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NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 103			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (29/06/2020)

- ⊙ The country has entered into Stage 4 of the State of Emergency as of today (29 June 2020 -17 September 2020)
- ⊙ Erongo region is in Stage 3 with restrictions in Walvis Bay, Swakopmund, and Arandis Local Authority Areas (from 22 June 2020 until 23h59 of 06 July 2020).

Total	Today
Tested 9138	Tested 349
Confirmed 203	Confirmed 20
Active 179	Active 179
Recovered 24	Recovered 0
Death 0	Death 0

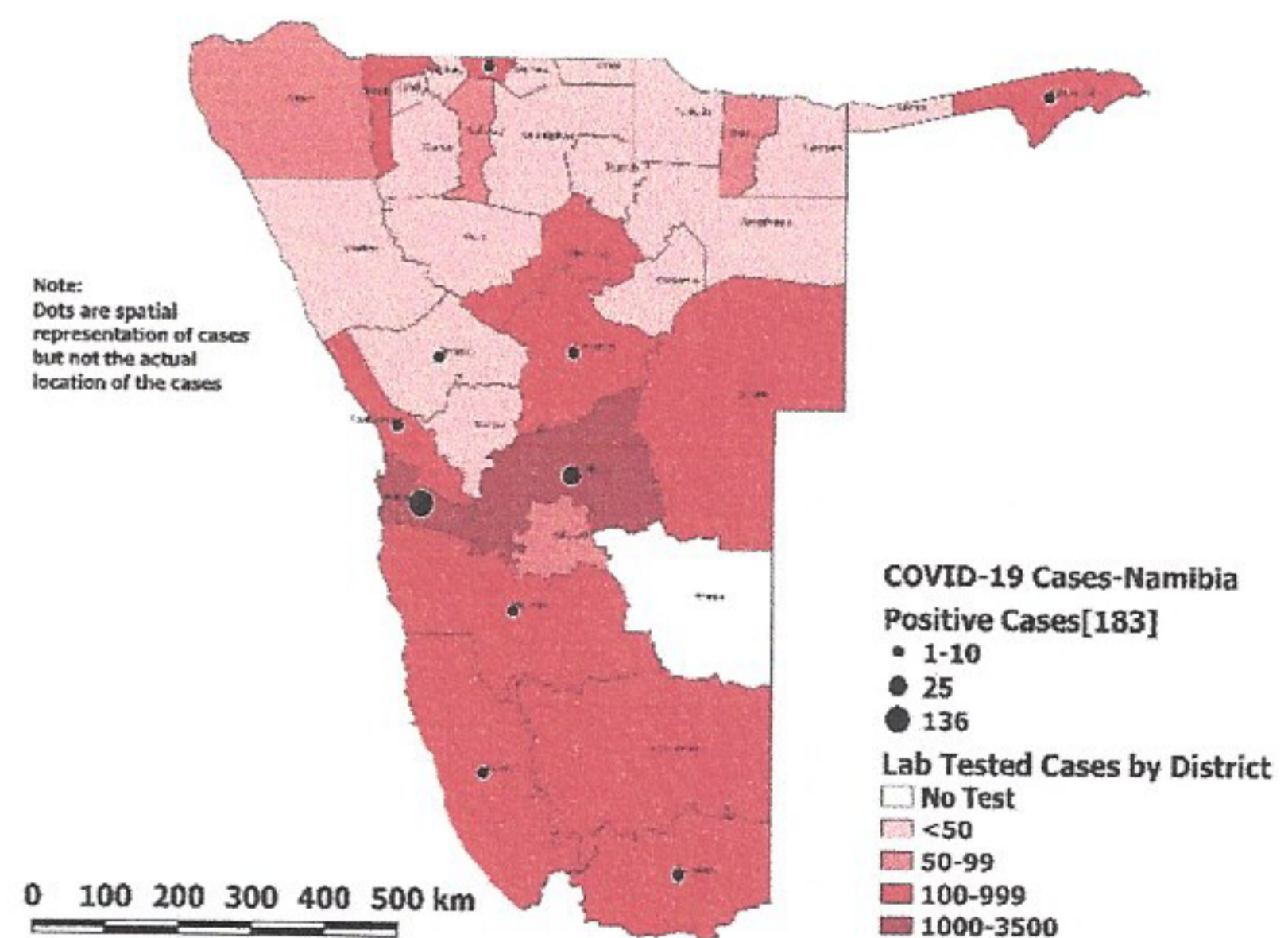


Figure 1. Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 29 June 2020

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- ⊙ Oshana region reported its first confirmed case today. The case is imported.
- ⊙ One-hundred-and-sixty-one 161 (79.3%) cases are local transmissions while forty-two 42 (20.7%) are imported.
- ⊙ Cumulatively, fifty-six (56) cases were identified during active case search.
- ⊙ Eight of the 14 regions have reported confirmed cases with Erongo region reporting the highest number of cases; 160 (78.8%).
- ⊙ More female cases 126 (62.1%) were recorded compared to male cases 77 (37.9%).
- ⊙ Of the 20 cases reported today, 13 are symptomatic, while 7 are asymptomatic.

STAGE 4 COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS:

- ⊙ Public gatherings shall not exceed 250 persons (including weddings, funerals, and religious gatherings)
- ⊙ All persons traveling from abroad including tourists must provide a 72-hours valid COVID-19 negative results certificate, and will be subjected to mandatory supervised quarantine at their own cost.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

Namibia has recorded a total of **203** confirmed cases since 13 March 2020. Most, **92 (45.3%)** of the cases were recorded during week 26 (Figure 2).

