



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

<b>NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 122</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>18.07.2020 23:00 hrs</i>	<b>Investigation start Date</b>	<i>13 March 2020</i>
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**HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (18/07/2020)**

- ⊙ 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 18055</b>	<b>Tested 341</b>
<b>Confirmed 1247</b>	<b>Confirmed 44</b>
<b>Active 1209</b>	<b>Active 1209</b>
<b>Recovered 35</b>	<b>Recovered 3</b>
<b>Death 3</b>	<b>Death 1</b>

*Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 18 July 2020*

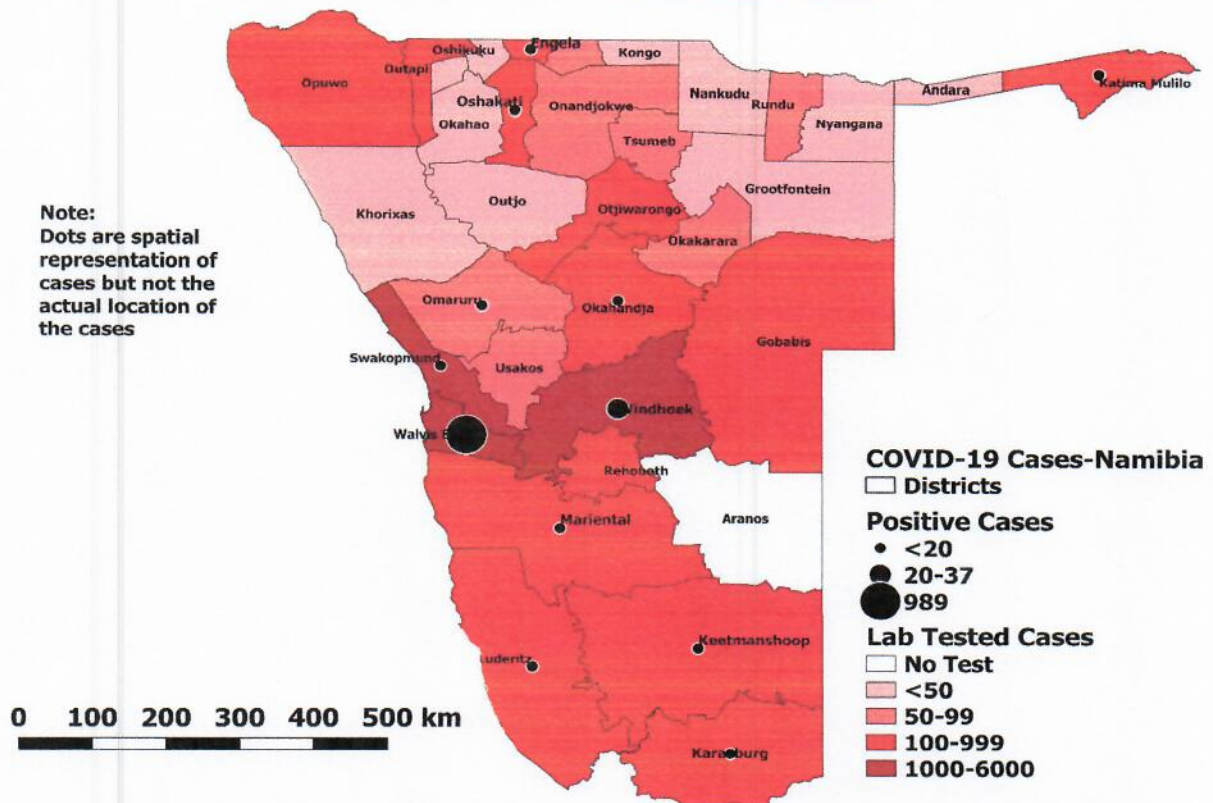
<b>Region</b>	<b>Total No. of cases</b>	<b>Active cases</b>	<b>Recovered</b>	<b>Death</b>
<b>Erongo</b>	<i>1165</i>	<i>1148</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>3</i>
<b>Hardap</b>	<i>6</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>
<b>//Kharas</b>	<i>20</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>
<b>Khomas</b>	<i>39</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>0</i>
<b>Ohangwena</b>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<b>Oshana</b>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<b>Otjozondjupa</b>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<b>Zambezi</b>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<b>Total</b>	<i>1247</i>	<i>1209</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>3</i>

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 **1165 (93.4%)** followed by Khomas **39 (3.1%)**.

