

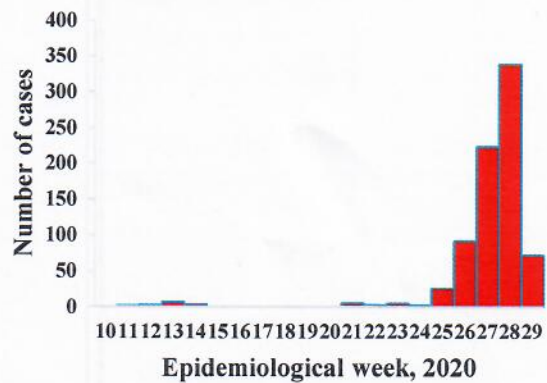


**Ministry of Health and Social Services  
Republic of Namibia**

<b>NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 115</b>			
<b>Outbreak Name</b>	<i>COVID-19 outbreak</i>	<b>Country affected</b>	<i>Namibia</i>
<b>Date &amp; Time of this report</b>	<i>11.07.2020 23:00 hrs</i>	<b>Investigation start Date</b>	<i>13 March 2020</i>
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**HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (11/07/2020)**

- ⊙ The country is in Stage 4 of the State of Emergency (29 June 2020 -17 September 2020)
- ⊙ Walvis Bay, Swakopmund, and Arandis Local Authority Areas in Erongo region will remain in Stage 3 (from 07 July 2020 until 23h59 of 03 August 2020).



*Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases  
11 July 2020*

Total	Today
<b>Tested 14413</b>	<b>Tested 508</b>
<b>Confirmed 785</b>	<b>Confirmed 72</b>
<b>Active 758</b>	<b>Active 758</b>
<b>Recovered 26</b>	<b>Recovered 1</b>
<b>Death 1</b>	<b>Death 0</b>

Namibia has recorded a total of **785** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Most, **339 (43.2%)** of the cases were recorded during week 28 (Figure 1).

Dashboard information can be accessed at: <https://cutt.ly/Covid-19-situation-Namibia>

- ⊙ 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; **1557** calls were answered with **16** alerts

- ⊙ One recovery has been recorded today (11 July 2020) from //Kharas region.
- ⊙ Cumulatively, **736 (93.8%)** cases are local transmissions while **49 (6.2%)** are imported.
- ⊙ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **156** 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; **723 (92.1%)**.
- ⊙ More female cases **412 (52.5%)** were recorded compared to male cases **373 (47.5%)**.

