



**Ministry of Health and Social Services
Republic of Namibia**

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 107			
Outbreak Name	<i>COVID-19 outbreak</i>	Country affected	<i>Namibia</i>
Date & Time of this report	<i>03.07.2020 22:00 hrs</i>	Investigation start Date	<i>13 March 2020</i>
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (03/07/2020)

- ⊙ The country is in Stage 4 of the State of Emergency (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 10573	Tested 452
Confirmed 375	Confirmed 40
Active 350	Active 350
Recovered 25	Recovered 0
Death 0	Death 0

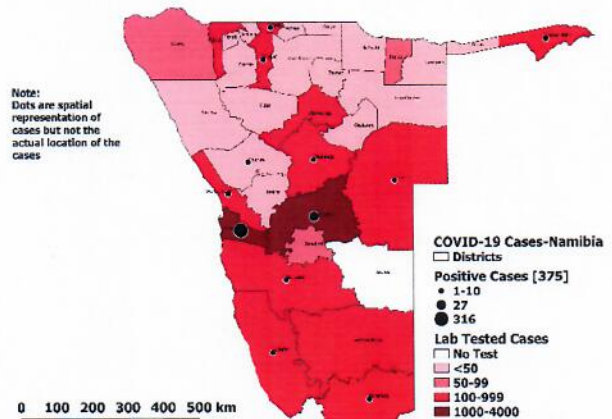


Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 03 July 2020
Dashboard information can be accessed at: <https://cutt.ly/Covid-19-situation-Namibia>

- ⊙ Three-hundred-and-thirty-two **332 (88.5%)** cases are local transmissions while forty-three **43 (11.5%)** are imported.
- ⊙ Cumulatively, ninety-one (**91**) 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; **327 (87.2%)**.
- ⊙ More female cases **230 (61.3%)** were recorded compared to male cases **145 (38.7%)**.

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 **375** confirmed cases since 13 March 2020. Most, **210 (58.3%)** of the cases were recorded during week 27 (Figure 2).

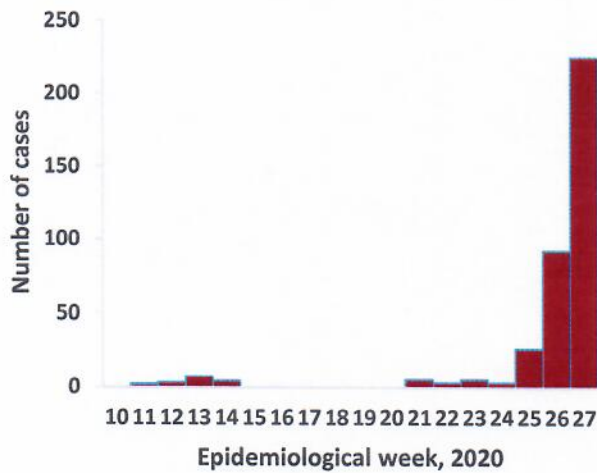


Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases as, 03 July 2020

- ⊙ A high number of cases were recorded in the past three 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.
- ⊙ Call centre continues operation for 24 hours daily; **1665** calls were answered with 7 alerts investigated over the past 24hrs.

- ⊙ Eight (8) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **327 (87.2%)** followed by Khomas **27 (7.2%)**.
- ⊙ Ohangwena have reported the least confirmed cases (**0.27%**).
- ⊙ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **1890** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **14** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours. Cumulatively, **719** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **198** out of **1164** active contacts were monitored today.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region 03 July 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered
Khomas	27	13	14
//Karas	7	5	2
Erongo	327	319	8
Hardap	6	5	1
Zambezi	2	2	0
Otjozondjupa	3	3	0
Ohangwena	1	1	0
Oshana	2	2	0
Total	375	350	25

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories 03 July 2020

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	8922	1651	-	10573
Total sample tested	7676	1516	-	9192
Total sample re-tested	774	70	-	844
Total positive results	340	34	1	375
Total negative results	7336	1482	-	8818
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Invalid results	2	0	-	2
Total pending results	43	3	-	46
Suspected cases 24 hours	34	8	-	42

Note: negative results and re-test not updated (busy updating the linelist)

- ⊙ To date, **10573** tests have been conducted by NIP & PathCare laboratories (including 844 re-tests).

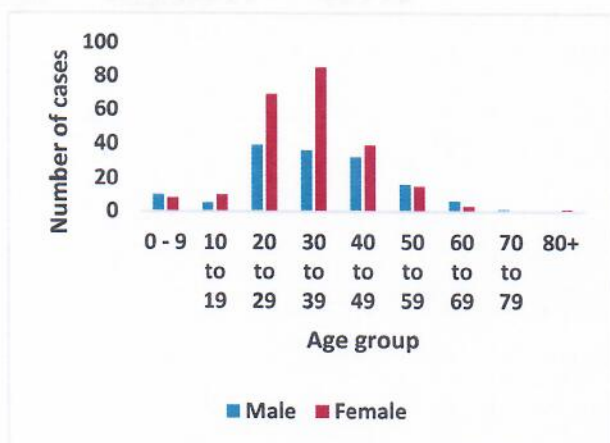


Figure 3: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 03 July 2020

- The most affected ages are within 20 and 39 years **229 (61.1%)**. Those aged 60 and above constitute **11 (2.9%)** of those affected.
- In Namibia, more female **230 (61.3%)** are affected.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 03 July 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Kunene	1	88	71	17
Omaheke	0	118	96	22
Kavango	0	92	71	21
Omusati	0	118	104	14
Oshana	0	113	40	73
Ohangwena	9	295	211	84
Hardap	2	243	175	68
Otjozondjupa	0	412	345	67
Khomas	0	1174	900	274
Zambezi	4	424	376	48
//Kharas	0	491	393	98
Erongo	0	287	204	83
Oshikoto	2	80	60	20
Total	18	3935	3046	889

- Since March 2020, **3935** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **889** people are currently in quarantine with **18** new admissions.
- Since March 2020, **45** people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.

- A total of **162** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours, of which **43.2%** were heading to Khomas region, while **25.3%** were heading to Erongo region.

Table 4. Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighboring countries and destination regions on 03 July 2020

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Zambia	Botswana	DRC	Angola	Tanzania	
//Kharas	15	0	0	0	0	0	15
Khomas	63	0	7	0	0	0	70
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	15	0	0	0	0	2	17
Otjozondjupa	4	0	1	0	0	0	5
Kavango	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hardap	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Oshikoto	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Zambezi	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
Erongo	6	27	8	0	0	0	41
Total	115	27	18	0	0	2	162

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- ⊙ Thirty-two (32) Community-Based Health Workers were trained at Swakopmund District, Erongo Region
- ⊙ IPC Protocol for assessing the Health Care Worker's Risk for COVID-19 were developed.
- ⊙ Assessing and supervising PPE procurement capacity is ongoing
- ⊙ 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 June 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.

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