



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 640

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time	18 December 2021 17h00	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (18/12/2021)

CUMULATIVE
Tested 842 897
Confirmed 139 518
Active 8 483
Recovered 127 439
Vaccinated
1 st doses 397 150 2 nd doses 235 020 3 rd doses 1 514
Deaths 3 583

TOTAL TODAY
Tested 5 313
Confirmed 1 334
Active 8 483
Recovered 70
Vaccinated
1 st doses 125 2 nd doses 58 3 rd doses 335
Death(s) 1

- A total of **139 518** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **5%** of the total population (**2 550 226**).
- More female cases **74 273 (53%)** have been recorded.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **4 752 (3%)** are Health Workers, with **37** new confirmations today.
 - 3 968 (83%) State; 776 (16%) Private, 8 (0.2%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
 - 4 361 (92%) recoveries and 25 (0.5%) deaths.

- The recovery rate now stands at **92%**.
- Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest number of cases with **47 212 (34%)** and **20 341 (14%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **3 281 (92%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **302 (8%)** are COVID-19 related deaths. The case fatality rate now stands at **2.6%**.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 18 December 2021

Region	Total cases daily	New reported re-infections	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Cumulative Deaths	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Non-COVID deaths	Health Workers
Erongo	328	39	20 341	1 687	18 237	412	341	5	474
Hardap	37	4	7 848	215	7 374	259	161	0	144
Karas	33	7	8 492	507	7 833	152	130	0	266
Kavango East	27	1	5 665	105	5 349	209	122	2	255
Kavango West	0	0	651	4	628	19	16	0	43
Khomas	670	74	47 212	4 073	42 270	868	677	1	1 693
Kunene	20	1	4 020	253	3 643	124	89	0	119
Oshana	15	1	5 209	80	4 971	156	97	2	170
Omaheke	36	3	4 171	166	3 752	253	174	0	124
Omusati	5	0	5 948	99	5 617	232	140	0	189
Oshana	11	2	9 350	121	8 897	331	196	1	544
Oshikoto	50	4	6 954	183	6 594	175	140	2	323
Otjozondjupa	102	6	10 580	948	9 358	274	185	0	301
Zambezi	0	0	3 077	42	2 916	119	67	0	107
Total	1 334	142	139 518	8 483	127 439	3 583	2 535	13	4 752

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Table 2: The current distribution for hospitalization of confirmed cases by region, 18 December 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases		Vaccinated		Intensive Care Unit		Vaccinated	
	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose
Erongo	19	19	1	1	0	0	0	0
Hardap	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ǀKaras	9	9	0	2	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Khomas	75	77	6	5	13	13	0	0
Kunene	22	22	0	12	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omusati	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	20	17	1	1	1	1	0	0
Oshikoto	3	2	1	1	2	2	0	0
Otjozondjupa	18	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	11	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	198	200	9	23	16	16	0	0

➤ The highest peak of **12 787 (9%)** cases was recorded during week 25 of 2021 (Figure 1).

➤ The country has started seeing an increase in the daily number of confirmed cases from 13 in epi-week 47 to 727 in the current epi-week.

➤ The National Call Center continues operations for 24 hours daily.

➤ Today (18/12/2021), **430** calls were answered.

