



## NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 734

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time	23.03 2022 17h00	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
Prepared by	Surveillance Team		

### HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (23/03/2022)

#### CUMULATIVE

Tested 978 352

Confirmed 157 566

Active 165

Recovered 155 464

#### Vaccinated

1<sup>st</sup> doses 451 693 2<sup>nd</sup> doses 255 405 3<sup>rd</sup> doses 36 594

Deaths 4 017

#### TOTAL TODAY

Tested 586

Confirmed 14

Active 165

Recovered 26

#### Vaccinated

1<sup>st</sup> doses 860 2<sup>nd</sup> doses 334 3<sup>rd</sup> doses 686

Deaths 1

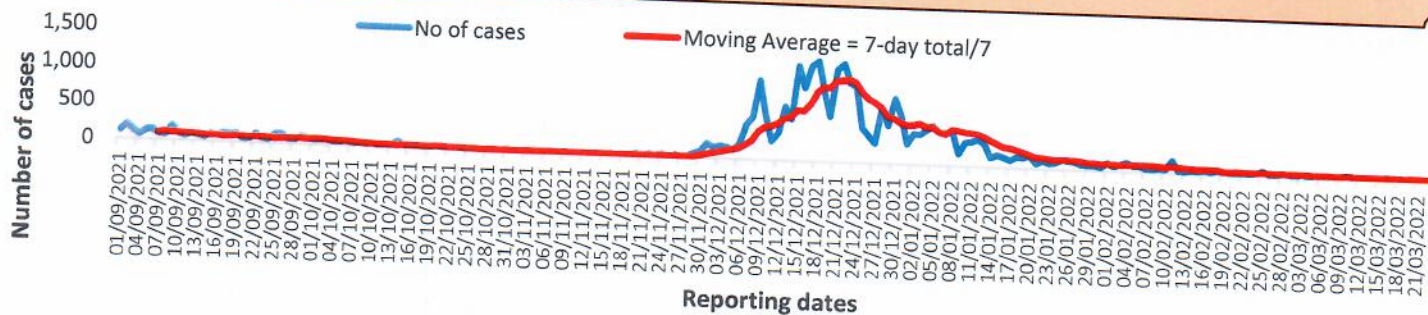
- A total of **157 566** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **6%** of the total population (**2 550 226**).
- More female cases **83 577 (53%)** have been recorded.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **5 324 (3%)** are Health Workers, with one new confirmation today.
  - 4 508 (85%) State; 807 (15%) Private, 8 (0.2%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
  - 5 318 (100%) recoveries and 25 (0.5%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **99%**.
- Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest number of cases with **51 093 (32%)** and **22 693 (14%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities **3 687 (92%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **330 (8%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.
- The case fatality rate now stands at **2.5%**.

**Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 23 March 2022**

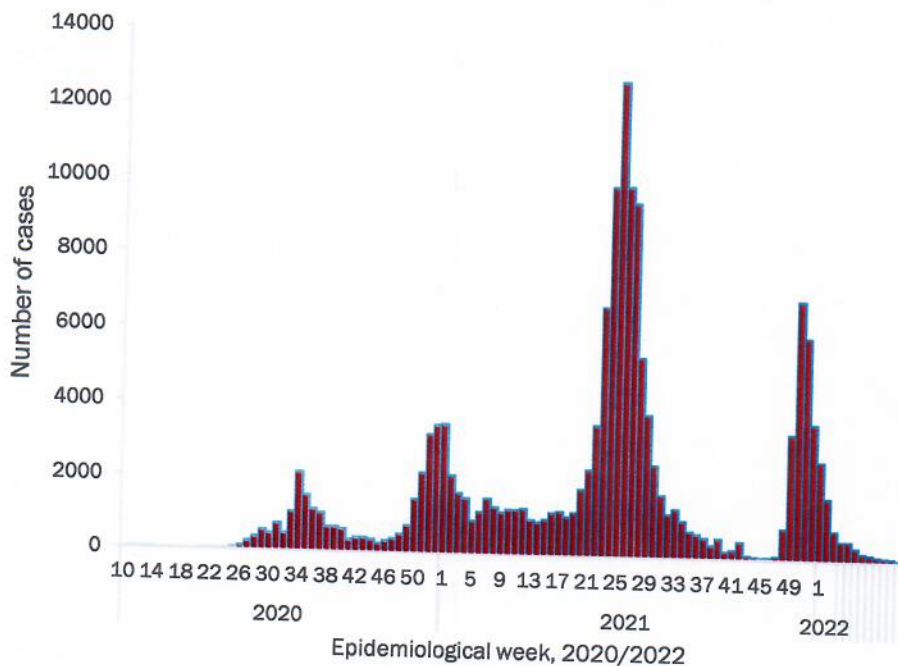
Region	New cases	New re-infections	Cummulative re-infections	Cummulative New cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Cumulative Deaths	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Non-COVID deaths	Health Workers
Erongo	1	0	360	22 693	24	22 598	426	353	5	493
Hardap	0	0	67	8 390	3	8 189	265	168	0	160
Karas	1	0	187	9 947	5	9 969	160	137	0	295
Kavango East	1	0	50	6 357	7	6 170	228	132	2	286
Kavango West	0	0	4	842	0	823	23	21	0	48
Khomas	2	0	894	51 093	64	51 021	901	705	1	1 817
Kunene	0	0	53	4 999	1	4 897	154	108	0	151
Ohangwena	4	0	42	6 053	9	5 880	204	124	2	221
Omaheke	0	0	60	5 190	4	4 955	290	204	1	143
Omusati	0	0	42	7 588	1	7 286	343	211	0	266
Oshana	3	0	92	10 635	24	10 307	395	244	1	607
Oshikoto	0	0	58	7 973	1	7 820	209	160	2	366
Otjozondjupa	0	0	163	12 234	15	12 097	284	194	1	343
Zambezi	2	0	23	3 572	9	3 452	135	77	0	128
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2 095</b>	<b>157 566</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>155 464</b>	<b>4017</b>	<b>2 838</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5 324</b>



## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA



**Figure 2: The 7 days moving average line chart for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 23 March 2022**



**Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 23 March 2022**

- The highest peak of **12 787 (8%)** cases was recorded during week 25 of 2021 (Figure 3).
- The country has started seeing a gradual reduction in the average number of confirmed cases from 1424 to 29 from epi-week 26 to 40 of 2021.
- Another peak of **7005** cases was recorded in week 50 of 2021.
- The number of cases have decreased in the last seven weeks as seen in the graph.

- The National Call Center continues operations for 24 hours daily.
- Today (23/03/2022), **163** calls were answered.

**Table 4: Number of people in quarantine 23 March 2022**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	7 331	7 295	36
Hardap	0	3 263	3 263	0
Kavango (East and West)	0	1 686	1 673	13
Khomas	0	3 767	3 767	0
Kharas	0	10 000	10 000	0
Kunene	0	6 493	6 493	0
Ohangwena	0	924	924	0
Omaheke	0	19 973	19 973	0
Omusati	0	3 999	3 997	2
Oshana	0	400	400	0
Oshikoto	27	27 883	27 846	37
Otjozondjupa	0	1 932	1 932	0
Zambezi	0	2 184	2 148	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>89 835</b>	<b>89 711</b>	<b>124</b>

- Since March 2020, **89 835** people have been placed into quarantine around the country.
- A total of **124** people are currently in quarantine, with no new admissions.



**Table 3: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories 23 March 2022**

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	978 339
Total samples tested	959 987
Total samples re-tested	18 235
Total positive results	157 566
Total negative results	802 341
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	0
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	80
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excluding re-tests)	586

➤ The laboratory testing capacity has been enhanced; with a total of twenty-three (23) 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, Hosea Kutako International Airport & Oshana Med Laboratory .

➤ To date, 978 352 tests (including 18 235 re-tests) have been conducted by authorized laboratories.

➤ Since the beginning of the outbreak, 168 784 contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, 5 new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 11 regions.

➤ Cumulatively, 167 105 contacts have completed their monitoring period, while 299 contacts are lost to follow-up and a total of 28 625 (18%) contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.

