



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

<b>NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 120</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>16.07.2020 23:00 hrs</i>	<b>Investigation start Date</b>	<i>13 March 2020</i>
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**HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (16/07/2020)**

- ⊙ 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).

<b>Total</b>	<b>Today</b>
<b>Tested 17031</b>	<b>Tested 428</b>
<b>Confirmed 1078</b>	<b>Confirmed 46</b>
<b>Active 1044</b>	<b>Active 1044</b>
<b>Recovered 32</b>	<b>Recovered 1</b>
<b>Death 2</b>	<b>Death 0</b>

*Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 16 July 2020*

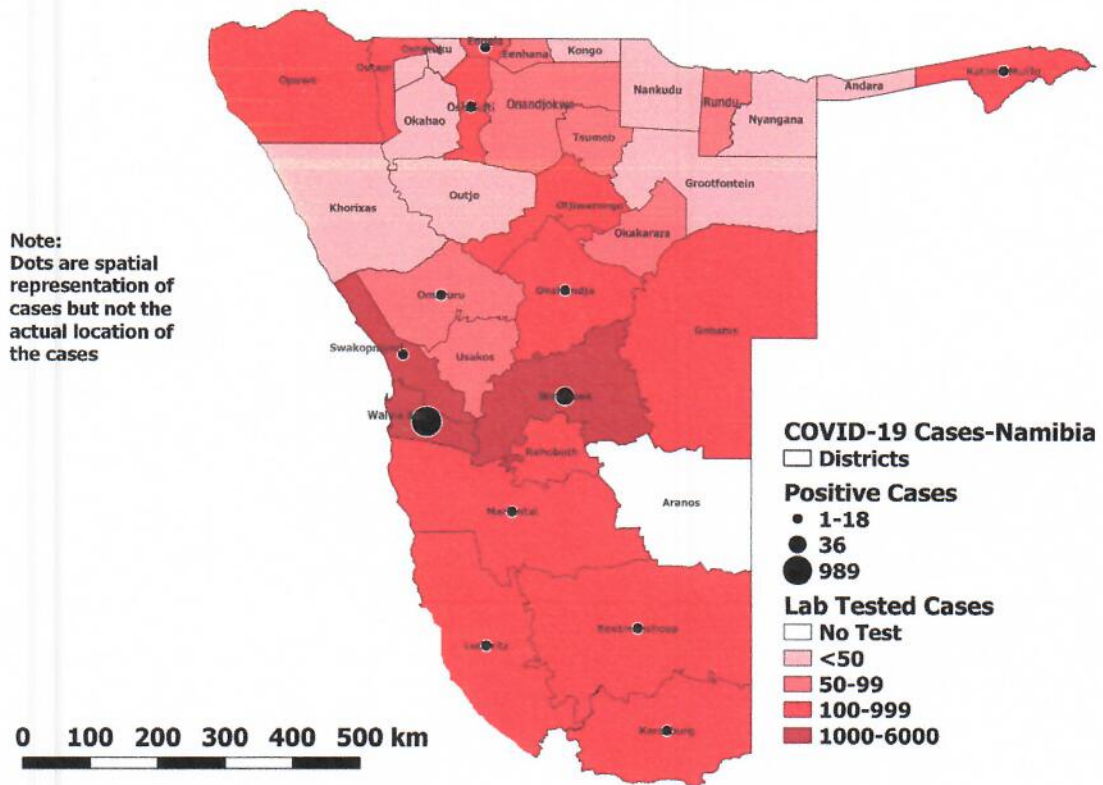
<b>Region</b>	<b>Total No. of cases</b>	<b>Active cases</b>	<b>Recovered</b>	<b>Death</b>
<b>Erongo</b>	<b>1002</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Hardap</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>//Kharas</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Khomas</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Ohangwena</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Oshana</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Otjondjupa</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Zambezi</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1078</b>	<b>1044</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>

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

- ⊙ Eight (8) of the 14 regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **1002 (92.9%)** followed by Khomas **38 (3.5%)**.