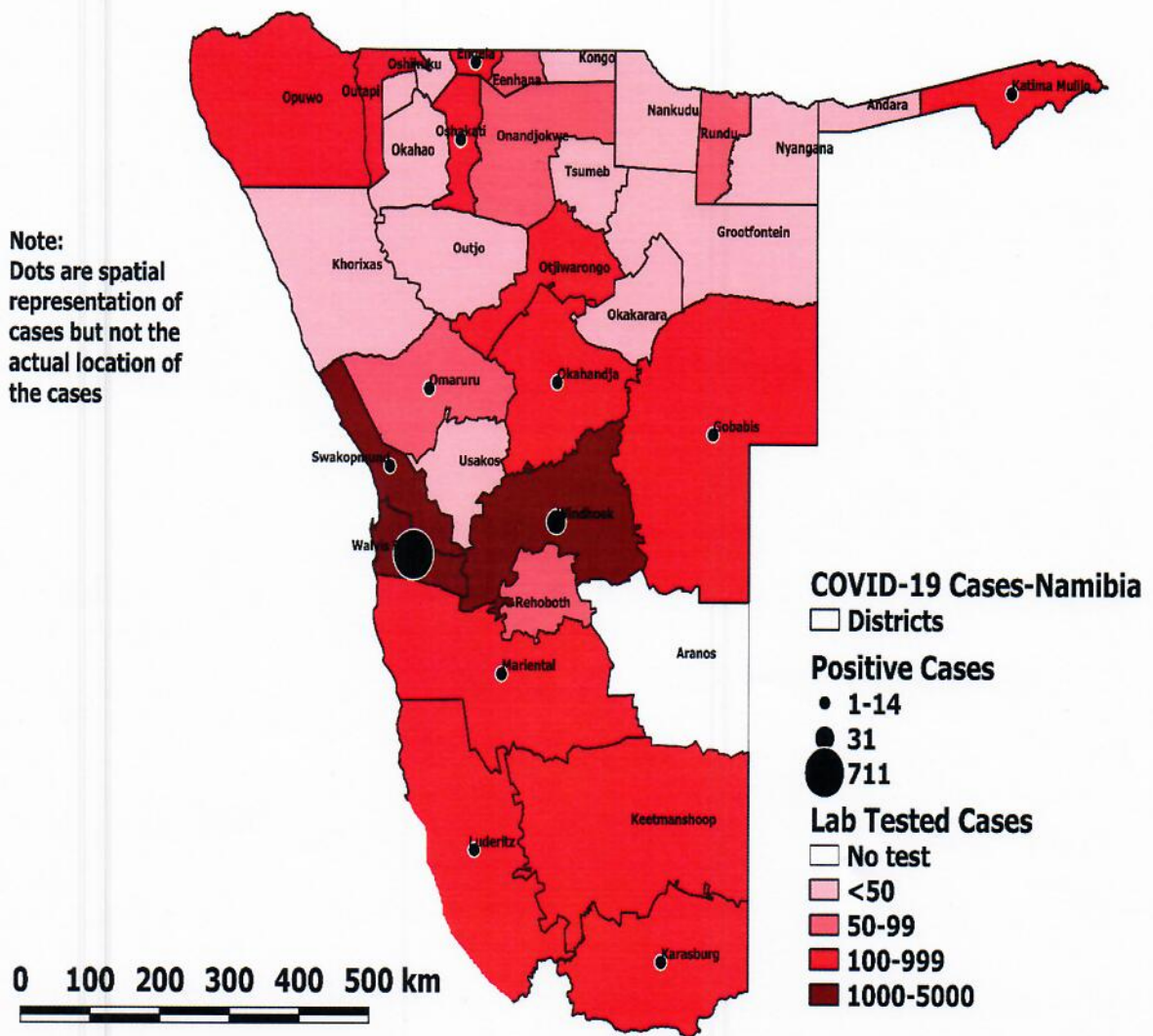


Figure 2: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 11 July 2020

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 11 July 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered
Erongo	723	714	8
Hardap	6	5	1
//Kharas	10	7	3
Khomas	31	17	14
Oshana	3	3	0
Oshana	5	5	0
Otjozondjupa	5	5	0
Zambezi	2	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>26</b>

- Eight (8) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest 723 (92.1%) followed by Khomas 31 (3.9%).
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, 2243 contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, 3 new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours. Cumulatively, 1059 contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while 129 out of 1151 active contacts were monitored today.

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

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	12288	2245	-	14533
Total sample tested	10887	2130	-	13017
Total sample re-tested	1289	107	-	1396
Total positive results	639	145	1	785
Total negative results	10247	1986	-	12233
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Invalid results	1	0	-	1
Total pending results	43	0	-	43
Suspected cases in 24 hours	345	163	-	508

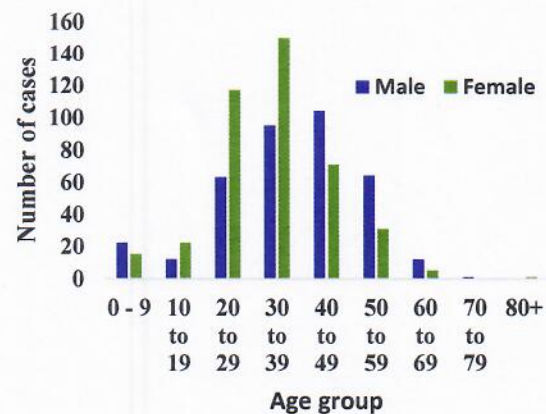
- To date, **14413** tests have been conducted by NIP & PathCare laboratories (including **1396** re-tests).

**Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 11 July 2020**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Kunene	0	96	75	21
Omaheke	0	118	118	0
Kavango	0	100	89	11
Omusati	0	121	118	3
Oshana	0	117	46	71
Ohangwena	0	307	234	73
Hardap	0	257	220	37
Otjozondjupa	0	412	370	42
Khomas	9	1353	1143	210
Zambezi	0	451	403	48
//Kharas	4	536	446	90
Erongo	0	466	331	135
Oshikoto	0	86	68	18
Total	13	4420	3661	759

- Since March 2020, **4420** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **759** people are currently in quarantine with **13** new admissions.
- Since March 2020, **96** people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.

- The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **600 (76.4%)**.
- Those aged 60 and above constitute **19 (2.4%)** of those affected.
- More female **412 (52.5%)** are affected.



**Figure 3: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 11 July 2020**

**Table 4. Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighboring countries and destination regions on 11 July 2020**

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Zambia	Botswana	DRC	Angola	Zimbabwe	
//Kharas	35	0	0	0	0	0	35
Khomas	109	2	15	0	2	0	128
Omusati	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Oshana	7	0	0	0	2	0	9
Otjozondjupa	18	0	8	0	1	0	27
Kavango	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Ohangwena	4	0	0	0	1	0	5
Hardap	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kunene	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Omaheke	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Oshikoto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Erongo	17	24	24	7	1	2	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>290</b>

- A total of **290** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **44.1%** were heading to Khomas, **25.9%** to Erongo while **12.1%** were heading to //Kharas region.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- Regions have enhanced social mobilization on COVID-19
- Targeted testing in Walvis Bay is ongoing
- Integrated teams sent to Omusati and Oshana regions to give technical support for a period of 9 days
- Regions have intensified surveillance on travellers from Erongo region for early case detection

#### 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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