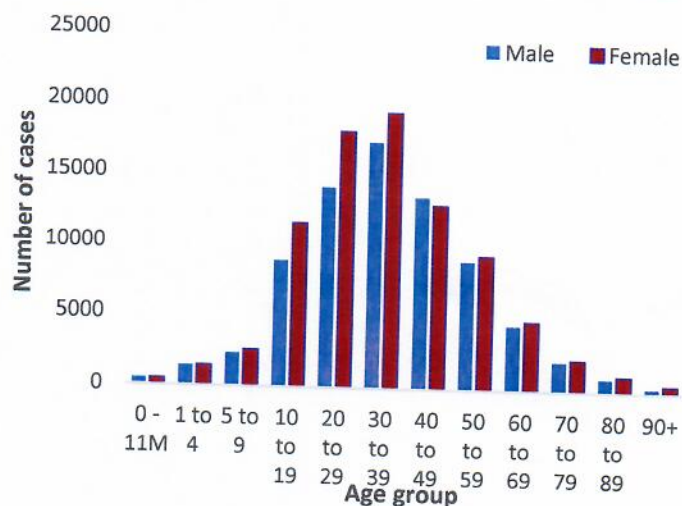
➤ Today, 72 (83%) out of 87 active contacts were monitored.

➤ Of the total confirmed cases, 94 866 (60%) are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.

➤ A total of 24 932 (16%) of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.

➤ A total of 18 158 (12%) of the confirmed cases are among the 50 - 59 years group.

➤ The under 5 years age group make up 3 489 (2%) of the total cases whereas, 16 121 (10%) are above 60 years of age.



**Figure 1: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 23 March 2022**

**Table 2: The current distribution for hospitalization of confirmed cases by region, 23 March 2022**

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases		Vaccinated		Intensive Care Unit		Vaccinated	
	Current	Previous	1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	Current	Previous	1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose
Erongo	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hardap	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
ǀKaras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Khomas	5	6	0	1	3	4	0	0
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



**Table 6: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine 3<sup>rd</sup> doses administered, 23 March 2022**

Region	Cumulative no. of persons vaccinated			
	Sinopharm	AstraZeneca	Pfizer	Booster Doses J&J
Erongo	1 652	619	2 900	348
Hardap	2 085	399	981	203
Kharas	843	175	336	66
Kavango East	550	193	263	434
Kavango West	631	247	394	302
Khomas	2 577	903	5 315	614
Kunene	1 688	401	671	454
Ohangwena	283	82	22	59
Omaheke	414	160	146	61
Omusati	896	319	485	64
Oshana	1 221	218	601	192
Oshikoto	868	171	220	57
Otjozondjupa	1 660	462	931	6
Zambezi	451	45	105	151
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 819</b>	<b>4 394</b>	<b>13 370</b>	<b>3 011</b>

**Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered, 23 March 2022**

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 <sup>st</sup> doses	Fully vaccinated			1 <sup>st</sup> doses	Fully vaccinated
	Erongo	41 852			37 228	161 966
Hardap	27 635	23 968	69 121	35%	541	447
Kharas	22 939	19 415	69 786	28%	815	491
Kavango East	38 335	27 803	105 223	26%	1 264	1 011
Kavango West	28 520	21 531	57 210	38%	434	388
Khomas	100 896	88 638	362 620	24%	4 065	3 055
Kunene	27 153	22 379	72 991	30%	678	526
Ohangwena	28 329	24 410	174 546	14%	855	684
Omaheke	19 781	15 441	53 002	29%	382	272
Omusati	27 701	24 475	179 370	14%	1 000	790
Oshana	23 585	21 038	143 395	15%	1 612	1 331
Oshikoto	22 805	20 585	144 912	14%	881	770
Otjozondjupa	33 727	30 052	112 119	27%	911	666
Zambezi	8 435	7 751	73 010	11%	662	614
<b>Total</b>	<b>451 693</b>	<b>384 714</b>	<b>1 779 271</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>15 532</b>	<b>12 140</b>

**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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