- ⊙ One death has been recorded today (18.07.2020) from Erongo region.
- ⊙ Three recoveries were recorded today (18.07.2020) from Erongo (2) and Khomas (1) regions.
- ⊙ Cumulatively, **1186 (95.1%)** cases are local transmissions while **61 (4.9%)** are imported.
- ⊙ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **205** cases were identified during active case search.
- ⊙ More male cases **656 (52.6%)** were recorded compared to female cases **591 (47.4%)**

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

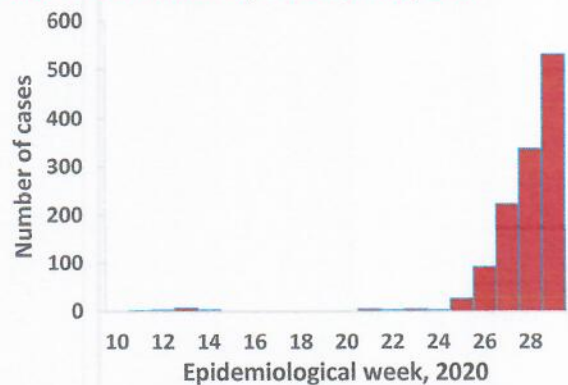


*Figure 2: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 18 July 2020*

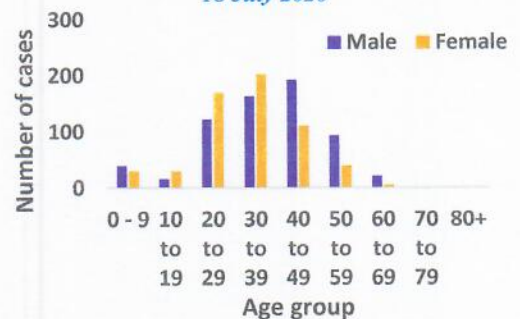
Namibia has recorded **1247** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **534 (42.8%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 29 (Figure 1).

- ⊙ 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 weeks.
- ⊙ Call centre continues operation for 24 hours daily. Today, **1234** calls were answered with **16** alerts.

- ⊙ The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **966 (77.5%)**.
- ⊙ Those aged 60 and above constitute **30 (2.4%)** of those affected.



*Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 18 July 2020*



*Figure 3: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases 18 July 2020*

Table 2: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 18 July 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Kunene	1	109	92	17
Omaheke	0	118	118	0
Kavango	1	102	93	9
Omusati	0	125	120	5
Oshana	1	125	85	40
Ohangwena	1	322	294	28
Hardap	0	257	220	37
Otjozondjupa	42	453	407	46
Khomas	17	1434	1227	207
Zambezi	6	503	425	78
//Kharas	54	590	465	125
Erongo	0	466	382	84
Oshikoto	0	91	78	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>4695</b>	<b>4006</b>	<b>689</b>

- Since March 2020, **4695** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **689** people are currently in quarantine with **103** new admissions in the past 24 hours.
- Since March 2020, **106** people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.

Table 3: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories 18 July 2020

- To date, **18055** tests have been conducted by NIP & Path-Care laboratories (including **1901** re-tests).
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **3333** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **152** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours. Cumulatively, **1235** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **394** out of **1802** active contacts were monitored today.

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	15335	2838	-	18173
Total sample tested	13503	2651	-	16154
Total sample re-tested	1722	179	-	1901
Total positive results	965	281	1	1247
Total negative results	12536	2370	-	14906
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Invalid results	1	0	-	1
Total pending results	41	0	-	41
Suspected cases in 24 hours	310	31	-	341

Table 4: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 17 July 2020

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Tanzania	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	
//Kharas	34	0	0	0	0	0	34
Khomas	67	0	7	3	0	4	81
Omusati	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oshana	4	0	0	2	0	0	6
Otjozondjupa	6	0	5	1	0	0	12
Kavango	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	1	0	1	1	0	0	3
Hardap	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Oshikoto	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Zambezi	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Erongo	9	1	15	3	0	45	73
<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>219</b>

- A total of **219** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **37.0%** were heading to Khomas, **33.3%** to Erongo while **15.5%** were heading to //Kharas 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

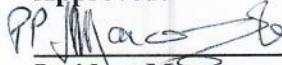
### CHALLENGES

- ⊙ 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

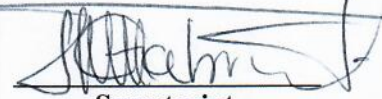
- ⊙ Establish fully equipped isolation units at health facilities in the regions.
- ⊙ Logistics pillar to continue with the procurement and distribution of sufficient PPE to the regions to ensure that response is not interrupted.
- ⊙ NIP to continue sourcing for swabs and appropriate transport media.
- ⊙ Enhance laboratory testing capacity throughout the country

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