- ⊙ One (1) recovery has been recorded today (16 July 2020) from Erongo region.
- ⊙ Cumulatively, **1025 (95.1%)** cases are local transmissions while **53 (4.9%)** are imported.
- ⊙ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **195** cases were identified during active case search.
- ⊙ More female cases **540 (50.1%)** were recorded compared to male cases **538 (49.9%)**.

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

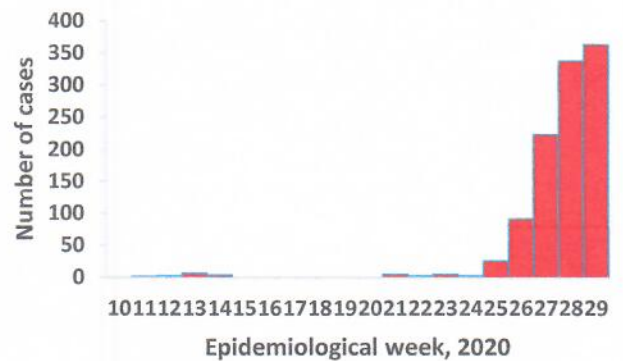


*Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 16 July 2020*

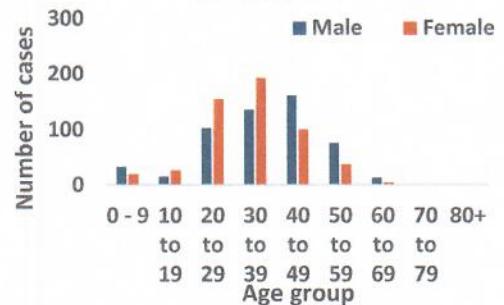
Namibia has recorded a total of **1078** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **369 (34.2%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 29 (Figure 2).

- ⊙ 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; **1335** calls were answered with **19** alerts, today.

- ⊙ The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **849 (78.8%)**.
- ⊙ Those aged 60 and above constitute **20 (1.9%)** of those affected.



*Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 16 July 2020*



*Figure 3: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases 16 July 2020*



**Table 2: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 16 July 2020**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Kunene	0	108	87	21
Omaheke	0	118	118	0
Kavango	0	101	91	10
Omusati	2	125	120	5
Oshana	1	122	65	57
Ohangwena	3	313	286	27
Hardap	0	257	220	37
Otjozondjupa	0	412	407	5
Khomas	11	1417	1222	195
Zambezi	10	475	423	52
//Kharas	0	536	446	90
Erongo	0	466	382	84
Oshikoto	5	91	75	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4541</b>	<b>3942</b>	<b>599</b>

- Since March 2020, **4541** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **599** people are currently in quarantine with **32** 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 16 July 2020**

- To date, **17031** tests have been conducted by NIP & Path-Care laboratories (including **1823** re-tests).
- 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 **1125** active contacts were monitored today.

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	14463	2688	-	17151
Total sample tested	12690	2518	-	15208
Total sample re-tested	1661	162	-	1823
Total positive results	867	210	1	1078
Total negative results	11823	2308	-	14131
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Invalid results	1	0	-	1
Total pending results	43	0	-	43
Suspected cases in 24 hours	295	133	-	428

**Table 4: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighboring countries and destination regions on 16 July 2020**

Destination	Country of departure							Total
	RSA	Zimbabwe	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia		
//Kharas	33	0	0	0	0	3		36
Khomas	52	0	8	2	0	0		62
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Oshana	1	0	0	0	0	0		1
Otjozondjupa	2	0	3	0	0	1		6
Kavango	1	0	1	0	0	0		2
Ohangwena	2	0	0	0	0	0		2
Hardap	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
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	9	1	24	0	3	34		71
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>38</b>		<b>180</b>

- A total of **180** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **39.4%** were heading to Erongo, **34.4%** to Khomas while **20.0%** were heading to Erongo region.

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- ⊙ National level continues to support the regions
- ⊙ 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

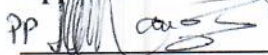
### CHALLENGES

- ⊙ 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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