

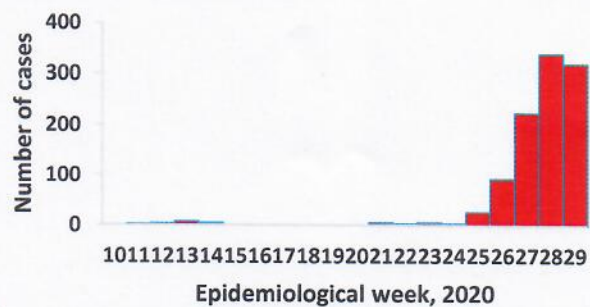


**Ministry of Health and Social Services  
Republic of Namibia**

<b>NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 119</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>15.07.2020 23:00 hrs</i>	<b>Investigation start Date</b>	<i>13 March 2020</i>
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**HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (15/07/2020)**

- ⊙ 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, 15 July 2020*

Total	Today
<b>Tested 16534</b>	<b>Tested 400</b>
<b>Confirmed 1032</b>	<b>Confirmed 72</b>
<b>Active 999</b>	<b>Active 999</b>
<b>Recovered 31</b>	<b>Recovered 0</b>
<b>Death 2</b>	<b>Death 0</b>

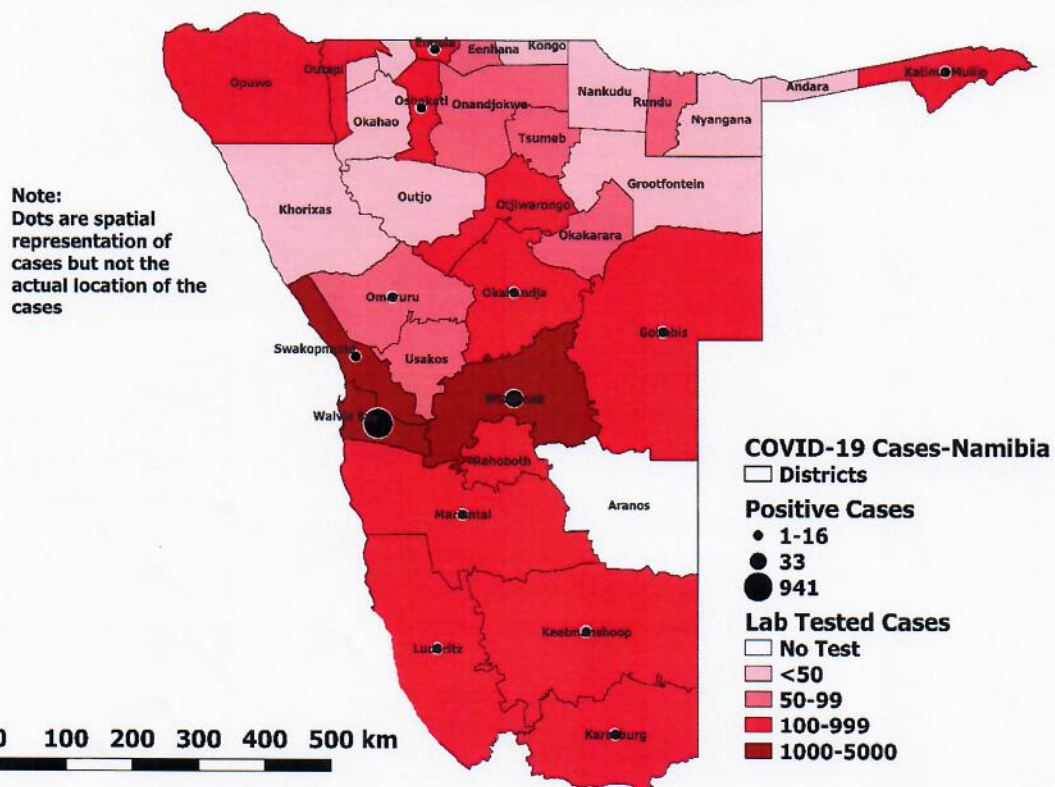
Namibia has recorded a total of **1032** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **339 (32.8%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 28 (Figure 1).

