NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 648

Outbreak Name: COVID-19 outbreak
Country affected: Namibia
Date & Time: 26 December 2021 17h00
Investigation start Date: 13 March 2020
Prepared by: Surveillance Team

HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (26/12/2021)

CUMULATIVE
- Tested 863 517
- Confirmed 146 459
- Active 13 058
- Recovered 129 775
- Vaccinated 1st doses 403 489 2nd doses 237 295 3rd doses 4 482
- Deaths 3 613

TOTAL TODAY
- Tested 1 081
- Confirmed 362
- Active 13 058
- Recovered 108
- Vaccinated 1st doses 59 2nd doses 32 3rd doses 47
- Death(s) 2

- A daily increase of confirmed cases continue to be observed with concern and among them, majority are still not vaccinated. In the same vein we continue to observe increased hospitalized cases including those in ICU.
- A total of 146 459 cases have been recorded to-date, representing 6% of the total population (2 550 226).
- More female cases 77 832 (53%) have been recorded.
- Of the total confirmed cases, 4 999 (3%) are Health Workers, with 12 new confirmations today.
  - 4 197 (84%) State; 794 (16%) Private, 8 (0.2%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
  - 4 579 (92%) recoveries and 25 (0.5%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at 88.6%.
- Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest number of cases with 49 039 (34%) and 21 296 (15%) respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, 3 300 (91%) are COVID-19 deaths while 313 (9%) are COVID-19 related deaths.
- The case fatality rate now stands at 2.5%.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 26 December 2021

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<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Total cases</th>
<th>New reported re-infections</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>
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Table 2: The current distribution for hospitalization of confirmed cases by region, 26 December 2021

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<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Hospitalized confirmed cases</th>
<th>Vaccinated</th>
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<td>Zambezi</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>355</td>
<td>329</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>40</td>
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- 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 939 in epi-week 50.
- The National Call Center continues operations for 24 hours daily.
- Today (26/12/2021), 408 calls were answered.

Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 26 December 2021

Figure 2: The 7 days moving average line chart for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 26 December 2021
Table 3: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories 26 December 2021

<table>
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<th>VARIABLES</th>
<th>TOTAL</th>
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<td>Total samples received by the Laboratory</td>
<td>882 600</td>
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<td>Total samples tested</td>
<td>845 784</td>
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<td>Total samples re-tested</td>
<td>16 699</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total positive results</td>
<td>146 459</td>
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<td>Total negative results</td>
<td>699 297</td>
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<td>Total samples discarded</td>
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<td>Invalid results</td>
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<td>Total pending results</td>
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<td>Indeterminant/Inconclusive</td>
<td>28</td>
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<tr>
<td>Suspected cases in 24 hours (excluding re-tests)</td>
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➢ Of the total confirmed cases, 89 057 (61%) are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.

➢ A total of 23 159 (16%) of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.

➢ A total of 16 893 (12%) of the confirmed cases are among the 50 - 59 years group.

➢ The under 5 years age group make up 3 175 (2%) of the total cases whereas, 14 175 (10%) are above 60 years of age.

Table 4: Number of people in quarantine 26 December 2021

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Newly quarantined 24 hours</th>
<th>Cumulative number</th>
<th>Number discharged</th>
<th>Number in quarantine now</th>
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<td>Hardap</td>
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<td>3 263</td>
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<td>Kavango (East and West)</td>
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<td>1 673</td>
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<td>Khomas</td>
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<td>tr Kharas</td>
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<td>400</td>
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<td>83 875</td>
<td>836</td>
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➢ The laboratory testing capacity has been enhanced; with a total of twenty (20) 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 & Oshana Med Laboratory.

➢ To date, 863 517 tests (including 16 699 re-tests) have been conducted by authorized laboratories.

➢ Since the beginning of the outbreak, 156 097 contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, 167 new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 3 regions.

➢ Cumulatively, 151 756 contacts have completed their monitoring period, while 290 contacts are lost to follow-up and a total of 26 755 (19%) contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.

➢ Today, 470 (17%) out of 2 668 active contacts were monitored.

➢ Since March 2020, 84 711 people have been placed into quarantine around the country.

➢ A total of 836 people are currently in quarantine, with no new admissions.
## Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered, 26 December 2021

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Cumulative no. of persons vaccinated with doses of Sinopharm, AstraZeneca, Sputnik V, Pfizer and Janssen &amp; Johnson</th>
<th>Targeted Population</th>
<th>Vaccination Coverage (%)</th>
<th>Cumulative no. of Healthcare Workers vaccinated with doses of Sinopharm, AstraZeneca, Sputnik V, Pfizer and Janssen &amp; Johnson</th>
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<td>1st doses</td>
<td>Fully vaccinated</td>
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<tr>
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<td>34,122</td>
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<tr>
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<td>24,474</td>
<td>20,963</td>
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<td>Ikhomas</td>
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<td>16,877</td>
<td>55,489</td>
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<td>117,666</td>
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<tr>
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<td>16,730</td>
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## Table 6: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine 3rd doses administered, 26 December 2021

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### 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.

### CHALLENGES

- 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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