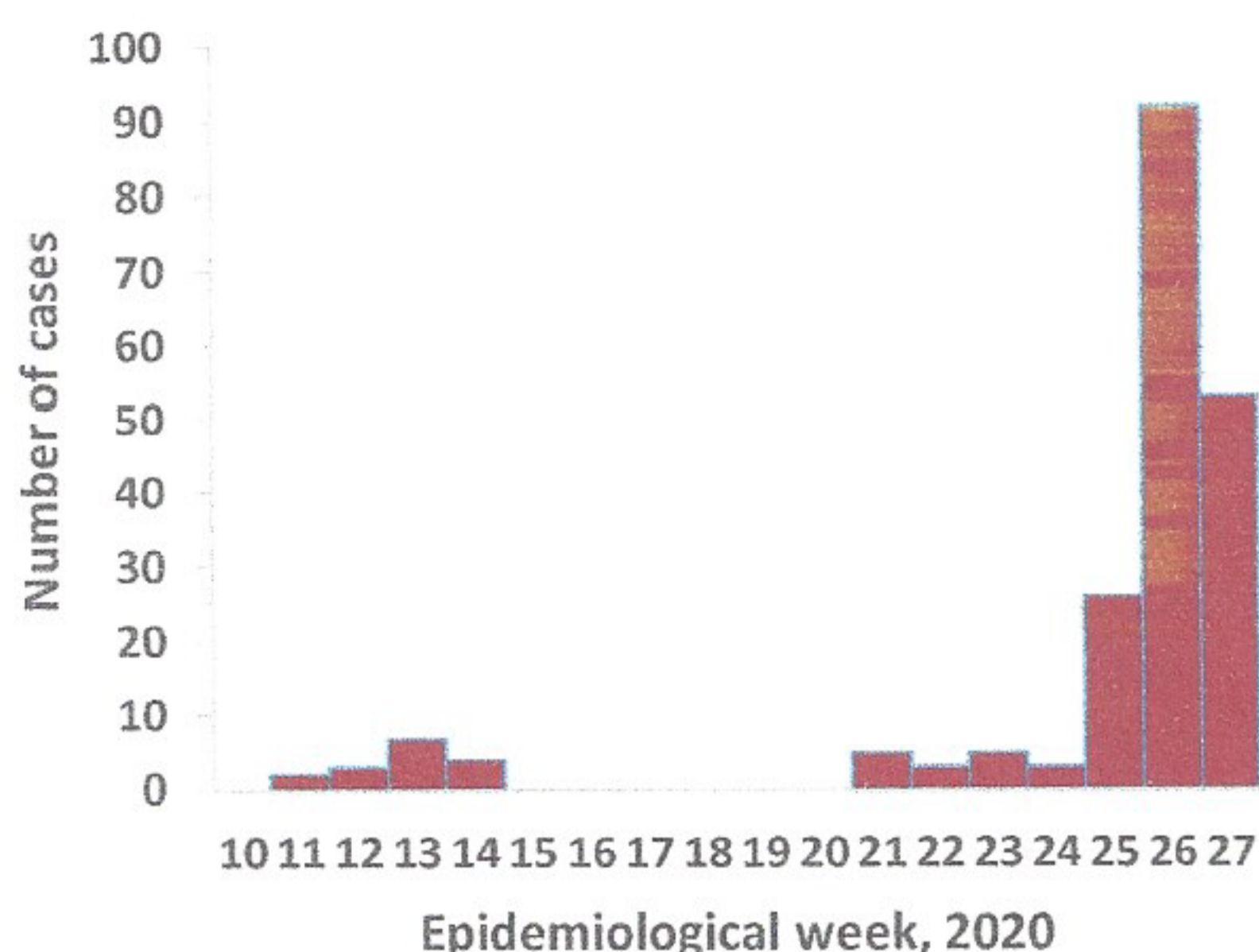


Figure 2. Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases as, 29 June 2020

- ⊙ To date, **9138** tests have been conducted by NIP & PathCare laboratories (including 810 re-tests).
- ⊙ The highest number of tests were from Khomas (3364) and the lowest from Kavango-West region (12).
- ⊙ Eight (8) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **160 (78.8%)** followed by Khomas **25 (12.3%)**.
- ⊙ Oshana and Ohangwena have each reported one confirmed case (**0.5%**).

- ⊙ A high number of cases were recorded in the past two weeks as a result of:
 - Spread of local transmission in Walvis Bay district
 - Increased active case search and testing, averaging 300 daily in the past few days.
- ⊙ A total of **875** people are currently in quarantine with **47** new admissions. Since March 2020, **44** people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.
- ⊙ Call centre continues operation for 24 hours daily; **1326** calls were answered with **8** alerts investigated

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 29 June 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered
Khomas	25	11	14
//Karas	6	4	2
Erongo	160	153	7
Hardap	6	5	1
Zambezi	2	2	0
Otjozondjupa	2	2	0
Ohangwena	1	1	0
Oshana	1	1	0
Total	203	179	24

