



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 203

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (07/10/2020)

TOTAL	TODAY
Tested 105612	Tested 1312
Confirmed 11781	Confirmed 67
Active 1895	Active 1895
Recovered 9759	Recovered 86
Death 127	Death 1

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 07 October 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Deaths in 24 hours	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Health Care Workers
Erongo	3877	36	3803	38	0	35	66
Hardap	497	92	401	4	0	1	17
//Kharas	360	33	323	4	0	3	9
Kavango East	172	99	70	3	0	2	17
Kavango West	8	4	3	1	0	1	1
Khomas	5469	1324	4082	63	1	60	306
Kunene	14	0	14	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	188	4	182	2	0	0	6
Omaheke	80	7	71	2	0	1	1
Omusati	50	0	49	1	0	0	5
Oshana	333	71	258	4	0	3	12
Oshikoto	325	171	154	0	0	0	4
Otjozondjupa	331	52	274	5	0	4	13
Zambezi	77	2	75	0	0	0	11
Total	11781	1895	9759	127	1	110	468

- A total of **11781** 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 **6402 (54.3%)** were recorded compared to female cases **5379 (45.7%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **468 (4.0%)** Health Care Workers (HCWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 to-date.
 - 304 (65.0%) State; 161 (34.4%) Private, 3 (0.6%) NGO
- Today (07/10/2020), **86** recoveries have been recorded from **3** regions; the recovery rate now stands at **82.8%**.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest with **5469 (46.4%)** and **3877 (32.9%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **99 (78.0%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **28 (22.0%)** 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.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories as of 07 October 2020

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	105730
Total samples tested	99934
Total samples re-tested	5678
Total positive results	11781
Total negative results	88118
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	35
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1262

- To date, **105612** tests (including **5678** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM and Namib Poultry laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **27471** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **232** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 13 regions.
- Cumulatively, **17393** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **2805 (27.9%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **8858 (88.0%)** out of **10070** active contacts were monitored.

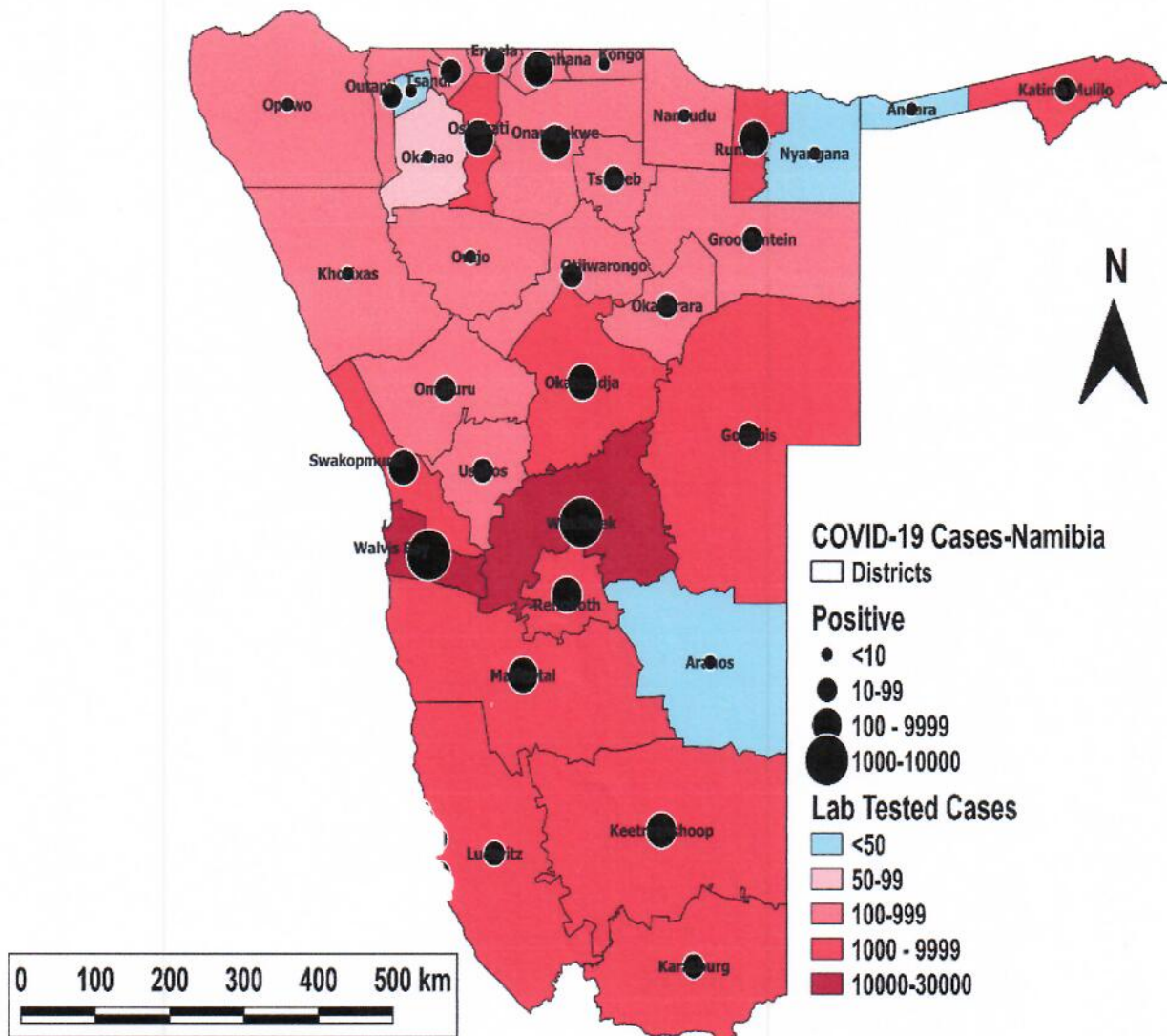


Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases by District, 07 October 2020

