



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 963

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| Outbreak Name | COVID-19 outbreak | Country affected | Namibia |
| Date & Time | 13-18.12.2022 17h00 | Investigation start Date | 14 March 2020 |

HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (13-18.12.2022)

CUMULATIVE

Tested 1 089 783

Confirmed 170 278 (Re-infection 3 107)

Recovered 165 961

Vaccinated

1st doses 579 062 2nd doses 291 418
Booster doses 104 814

Deaths 4 082

TOTAL THIS WEEK

Tested 640

Confirmed 61 Re-infections 11

Active 71

Recovered 23

Vaccinated

912 1st doses 129 2nd doses 751 Booster doses

Deaths 0

- A total of **170 278** cases including re-infections have been recorded to-date.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **5 742 (3%)** are Health Workers, with **5** new confirmed this week.
 - 4 818 (84%) State; 906 (15.8%) Private, 16 (0.2%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
 - 5 717 (99.6%) recoveries and 25 (0.4%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **98%**.
- Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest number of cases with **54 967 (33%)** and **23 946 (14 %)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities **3 720 (91%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **362 (9%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.
- The case fatality rate now stands at **2.4%**.
- The weekly positivity rate stands at **10%**

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, as at 18 December 2022

| Region | New cases | New re-infections | Cum re-infections | Cum confirmed excluding re-infections | Active cases | Recoveries | Cum Deaths | Cum deaths with co-morbidities | Non-COVID deaths | Health Workers |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Erongo | 12 | 4 | 463 | 23 946 | 22 | 23 909 | 431 | 355 | 5 | 530 |
| Hardap | 0 | 0 | 120 | 8 809 | 0 | 8 663 | 265 | 168 | 0 | 194 |
| Kharas | 0 | 0 | 326 | 10 781 | 0 | 10 897 | 163 | 138 | 0 | 324 |
| Kavango East | 0 | 0 | 77 | 6 708 | 0 | 6 552 | 230 | 132 | 2 | 315 |
| Kavango West | 0 | 0 | 4 | 865 | 0 | 846 | 23 | 21 | 0 | 50 |
| Khomas | 24 | 5 | 1 396 | 54 967 | 37 | 55 347 | 911 | 706 | 1 | 1 950 |
| Kunene | 0 | 0 | 73 | 5 293 | 0 | 5 204 | 162 | 110 | 0 | 166 |
| Ohangwena | 2 | 0 | 59 | 6 292 | 2 | 6 126 | 220 | 127 | 2 | 237 |
| Omaheke | 0 | 0 | 72 | 5 410 | 0 | 5 193 | 291 | 205 | 1 | 153 |
| Omusati | 1 | 0 | 67 | 8 062 | 0 | 7 778 | 346 | 211 | 0 | 296 |
| Oshana | 9 | 2 | 115 | 10 929 | 10 | 10 616 | 405 | 244 | 1 | 619 |
| Oshikoto | 1 | 0 | 79 | 8 224 | 0 | 8 088 | 212 | 160 | 2 | 388 |
| Otjozondjupa | 1 | 0 | 226 | 13 226 | 0 | 13 167 | 288 | 196 | 1 | 389 |
| Zambezi | 0 | 0 | 31 | 3 658 | 0 | 3 554 | 135 | 77 | 0 | 131 |
| Total | 50 | 11 | 3 107 | 167 170 | 71 | 165 938 | 4 082 | 2 850 | 15 | 5 742 |

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

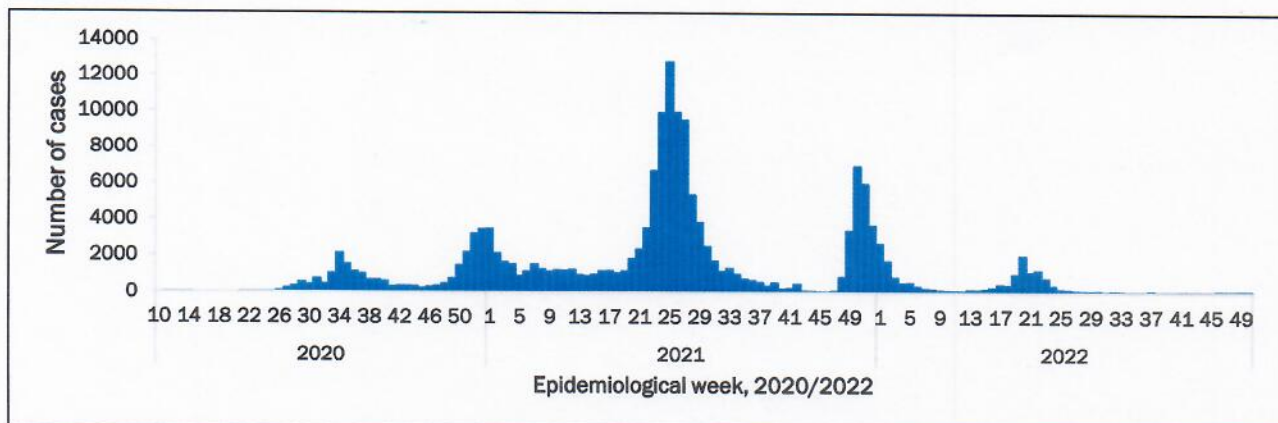


Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 case, as at 18 December 2022

- 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 2 681 to 429 from epi-week 1 to 18 of 2022.
- Another peak of 2022 cases was recorded in week 20 of 2022
- The number of cases has started decreasing in week 23 of 2022.

