



## NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 217

<b>Outbreak Name</b>	COVID-19 outbreak	<b>Country affected</b>	Namibia
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	21.10.2020 17h00	<b>Investigation start Date</b>	13 March 2020
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### HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (21/10/2020)

- A total of **12460** 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 **6809 (54.6%)** were recorded compared to female cases **5651 (45.4%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **513 (4.1%)** Health Care Workers (HCWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 to-date.  
-332 (64.7%) State; 178 (34.7%) Private, 3 (0.6%) NGO  
-280 (54.6%) recoveries including 3 (0.6%) deaths.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest with **5732 (46.0%)** and **3917 (31.4%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **104 (78.2%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **29 (21.8%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.
- The cases continue to flare up among closed settings such as school premises and hostels, police holding cells, and prisons.
- Today (21/10/2020), **22** recoveries have been recorded from Khomas region; the recovery rate now stands at **85.1%**.

<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Tested 118458</b>
<b>Confirmed 12460</b>
<b>Active 1718</b>
<b>Recovered 10609</b>
<b>Death 133</b>

<b>TODAY</b>
<b>Tested 1061</b>
<b>Confirmed 54</b>
<b>Active 1718</b>
<b>Recoveries 22</b>
<b>Death 0</b>

**Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 21 October 2020**

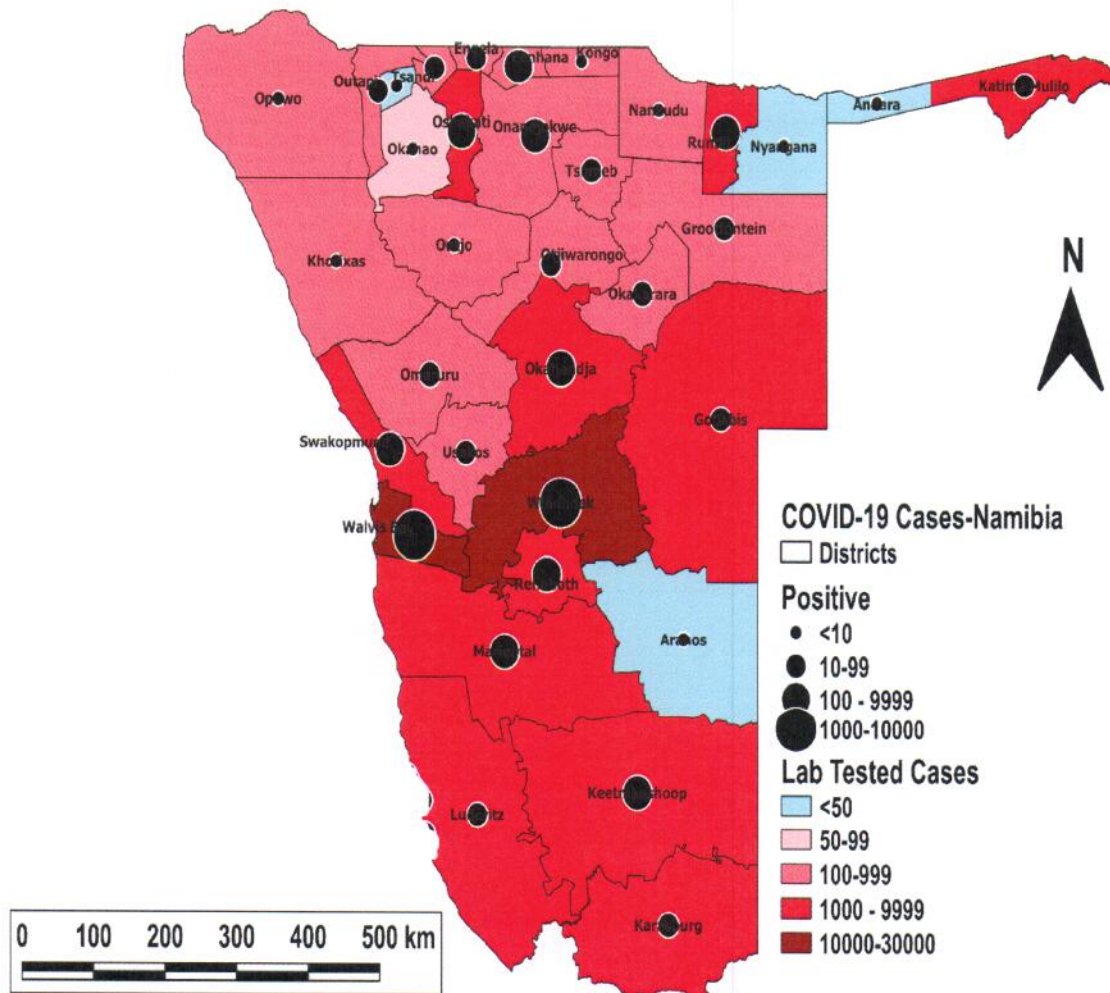
Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Deaths in 24 hours	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Health Care Workers
Erongo	3917	49	3829	39	0	36	70
Hardap	529	38	487	4	0	1	19
//Kharas	371	10	357	4	0	3	10
Kavango East	187	26	158	3	0	2	20
Kavango West	8	0	7	1	0	1	1
Khomas	5732	1292	4373	67	0	64	333
Kunene	33	14	19	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	200	5	193	2	0	0	6
Omaheke	92	11	78	3	0	2	3
Omusati	57	5	51	1	0	0	6
Oshana	524	205	315	4	0	3	13
Oshikoto	359	37	322	0	0	0	7
Otjozondjupa	370	24	341	5	0	4	13
Zambezi	81	2	79	0	0	0	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>12460</b>	<b>1718</b>	<b>10609</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>513</b>

