

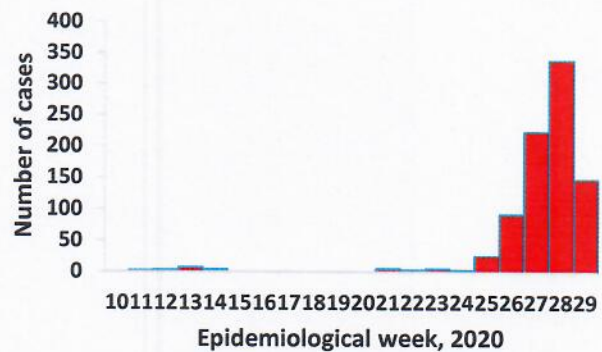


**Ministry of Health and Social Services
Republic of Namibia**

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 116			
Outbreak Name	<i>COVID-19 outbreak</i>	Country affected	<i>Namibia</i>
Date & Time of this report	<i>12.07.2020 23:00 hrs</i>	Investigation start Date	<i>13 March 2020</i>
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (12/07/2020)

- ⊙ 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
12 July 2020*

Total	Today
Tested 15112	Tested 595
Confirmed 861	Confirmed 76
Active 832	Active 832
Recovered 28	Recovered 2
Death 1	Death 0

Namibia has recorded a total of **861** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **339 (39.4%)** of the total 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; **1479** calls were answered with **14** alerts, today.

- ⊙ Two recoveries have been recorded today (12 July 2020) from Erongo region.
- ⊙ Cumulatively, **810 (94.1%)** cases are local transmissions while **51 (5.9%)** 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; **796 (92.5%)**.
- ⊙ More female cases **438 (50.9%)** were recorded compared to male cases **423 (49.1%)**.

