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 05 October 2020**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers quarantined in 24 Hrs.
Erongo	3	3518	3304	214	28
Hardap	6	738	689	49	0
Kavango	1	642	602	40	0
Khomas	3	2423	2325	98	0
//Kharas	0	1680	1463	217	0
Kunene	0	448	448	0	0
Ohangwena	0	510	499	11	0
Omaheke	5	1012	970	42	0
Omusati	0	303	298	5	0
Oshana	1	309	306	3	0
Oshikoto	129	1615	1184	431	0
Otjozondjupa	40	881	841	40	0
Zambezi	0	832	810	22	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>14911</b>	<b>13739</b>	<b>1172</b>	<b>28</b>

- Since March 2020, **14911** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1172** people are currently in quarantine with **188** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION(S)

- Training on Integrated Disease Surveillance Response (IDSR) is ongoing country-wide.
- Training on Public Health Emergency Operation Centre and Incident Management System with WHO-AFRO is ongoing.
- Public awareness on COVID-19 prevention measures is ongoing.
- Response strategies for post State of Emergency are underway.
- The government and developmental partners continue to prioritise continuation of essential health services

### CHALLENGES

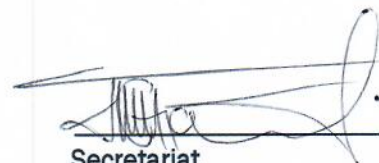
- Large data backlog - awaiting entry into excel data base and DHIS2.
- Inadequate ICU facilities and ICU equipment at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.

### RECOMMENDATIONS


- Fast tracking of efforts to use DHIS2 nation-wide.
- Provision of fully equipped ICU facilities at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.


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