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; **1294** calls were answered with **23** alerts, today.

- ⊙ Cumulatively, **980 (95.0%)** cases are local transmissions while **52 (5.0)** are imported.
- ⊙ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **195** 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; **960 (93.0%)**.
- ⊙ More female cases **517 (50.1%)** were recorded compared to male cases **515 (49.9%)**.

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

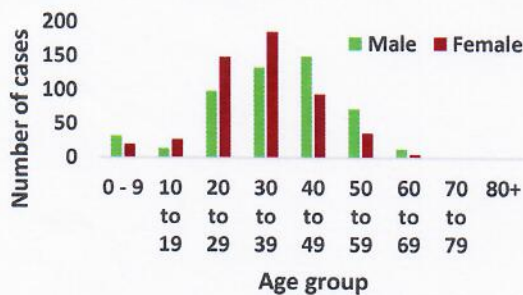


*Figure 2: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 15 July 2020*

- Eight (8) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest 960 (93.0%) followed by Khomas 35 (3.4%).
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, 2620 contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, 289 new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours. Cumulatively, 1201 contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while 958 out of 1123 active contacts were monitored today.

*Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 15 July 2020*

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death
Erongo	960	947	11	2
Hardap	6	5	1	0
//Kharas	15	12	3	0
Khomas	35	19	16	0
Ohangwena	3	3	0	0
Oshana	5	5	0	0
Otjozondjupa	5	5	0	0
Zambezi	3	3	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1032</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>



*Figure 3: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases 15 July 2020*

- The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years 812 (78.7%).
- Those aged 60 and above constitute 20 (1.9%) of those affected.

**Table 2: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 15 July 2020**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Kunene	2	108	87	21
Omaheke	0	118	118	0
Kavango	0	101	91	10
Omusati	1	123	120	3
Oshana	0	121	54	67
Ohangwena	3	310	282	28
Hardap	0	257	220	37
Otjozondjupa	0	412	370	42
Khomas	0	1406	1196	210
Zambezi	1	465	418	47
//Kharas	0	536	446	90
Erongo	0	466	382	84
Oshikoto	0	86	72	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4509</b>	<b>3856</b>	<b>653</b>

- ⊙ Since March 2020, **4509** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- ⊙ A total of **653** people are currently in quarantine with **7** new admissions in the past 24 hours.
- ⊙ Since March 2020, **99** people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.

**Table 3: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories 15 July 2020**

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	14113	2541	-	16654
Total sample tested	12395	2385	-	14780
Total sample re-tested	1606	148	-	1754
Total positive results	835	196	1	1032
Total negative results	11560	2189	-	13749
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Invalid results	1	0	-	1
Total pending results	43	0	-	43
Suspected cases in 24 hours	390	10	-	400

- ⊙ To date, **16534** tests have been conducted by NIP & Path-Care laboratories (including **1745** re-tests).

**Table 3: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighboring countries and destination regions on 15 July 2020**

	RSA	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	Total
//Kharas	87	0	0	0	0	87
Khomas	139	17	7	0	1	164
Omusati	1	0	0	0	0	1
Oshana	5	0	0	0	0	5
Otjozondjupa	12	6	2	0	0	20
Kavango	1	2	0	0	0	3
Ohangwena	3	0	2	0	0	5
Hardap	6	0	0	0	1	7
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	3	0	0	0	0	3
Oshikoto	4	0	1	0	0	5
Zambezi	0	1	0	0	0	1
Erongo	18	21	0	0	16	55
<b>Total</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>356</b>

- ⊙ A total of **356** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- ⊙ Of these trucks, **46.1%** were heading to Khomas, **24.4%** to //Kharas while **15.4%** were heading to Erongo region.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION**

- ⊙ Regions have enhanced social mobilization on COVID-19
- ⊙ Targeted testing in Walvis Bay is ongoing
- ⊙ 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 throughout the country


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