



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 242						
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia			
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# HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (15/11/2020)

	TOTAL	
	Tested 140738	
	Confirmed 13555	
	Active 572	
	Recovered 12843	
	Death 138	
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TODAY	
Tested 674	
Confirmed 47	
Active 572	
Recovered 163	
Death 0	

- A total of 13555 cases have been recorded to-date, representing 0.5% of the population.
- More male cases 7445 (54.9%) were recorded compared to female cases 6110 (45.1%).
- Of the total confirmed cases, 534 (3.9%) Health Workers (HWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 to-date.
  - 348 (65.2%) State; 183 (34.3%) Private, 3 (0.6%) Non-Government Organisations.
  - 280 (53.3%) recoveries and 3 (0.6%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at 94.7%.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest with 6046 (44.6%) and 3988 (29.4%) respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, 107 (77.5%) are COVID-19 deaths while 31 (22.5%) are COVID-19 related deaths.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 15 November 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Deaths in 24 hours	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Non- COVID deaths	Health Workers
Erongo	3988	66	3881	40	0	37	1	70
Hardap	699	75	619	5	0	2	0	23
//Kharas	436	20	411	5	0	4	0	14
Kavango East	213	26	184	3	0	2	0	21
Kavango West	8	0	7	1	0	1	0	1
Khomas	6046	272	5706	68	0	65	0	341
Kunene	37	2	35	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	220	4	213	2	0	0	1	6
Omaheke	122	5	114	3	0	2	0	4
Omusati	74	8	65	1	0	0	0	6
Oshana	796	79	712	5	0	4	0	15
Oshikoto	444	9	435	0	0	0	0	7
Otjozondjupa	391	6	380	5	0	4	0	14
Zambezi	81	0	81	0	0	0	0	12
Total	13555	572	12843	138	0	121	2	534

#### **EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA**

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories
As of 15 November 2020

VARIABLES	TOTAL	
Total samples received by the Laboratory	140856	
Total samples tested	134141	
Total samples re-tested	6597	
Total positive results	13555	
Total negative results	120536	
Total samples discarded	117	
Invalid results	1	
Total pending results	0	
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	50	
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	659	

- A highest peak of 2123 (15.7%) cases was recorded during week 34 (Figure 1).
- After a peak in epi-week 34, the country has seen a gradual reduction in the average number of confirmed cases to 32 in epi-week 45.
- The number of cases have plateaued in the last four weeks as seen in the graph.
- The National Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily.

Today (15/11/2020), **681** calls were answered including **77** alerts.

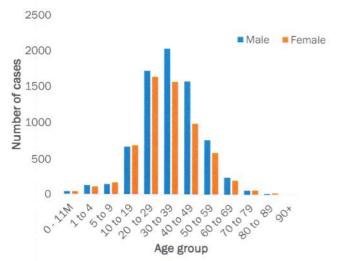


Figure 2: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, as of 15 November 2020

- To date, 140738 tests (including (6597 re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM and Namib Poultry laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, 33100 contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, 181 new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 11 regions.
- Cumulatively, 30372 contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of 4086 (30.2%) contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, 1964 (79.8%) out of 2462 active contacts were monitored.

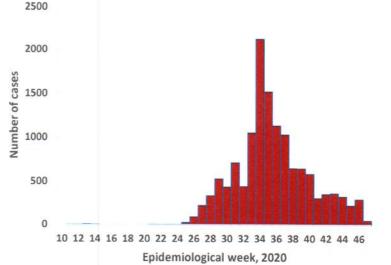


Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases as of 15 November 2020

- Of the total confirmed cases, 9535 (70.3%) are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **1694** (**12.5%**) of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- The under 5 years age group make up 334 (2.5%) of the total cases whereas, 625 (4.6%) are above 60 years of age.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 15 November 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers quarantined in 24 hrs.
Erongo	0	4123	3969	154	0
Hardap	3	877	846	31	0
Kavango	0	723	711	12	0
Khomas	0	2868	2801	67	0
//Kharas	0	2919	2901	18	0
Kunene	0	793	793	0	0
Ohangwena	0	558	553	5	0
Omaheke	14	1536	1512	24	0
Omusati	0	404	386	18	0
Oshana	0	359	355	4	0
Oshikoto	0	2451	2384	67	0
Otjozondjupa	0	964	964	0	0
Zambezi	1	978	966	12	0
Total	18	19553	19141	412	0

- Since March 2020, 19553 people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of 412 people are currently in quarantine, with 18 new admissions in the last 24 hours.

## PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION(S)

- > Support visit and Intra action review on COVID-19 response are ongoing across all regions.
- Virtual training on Integrated Disease Surveillance Response (IDSR) is ongoing country-wide.
- Public awareness on COVID-19 prevention measures is ongoing.
- > The government and developmental partners continue to prioritise continuation of essential

## CHALLENGES

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

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Establish fully equipped isolation units and facilities for identified special cases throughout the country.

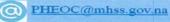
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