



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 240

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (13/11/2020)

- A total of **13449** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **0.5%** of the population.
- More male cases **7402 (55.0%)** were recorded compared to female cases **6047 (45.0%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **532 (4.0%)** Health Workers (HWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 to-date.
 - 347 (65.2%) State; 182 (34.2%) Private, 3 (0.6%) Non-Government Organisations.
 - 280 (53.3%) recoveries and 3 (0.6%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **92.7%**.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest with **6008 (44.7%)** and **3984 (29.6%)** 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, 13 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	3984	64	3879	40	0	37	1	70
Hardap	666	53	608	5	0	2	0	22
//Kharas	435	20	410	5	0	4	0	14
Kavango East	201	14	184	3	0	2	0	21
Kavango West	8	0	7	1	0	1	0	1
Khomas	6008	595	5345	68	0	65	0	341
Kunene	35	0	35	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	218	2	213	2	0	0	1	6
Omaheke	120	3	114	3	0	2	0	3
Omusati	73	8	64	1	0	0	0	6
Oshana	790	73	712	5	0	4	0	15
Oshikoto	439	4	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	13449	842	12467	138	0	121	2	532

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**Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories
As of 13 November 2020**

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	139187
Total samples tested	132499
Total samples re-tested	6570
Total positive results	13449
Total negative results	119000
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	50
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1038

- To date, **139069** tests (including **6570** 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 (30.4%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **1964 (79.8%)** out of **2462** active contacts were monitored.

- A highest peak of **2123 (15.9%)** 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 (13/11/2020), **637** calls were answered including **84** alerts.

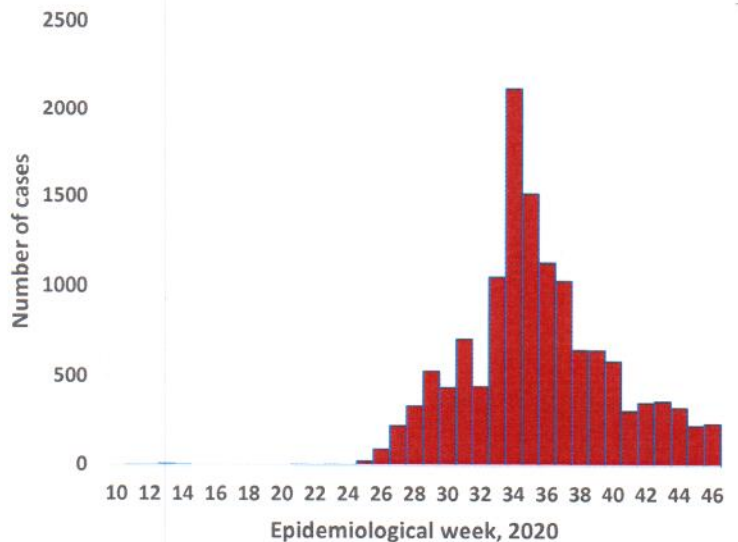


Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases as of 13 November 2020

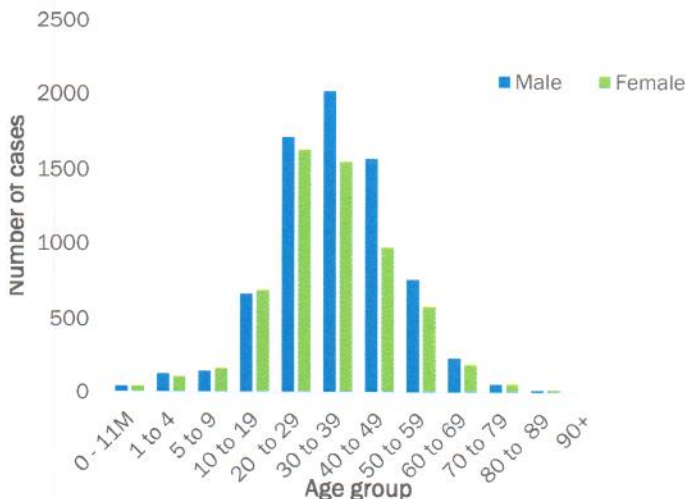


Figure 2: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, as of 13 November 2020

- Of the total confirmed cases, **9465 (70.4%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **1682 (12.5%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- The under 5 years age group make up **332 (2.5%)** of the total cases whereas, **613 (4.6%)** are above 60 years of age.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 13 November 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers quarantined in 24 hrs.
Erongo	0	3995	3929	66	0
Hardap	4	869	844	25	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	0	1515	1488	27	0
Omusati	3	392	386	6	0
Oshana	0	359	355	4	0
Oshikoto	0	2451	2384	67	0
Otjozondjupa	0	964	964	0	0
Zambezi	1	977	966	11	0
Total	8	19383	19075	308	0

- Since March 2020, **19383** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **308** people are currently in quarantine, with **8** new admissions in the last 24 hours.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION(S)

- 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 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.


RECOMMENDATIONS

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




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