



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

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 108			
Outbreak Name	<i>COVID-19 outbreak</i>	Country affected	<i>Namibia</i>
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (04/07/2020)

- ⊙ 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 10883	Tested 492
Confirmed 412	Confirmed 38
Active 350	Active 350
Recovered 25	Recovered 0
Death 0	Death 0

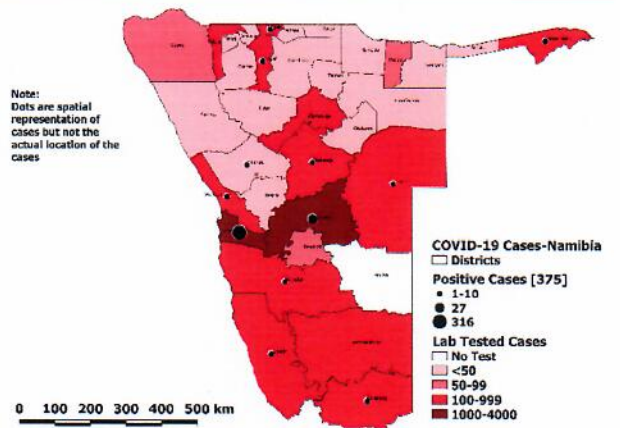


Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 04 July 2020
Dashboard information can be accessed at: <https://cutt.ly/Covid-19-situation-Namibia>

- ⊙ Three-hundred-and-thirty-two **369 (89.6%)** cases are local transmissions while forty-three **43 (10.4%)** are imported.
- ⊙ Cumulatively, **110** 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; **363 (88.1%)**.
- ⊙ More female cases **251 (60.9%)** were recorded compared to male cases **161 (39.1%)**.

- 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).

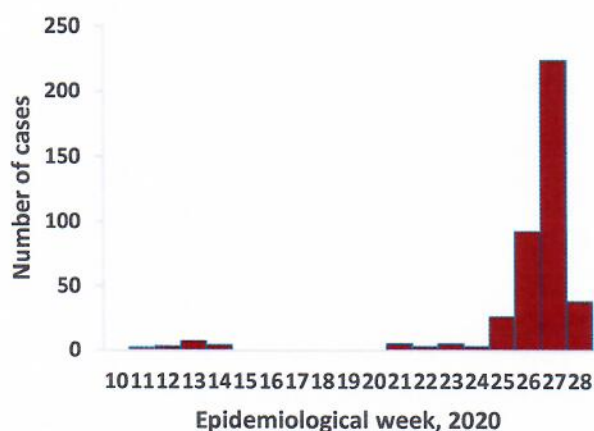


Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases as of 04 July 2020

- ⊙ 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; **1629** calls were answered with **21** alerts investigated over the past 24hrs.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 04 July 2020

- ⊙ Eight (8) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **363 (88.1%)** followed by Khomas **27 (6.6%)**.
- ⊙ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **2066** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **19** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours. Cumulatively, **756** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **134** out of **1301** active contacts were monitored today.

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered
Khomas	27	13	14
//Karas	7	5	2
Erongo	363	319	8
Hardap	6	5	1
Zambezi	2	2	0
Otjozondjupa	3	3	0
Ohangwena	2	1	0
Oshana	2	2	0
Total	412	350	25

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories 04 July 2020

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	9302	1705	-	11007
Total sample tested	8389	1595	-	9984
Total sample re-tested	800	99	-	899
Total positive results	372	40	1	412
Total negative results	8018	1561	-	9579
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Invalid results	2	0	-	2
Total pending results	43	3	-	46
Suspected cases i 24 hours	438	54	-	492

- ⊙ To date, **10883** tests have been conducted by NIP & PathCare laboratories (including **899** re-tests).

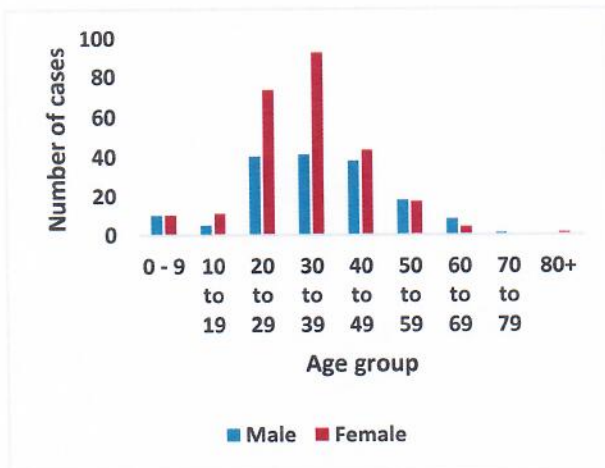


Figure 3: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 04 July 2020

- The most affected ages are within 20 and 39 years **246 (59.7%)**. Those aged 60 and above constitute **14 (3.4%)** of those affected.
- In Namibia, more female **251 (60.9%)** are affected.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 04 July 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Kunene	0	88	71	17
Omaheke	0	118	96	22
Kavango	0	92	71	21
Omusati	0	118	104	14
Oshana	3	116	40	76
Ohangwena	0	295	211	84
Hardap	0	243	175	68
Otjozondjupa	0	412	345	67
Khomas	54	1228	962	266
Zambezi	7	431	382	49
//Kharas	0	491	393	98
Erongo	0	287	204	83
Oshikoto	0	80	60	20
Total	64	3999	3114	885

- Since March 2020, **3999** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **885** people are currently in quarantine with **64** new admissions.
- Since March 2020, **45** people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.

- A total of **263** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours, of which **39.5%** were heading to Khomas region, while **18.6%** were heading to Erongo region.

Table 4. Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighboring countries and destination regions on 04 July 2020

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Zambia	Botswana	DRC	Angola	Tanzania	
//Kharas	60	0	0	0	0	0	60
Khomas	100	0	4	0	0	0	104
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
Otjozondjupa	13	0	2	0	0	0	15
Kavango	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Ohangwena	7	0	0	0	1	0	8
Hardap	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Oshikoto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erongo	13	30	5	0	1	0	49
Total	220	30	11	0	2	0	263

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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