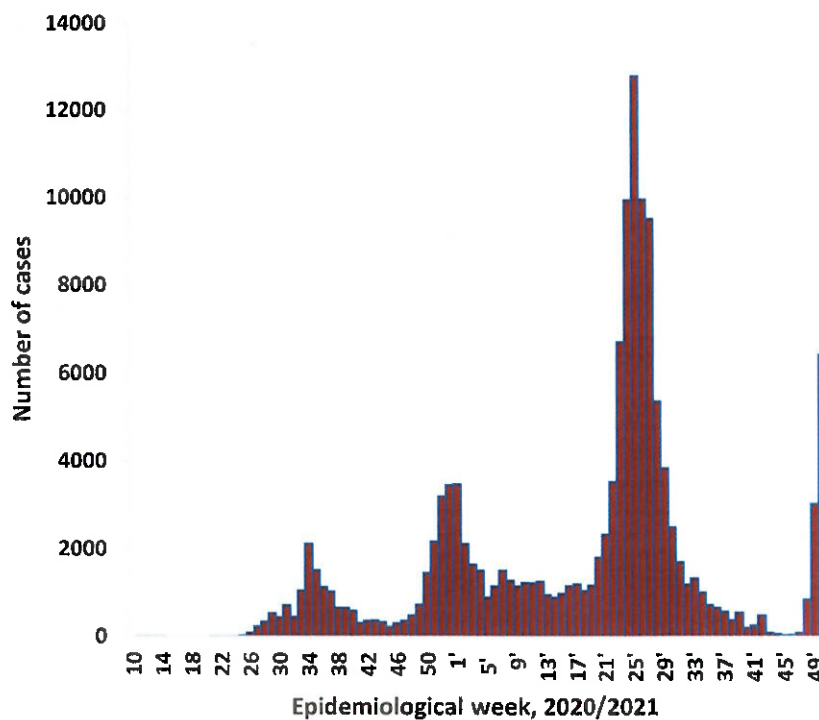


Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 18 December 2021

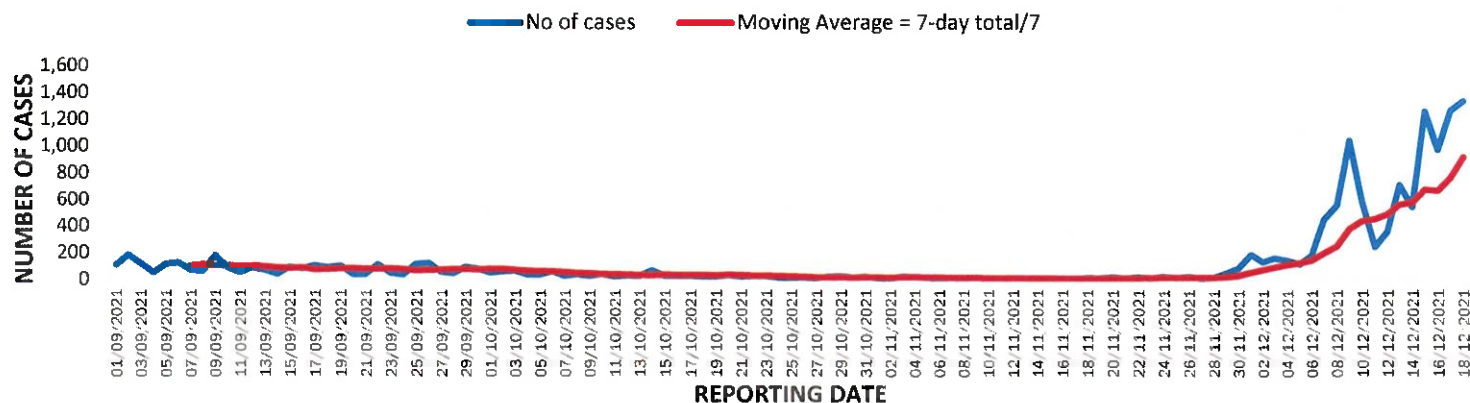


Figure 2: The 7 days moving average line chart for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 18 December 2021

Table 3: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories 18 December 2021

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	843 014
Total samples tested	827 118
Total samples re-tested	15 779
Total positive results	139 518
Total negative results	687 585
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	0
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	15
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excluding re-tests)	5 114

- The laboratory testing capacity has been enhanced; with a total of nineteen (19) laboratories carrying out the testing of samples: NIP, Path-Care, UNAM Molecular, Central Veterinary Laboratory, Namib Poultry, NAMDEB, NamPath, Namibia Central Pathology, DiagnoLab, High Care, Alpha Medical Laboratory, Des-Jo Medical Test Centre, ProQuest Diagnostic Laboratory, MAXI, Medlink Laboratory Services, Biotech Medical, Covisure, Star Care, Soweto Medical Center .
- To date, **842 897** tests (including **15 779** re-tests) have been conducted by authorized laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **152 236** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, no new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from all regions.
- Cumulatively, **148 003** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while **290** contacts are lost to follow-up and a total of **25 968 (19%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **1 036 (43%)** out of **2 399** active contacts were monitored.

- Of the total confirmed cases, **84 340 (60%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **22 492 (16%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- A total of **16 133 (12%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 50 - 59 years group.
- The under 5 years age group make up **3 056 (2%)** of the total cases whereas, **13 497 (10%)** are above 60 years of age.