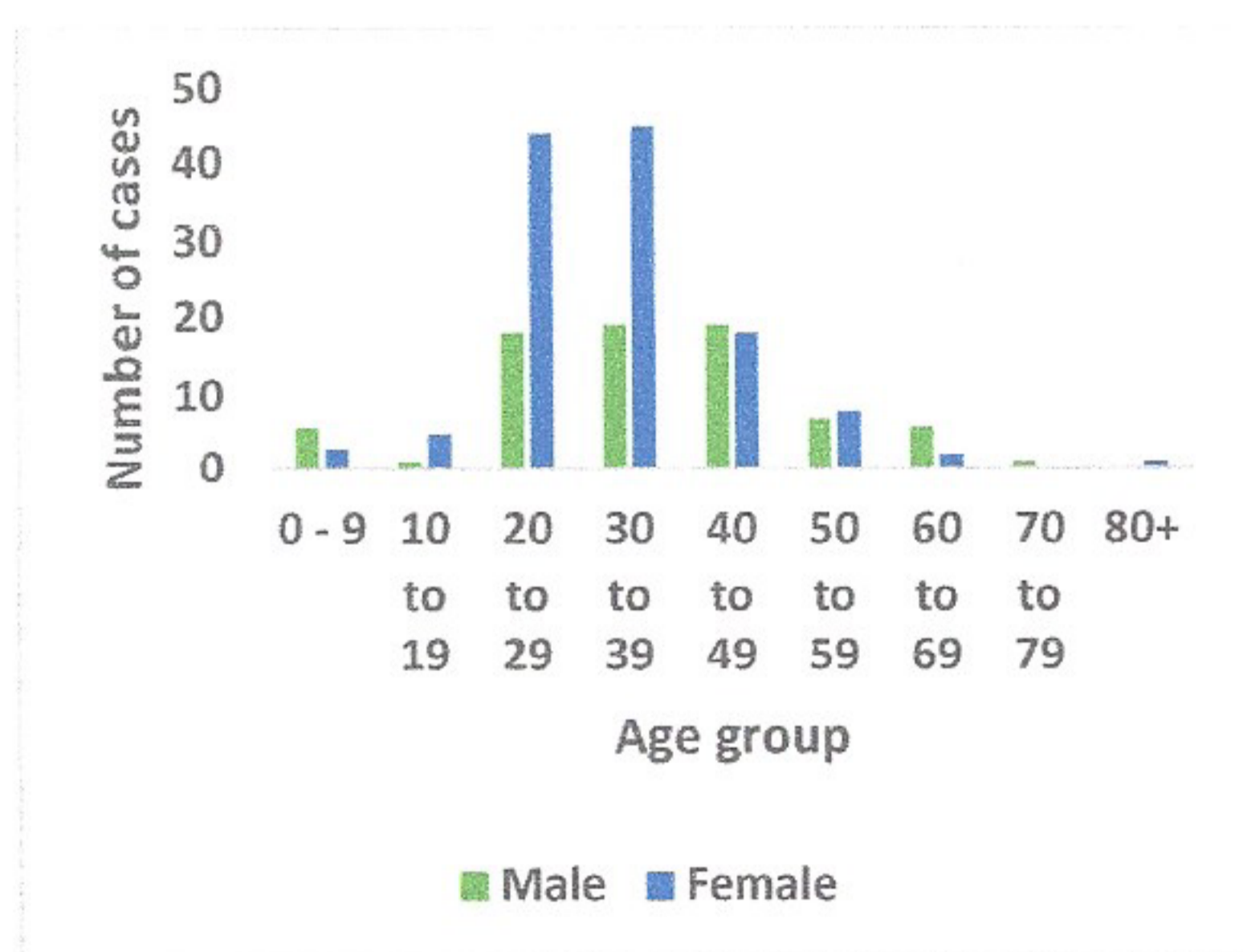


Figure 3: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 29 June 2020

- ⊙ The most affected ages are within 20 and 39 years **126 (62.1%)**. Those aged 60 and above constitute **10 (4.9%)** of those affected.
- ⊙ In Namibia, more female **126 (62.1%)** are affected.

- ⊙ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **1498** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, no new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours. Cumulatively, **648** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **99** out of **811** active contacts were monitored today.
- ⊙ Since March 2020, **3838** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- ⊙ A total of **265** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours, of which **33.2%** were heading to Khomas region, while **27.9%** were heading to Erongo region.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- ⊙ IPC Standard Operating Procedures for the Aviation Industry and Correctional Facilities under development.
- ⊙ Integrated teams sent to Kavango and Zambezi regions to give technical support for a period of 7 days.
- ⊙ Regions have intensified surveillance on travellers from Erongo region for early case detection.
- ⊙ Targeted testing in Walvis Bay is ongoing .
- ⊙ Stage 4 State of Emergency COVID-19 Regulations were gazetted on 28.06.2020

CHALLENGES

- ⊙ Inadequate isolation units, at health facilities in the regions.
- ⊙ Inadequate PPE
- ⊙ Inadequate nasopharyngeal swabs and appropriate transport media.
- ⊙ Prolonged turn-around time of results at NIP.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ⊙ Establish fully equipped isolation units at health facilities in the regions.
- ⊙ Logistics pillar to continue with the procurement and distribution of sufficient PPE to the regions to ensure that response is not interrupted.
- ⊙ NIP to continue sourcing for swabs and appropriate transport media.
- ⊙ Enhance laboratory testing capacity through out the country

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