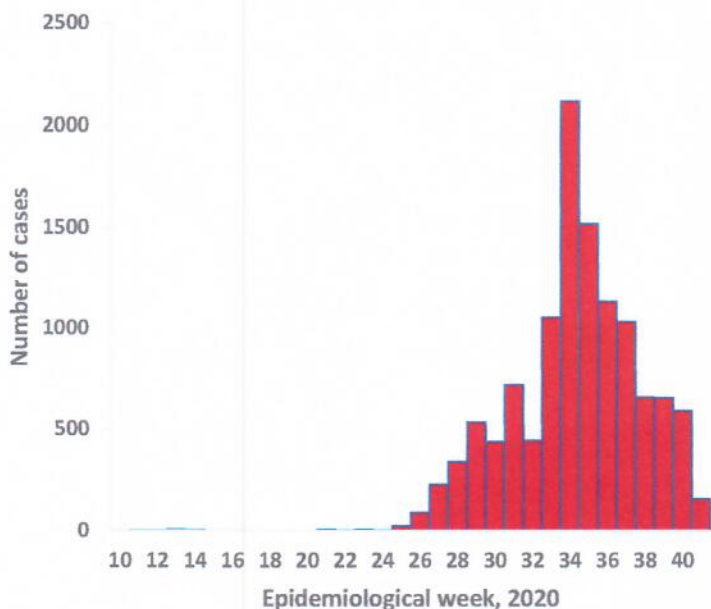


Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, As of 07 October 2020

- Up to **2123 (18.0%)** 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, **1066** calls were answered including **80** alerts.

- The 20-49 years age-brackets constitute **8444 (71.7%)** of the confirmed cases, while a sizable proportion of the 50-59 age group is **1213 (10.3%)**.
- A total of **1299 (11.0%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- Among those aged 30-39 years, a significant proportion of males, **1797 (56.0%)** are infected more than females **1412 (44.0%)**.
- The under 5 years make up **292 (2.5%)** of the total cases.
- Aged 60 years and above constitute **533 (4.5%)** of the confirmed cases.

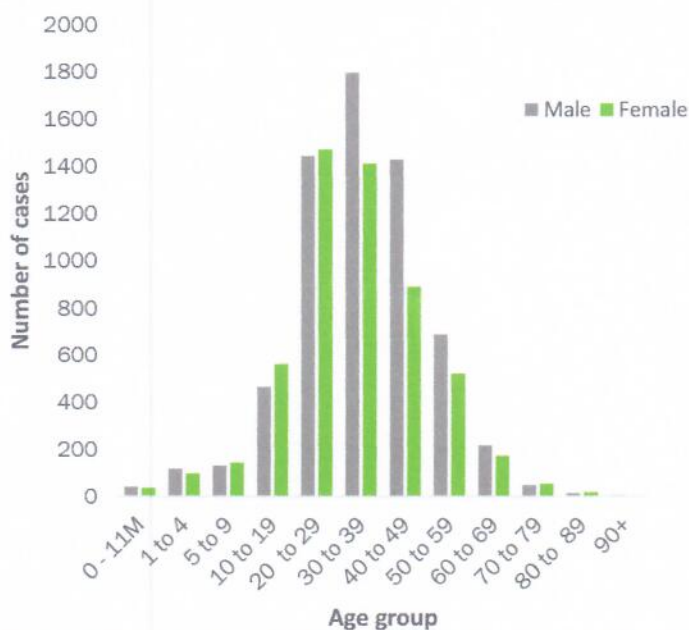


Figure 3: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, As of 07 October 2020

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 07 October 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers quarantined in 24 Hrs.
Erongo	18	3536	3304	232	0
Hardap	0	747	714	33	0
Kavango	9	651	609	42	0
Khomas	16	2452	2352	100	0
//Kharas	0	2075	2021	54	0
Kunene	10	509	448	61	0
Changwena	0	514	510	4	0
Omaheke	3	1032	971	61	0
Omusati	0	304	302	2	0
Oshana	21	331	307	24	0
Oshikoto	2	1625	1294	331	0
Otjozondjupa	0	881	844	37	0
Zambezi	3	840	818	22	0
Total	82	15497	14494	1003	0

- Since March 2020, **15497** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1003** people are currently in quarantine with **82** 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

- Lack of isolation units and facilities in the country for special cases in closed settings such as police holding cells and prisons.
- 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

- Establish fully equipped isolation units and facilities for identified special cases throughout the country.
- Fast tracking of efforts to use DHIS2 nationwide.
- Provision of fully equipped ICU facilities at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.

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