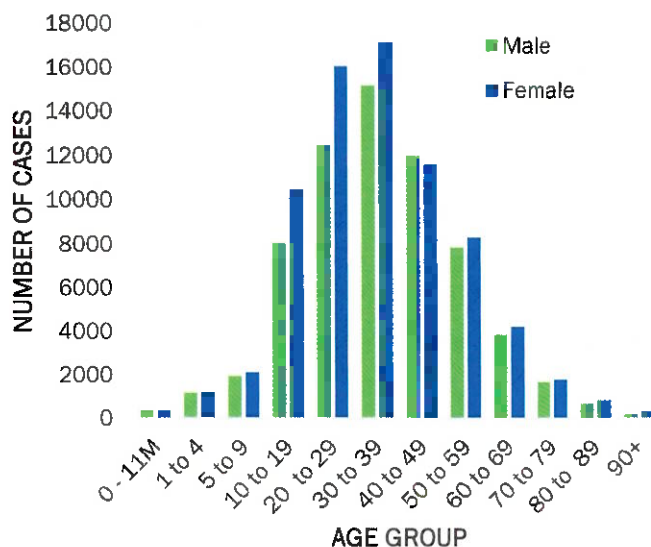


Figure 3: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 18 December 2021

Table 4: Number of people in quarantine 18 December 2021

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	6939	6936	3
Hardap	0	3255	3252	3
Kavango (East and West)	0	1673	1673	0
Khomas	0	3733	3705	28
Kharas	0	10000	9949	51
Kunene	0	6493	6493	0
Ohangwena	0	894	880	14
Omaheke	0	18148	17915	233
Omusati	0	3512	3442	70
Oshana	0	400	400	0
Oshikoto	0	24934	24768	166
Otjozondjupa	0	1932	1880	52
Zambezi	0	2077	2032	45
Total	0	83 990	83 325	665

- Since March 2020, **83 990** people have been placed into quarantine around the country.
- A total of **665** people are currently in quarantine, with no new admissions.

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered, 18 December 2021

Region	Cumulative no. of persons vaccinated with doses of Sinopharm, AstraZeneca, Sputnik V, Pfizer and Jassen & Johnson		Targeted Population	Vaccination Coverage (%)	Cumulative no. of Healthcare Workers vaccinated with doses of Sinopharm, AstraZeneca, Sputnik V, Pfizer and Jassen & Johnson	
	1 st doses	Fully vaccinated			1 st doses	Fully vaccinated
Erongo	38 505	33 773	121 682	28%	1 408	1 071
Hardap	24 016	20 556	56 741	36%	524	431
Kharas	20 049	16 510	55 489	30%	799	471
Kavango East	26 565	19 124	117 665	16%	1 204	952
Kavango West	19 357	16 106	29 228	55%	417	377
Khomas	93 681	80 435	286 641	28%	3 978	2 937
Kunene	24 210	19 658	66 499	30%	649	505
Ohangwena	26 703	22 514	164 102	14%	819	642
Omaheke	18 364	13 941	51 765	27%	373	269
Omusati	25 820	22 320	139 451	16%	975	767
Oshana	21 464	18 864	126 374	15%	1 560	1278
Oshikoto	21 214	18 812	124 395	15%	863	740
Otjozondjupa	29 852	26 074	97 903	26%	870	630
Zambezi	7 350	6 602	63 106	10%	633	590
Total	397 150	335 289	1 501 041	22%	15 072	11 660

Table 6: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine 3rd doses administered, 18 December 2021

Region	Cumulative no. of persons vaccinated		
	Sinopharm	AstraZeneca	Pfizer
Erongo	216	16	25
Hardap	85	0	10
Kharas	80	0	0
Kavango East	67	0	0
Kavango West	23	0	0
Khomas	444	67	248
Kunene	15	0	0
Ohangwena	34	0	0
Omaheke	11	0	0
Omusati	57	0	0
Oshana	153	10	0
Oshikoto	128	5	2
Otjozondjupa	119	8	15
Zambezi	11	0	0
Total	1 443	106	300

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION (S)

- The COVID-19 vaccination programme is ongoing throughout the country.
- Public Health measures continue to be enforced as the situation is closely monitored.
- The government and development partners continue to prioritize the continuation of essential health services.

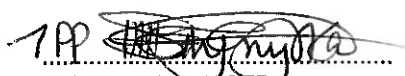
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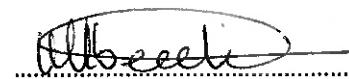
- Slow vaccine uptake among members of the public, and circulation of anti-vaccination information.

RECOMMENDATIONS


- Encourage the public to get vaccinated and strengthen community health awareness to counteract anti-vaccination information in circulation.

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