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

**Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories, As of 21 October 2020**

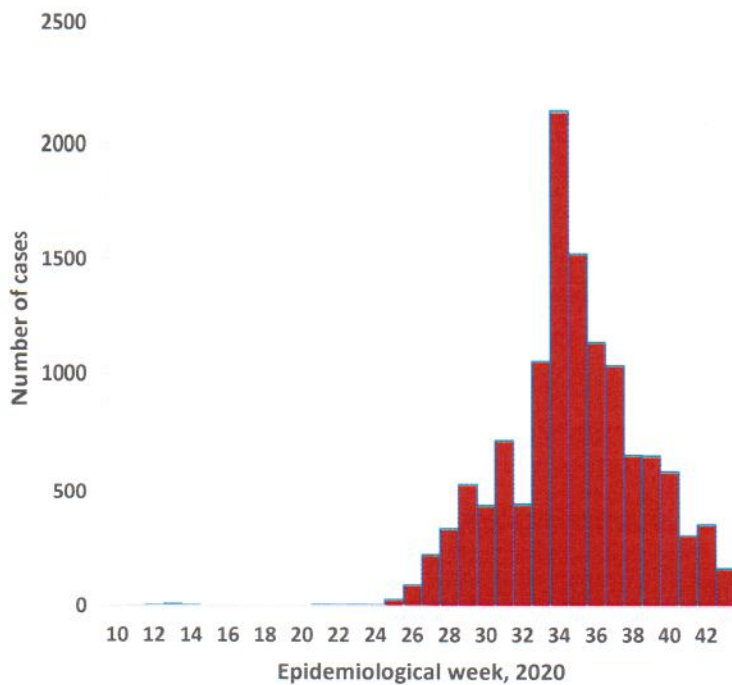
VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	118576
Total samples tested	112377
Total samples re-tested	6081
Total positive results	12460
Total negative results	99871
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	46
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1038

- > To date, **118458** tests (including **6081** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM and Namib Poultry laboratories.
- > Since the beginning of the outbreak, **30005** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **395** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 9 regions.
- > Cumulatively, **22556** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **3035 (24.4%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- > Today, **6389 (83.7%)** out of **7631** active contacts were monitored.



**Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases by District, 21 October 2020**

- > A total of **209** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- > Of these trucks, **112 (53.6%)** were heading to Khomas, **44 (21.1%)** to //Kharas while **23 (11.0%)** were heading to Erongo region.
- > The remaining **30 (14.3%)** were heading to the other 8 regions.



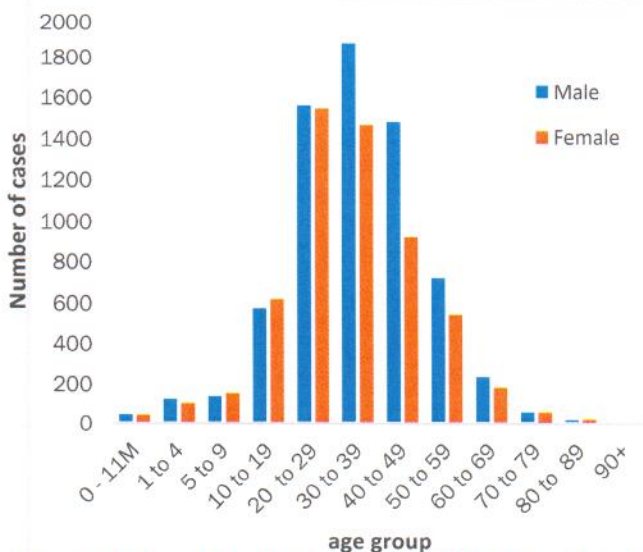
- A highest peak of **2123 (17.0%)** cases was recorded during week 34 (Figure 2).
  - After a peak in epi-week 34, the country has seen a gradual reduction in the average number of confirmed cases to 51 in epi-week 42.
  - The National Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily.
- Today (21/10/2020), **808** calls were answered including **109** alerts.

Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, as of 21 October 2020

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 21 October 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers quarantined in 24 hrs.
Erongo	27	3776	3662	114	16
Hardap	6	794	774	20	0
Kavango	0	693	667	26	0
Khomas	10	2771	2615	156	0
//Kharas	0	2919	2816	103	0
Kunene	30	769	651	118	0
Ohangwena	5	548	534	14	0
Omaheke	22	1282	1078	204	0
Omusati	10	349	325	24	0
Oshana	3	349	339	10	0
Oshikoto	0	1760	1495	265	0
Otjozondjupa	0	937	881	56	0
Zambezi	2	899	865	34	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>17846</b>	<b>16702</b>	<b>1144</b>	<b>16</b>

- Since March 2020, **17846** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1144** people are currently in quarantine, with **115** new admissions in the last 24 hours.



- Of the total confirmed cases, **8849 (71.0%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- The under 5 years age group make up **303 (2.4%)** of the total cases whereas, **565 (4.5%)** are above 60 years of age.
- A total of **1484 (11.9%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.

Figure 3: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases. As of 21 October 2020

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION(S)

- Training on Case management and IPC for healthcare workers is ongoing with support from the Robert Koch Institute (RKI).
- 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, prisons and school hostels.
- Inadequate ICU facilities and ICU equipment at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

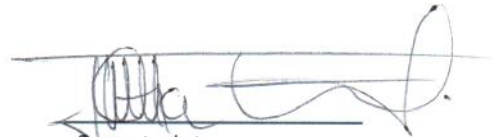
- Establish fully equipped isolation units and facilities for identified special cases throughout the country.
- Provision of fully equipped ICU facilities at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.

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