- Since March 2020, **98 561** people have been placed into quarantine around the country.
- Currently we do not have anyone in quarantine.

| VARIABLES | TOTAL |
|--|------------------|
| Total samples received by the Laboratory | 7 620 394 |
| Total samples tested | 7 481 421 |
| Total samples re-tested | 138 154 |
| Total positive results | 1 169 741 |
| Total negative results | 6 310 490 |
| Total samples discarded | 819 |
| Invalid results | 0 |
| Total pending results | 0 |
| Indeterminant/Inconclusive | 1190 |
| Suspected cases in 7 days (excluding re-tests) | 671 |

- 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, NCP, Maerua MC, 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, **1 089 275** tests (including **138 154** re-tests) have been conducted by authorized laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **178 855** contacts have been identified.

- Of the total confirmed cases, **100 252(60%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **26 807 (16%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- A total of **19 200 (11%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 50 - 59 years group.
- The under 5 years age group make up **3 737 (2%)** of the total cases whereas, **17 175(10%)** are above 60 years of age.

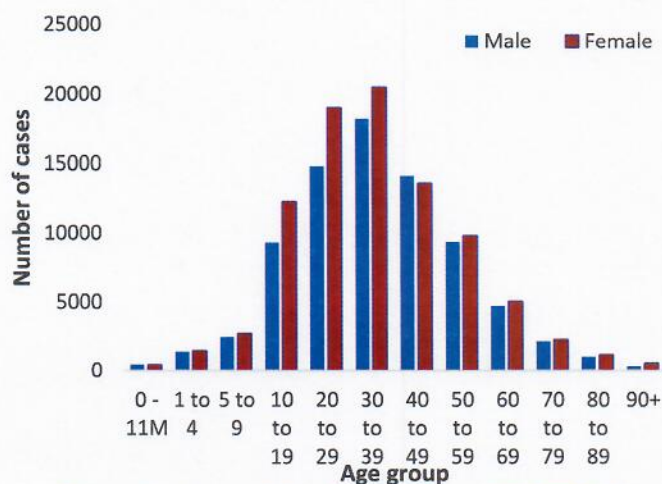


Figure 3: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, as at 18 December 2022

Table 4: The current distribution for hospitalization of confirmed cases by region, 18 December 2022

| 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 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hardap | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kharas | 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 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 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 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Otjozondjupa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zambezi | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered as at 18 December 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 st dose | Fully vaccinated | | | 1 st dose | Fully vaccinated |
| Erongo | 48,236 | 43,408 | 161,966 | 27% | 1,477 | 1,130 |
| Hardap | 33,836 | 29,462 | 69,121 | 43% | 554 | 463 |
| Kharas | 28,765 | 24,420 | 69,786 | 35% | 850 | 528 |
| Kavango East | 52,199 | 40,598 | 105,223 | 39% | 1,345 | 1,102 |
| Kavango West | 39,547 | 32,053 | 57,210 | 56% | 452 | 406 |
| Khomas | 115,439 | 103,006 | 362,620 | 28% | 4,153 | 3,145 |
| Kunene | 35,430 | 29,373 | 72,991 | 40% | 703 | 552 |
| Ohangwena | 39,813 | 33,549 | 174,546 | 19% | 949 | 775 |
| Omaheke | 25,983 | 23,525 | 53,002 | 44% | 430 | 342 |
| Omusati | 36,131 | 31,425 | 179,370 | 18% | 1,067 | 843 |
| Oshana | 32,475 | 29,605 | 143,395 | 21% | 1,682 | 1,388 |
| Oshikoto | 32,582 | 28,702 | 144,912 | 20% | 904 | 794 |
| Otjozondjupa | 42,522 | 38,198 | 112,119 | 34% | 935 | 272 |
| Zambezi | 16,104 | 14,936 | 73,010 | 20% | 738 | 1,022 |
| Total | 579,062 | 502,260 | 1,779,271 | 28% | 16,239 | 12,762 |

Table 6: Summary of COVID-19 booster doses administered as at 18 December 2022

| Region | Cumulative no. of persons vaccinated | | | |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | Sinopharm | AstraZeneca | Pfizer | Booster Doses J&J |
| Erongo | 2,838 | 1,199 | 3,998 | 1,747 |
| Hardap | 4,619 | 971 | 1,766 | 3,322 |
| Kharas | 2,616 | 659 | 792 | 1,276 |
| Kavango East | 2,293 | 573 | 1,338 | 3,094 |
| Kavango West | 2,319 | 806 | 1,372 | 2,529 |
| Khomas | 4,765 | 2,097 | 7,657 | 2,879 |
| Kunene | 3,231 | 1,087 | 1,038 | 2,436 |
| Ohangwena | 1,771 | 478 | 191 | 459 |
| Omaheke | 3,805 | 1,650 | 1,199 | 1,036 |
| Omusati | 3,673 | 1,256 | 1,169 | 1,242 |
| Oshana | 3,235 | 786 | 1,050 | 1,449 |
| Oshikoto | 2,404 | 590 | 460 | 672 |
| Otjozondjupa | 3,114 | 1,373 | 1,523 | 1,721 |
| Zambezi | 1,138 | 182 | 201 | 1,670 |
| Total | 41,821 | 13,707 | 23,754 | 25,532 |

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIONS

- The COVID-19 vaccination programme is ongoing throughout the country.
- The public is encouraged to continue adhering to COVID-19 preventative measures as the situation is being observed.
- The government and development partners continue to prioritize the continuation of essential health services.

CHALLENGES

- Slow vaccine uptake among members of the public
- Abrupt termination of COVID-19 volunteers' contracts negatively affected the response at all levels
- National call center was not operational due to the termination of COVID-19 Volunteers

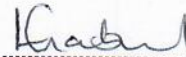
RECOMMENDATIONS

- Encourage the public to get vaccinated and strengthen community health awareness to counteract anti-vaccination information in circulation.
- Integrate response into routine activities

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