**NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 296**

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<th>Outbreak Name</th>
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<th>Country affected</th>
<th>Investigation start Date</th>
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<td>Namibia</td>
<td>13 March 2020</td>
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**HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (08/01/2021)**

- A total of **27723** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **1.1%** of the population.
- More male cases **14117** (50.9%) were recorded compared to female cases **13606** (49.1%).
- Of the total confirmed cases, **1298** (4.6%) Health Workers (HWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 to-date.
  - 985 (75.9%) State; 309 (23.8%) Private, 4 (0.3%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
  - 960 (74.0%) recoveries and 6 (0.5%) deaths.

- The recovery rate now stands at **86%**.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest with **12816** (46.2%) and **6056** (21.8%) respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **204** (81%) are COVID-19 deaths while **47** (18.7%) are COVID-19 related deaths.

**Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 08 January 2021**

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Total No. of cases</th>
<th>Active cases</th>
<th>Recoveries</th>
<th>Cumulative Deaths</th>
<th>Deaths in 24 hours</th>
<th>Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities</th>
<th>Non-COVID deaths</th>
<th>Health Workers</th>
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<td><strong>3555</strong></td>
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<td><strong>251</strong></td>
<td><strong>6</strong></td>
<td><strong>222</strong></td>
<td><strong>5</strong></td>
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EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

- Of the total confirmed cases, 19307 (69.6%) are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of 3241 (11.7%) of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- The under 5 years age group make 616 (2.2%) of the total cases whereas, 1656 (6.0%) are above 60 years of age.

![Graph showing age and sex distribution of COVID-19 cases](image)

**Figure 1: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, as of 08 January 2021**

- Since March 2020, 26839 people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of 1693 people are currently in quarantine, with 149 new admissions.

### Table 2: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities 08 January 2021

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.</th>
<th>Cumulative number</th>
<th>Number discharged</th>
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<td><strong>26839</strong></td>
<td><strong>25146</strong></td>
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- A highest peak of 3463 (12.5%) cases was recorded during week 53 (Figure 2).

![Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, As of 08 January 2021](image)

**Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, As of 08 January 2021**
Table 3: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories, As of 08 January 2021

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<td>Total samples tested</td>
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<td>Total samples re-tested</td>
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<td>Total samples discarded</td>
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<td>Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)</td>
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PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION(S)
- 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 regions.
- Non-adherence to COVID-19 prevention measures by the general public.

RECOMMENDATIONS
- Establish fully equipped isolation units and facilities throughout the country.
- Continue to give awareness on the importance of adhering to COVID-19 prevention measures; with the involvement of the Security Cluster.

To date, 223750 tests (including 9769 re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, PathCare, NAMDEB, UNAM, Namib Poultry and Central Veterinary laboratories.

Since the beginning of the outbreak, 51608 contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, 541 new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 12 regions.

Cumulatively, 44955 contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of 5994 (21.6%) contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.

Today, 4761 (72%) out of 6414 active contacts monitored.

APPROVED

INCIDENT MANAGER
08 JANUARY 2021