NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 343

Outbreak Name: COVID-19 outbreak
Date & Time: 24.02.2021 17h00
Country affected: Namibia
Investigation start Date: 13 March 2020
Prepared by: Surveillance Team

HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (24/02/2021)

➢ His Excellency has announced the extension of the COVID-19 Regulations; effective from 25 February 2021 to 31 March 2021.
➢ A total of 38206 cases have been recorded to-date, representing 2% of the population.
➢ More male cases 19439 (51%) were recorded compared to female cases 18767 (49%).
➢ Of the total confirmed cases, 1741 (5%) Health Workers (HWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 to-date.
  • 1343 (77%) State; 388 (22%) Private, 4 (0.2%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
  • 1648 (95%) recoveries and 6 (0.3%) deaths.
➢ The recovery rate now stands at 94%.
➢ All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest with 15124 (40%) and 7388 (19%) respectively.
➢ Of the total fatalities, 328 (79%) are COVID-19 deaths while 88 (21%) are COVID-19 related deaths.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 24 February 2021

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<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Total No. of cases</th>
<th>Active cases</th>
<th>Recoveries</th>
<th>Cumulative Deaths</th>
<th>Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities</th>
<th>Non-COVID deaths</th>
<th>Health Workers</th>
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Of the total confirmed cases, **25425 (67%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.

A total of **5537 (14%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.

The under 5 years age group make **872 (2%)** of the total cases whereas, **2399 (6%)** are above 60 years of age.

A highest peak of **3485 (9%)** cases was recorded during week 54 (Figure 1).

The National Call Center continues operations for 24 hours daily.

Today (24/02/2021), **553** calls were answered including **49** alerts.

Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, As of 13 March 2020 to 24 February 2021

Figure 2: Distribution of cumulative confirmed cases per 100 000 by region, As of 24 February 2021

Figure 3: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, as of 24 February 2021
To date, **295106** tests (including **11513** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM, Namib Poultry and Central Veterinary laboratories.

Since the beginning of the outbreak, **69093** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **277** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 13 regions.

Cumulatively, **64802** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **9322 (24%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.

Today, **1547 (40%)** out of **3824** active contacts monitored.

Since March 2020, **35377** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.

A total of **2030** people are currently in quarantine, with **341** new admissions.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION(S)

- Mechanisms are underway on how to roll out the vaccine nationwide once it is made available.
- The government and developmental partners continue to prioritise the continuation of essential health services.

CHALLENGES

- Non-adherence to COVID-19 prevention measures by the general public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue to give awareness on the importance of adhering to COVID-19 prevention measures; with the involvement of the Security Cluster.

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