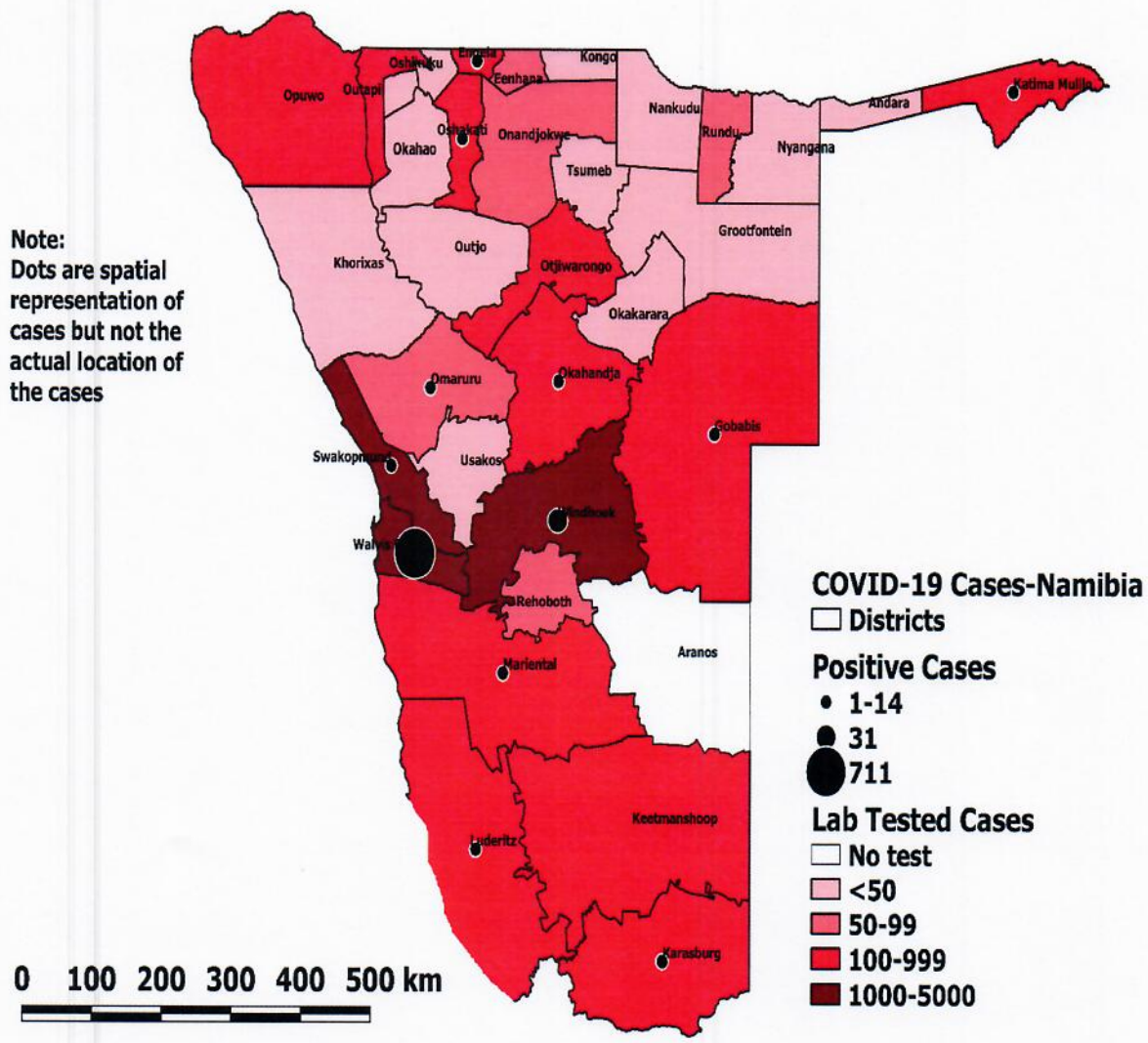


Figure 2: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 12 July 2020

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 12 July 2020

- Eight (8) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest 796 (92.5%) followed by Khomas 33 (3.8%).
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, 2287 contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, 18 new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours. Cumulatively, 1102 contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while 161 out of 1154 active contacts were monitored today.

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death
Erongo	796	785	10	1
Hardap	6	5	1	0
//Kharas	11	8	3	0
Khomas	33	19	14	0
Ohangwena	3	3	0	0
Oshana	5	5	0	0
Otjozondjupa	5	5	0	0
Zambezi	2	2	0	0
Total	861	832	28	1

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

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	12829	2403	-	15232
Total sample tested	11324	2288	-	13612
Total sample re-tested	1393	107	-	1500
Total positive results	682	178	1	861
Total negative results	10642	2110	-	12752
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Invalid results	1	0	-	1
Total pending results	43	0	-	43
Suspected cases in 24 hours	437	158	-	595

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 12 July 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Kunene	5	101	81	20
Omaheke	0	118	118	0
Kavango	0	100	89	11
Omusati	0	121	118	3
Oshana	0	117	46	71
Ohangwena	0	307	261	46
Hardap	0	257	220	37
Otjozondjupa	0	412	370	42
Khomas	0	1353	1143	210
Zambezi	8	459	404	55
//Kharas	0	536	446	90
Erongo	0	466	331	135
Oshikoto	0	86	68	18
Total	13	4433	3695	738

- The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **669 (77.7%)**.
- Those aged 60 and above constitute **19 (2.2%)** of those affected.

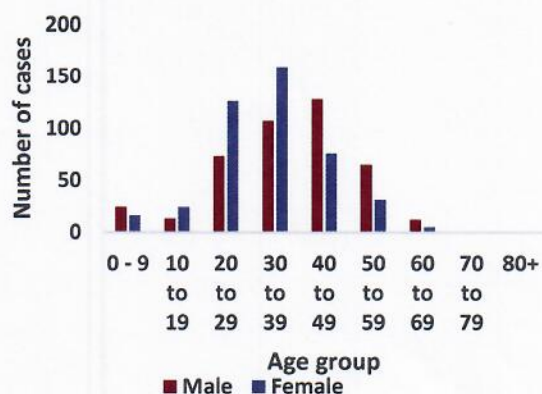


Figure 3: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 12 July 2020

- To date, **15112** tests have been conducted by NIP & PathCare laboratories (including **1500** re-tests).

- Since March 2020, **4433** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.

- A total of **738** people are currently in quarantine with **13** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

- Since March 2020, **99** people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.

Table 4. Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighboring countries and destination regions on 12 July 2020

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Zambia	Botswana	DRC	Angola	Zimbabwe	
//Kharas	77	0	0	0	0	0	77
Khomas	147	0	18	0	2	0	167
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	4	0	1	0	2	0	7
Otjozondjupa	20	0	6	0	1	0	27
Kavango	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Ohangwena	9	0	0	0	1	0	10
Hardap	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erongo	27	0	63	0	0	2	92
Total	287	0	89	0	6	2	384

- ⊙ A total of **384** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- ⊙ Of these trucks, **43.5%** were heading to Khomas, **24.0%** to Erongo while **20.1%** 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

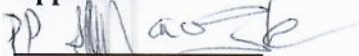
CHALLENGES

- ⊙ 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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