



Ministry of Health and Social Services
Republic of Namibia

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 147			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time of this report	12.08.2020 20:00 hrs	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (12/08/2020)

Total	Today
Tested 35142	Tested 402
Confirmed 3544	Confirmed 138
Active 2672	Active 2672
Recovered 845	Recovered 13
Death 27	Death 5

- The country has been reverted back to Stage 3 of the State of Emergency (12 August 2020 -28 August 2020).
- Walvis Bay, Swakopmund and Arandis Local Authority areas in Erongo region are under travel restrictions.
- Windhoek, Okahandja and Rehoboth are all under travel restriction including a curfew (20h00-05h00).
- All public gatherings shall not exceed more than ten (10) people.

- Five (5) fatalities have been recorded today (12/08/2020) from Erongo (4) and Khomas (1).
- To-date, **83** Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Cumulatively, **3461 (97.7%)** cases are local transmissions while **83 (2.3%)** are imported.
- There is evidence of a clustered community transmission in Erongo and Khomas region (Table 1)
- Up to **2033** confirmed cases in Erongo region are still to be placed in designated isolation facilities; are currently being monitored.
- More male cases **2091 (59.0%)** were recorded compared to female cases **1453 (41.0%)**.

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

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers
Erongo	2752	2055	677	20	30
Hardap	16	9	7	0	1
//Kharas	43	37	6	0	1
Kavango East	3	3	0	0	0
Kavango West	2	2	0	0	0
Khomas	615	479	129	7	45
Kunene	1	1	0	0	0
Ohangwena	14	6	8	0	0
Omaheke	3	1	2	0	0
Omusati	6	4	2	0	0
Oshana	42	34	8	0	3
Oshikoto	10	10	0	0	1
Otjozondjupa	30	26	4	0	0
Zambezi	7	5	2	0	2
Total	3544	2672	845	27	83

- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **2752 (78.1%)** followed by Khomas **618 (17.4%)**.
- Latest region to report a case is Omaheke (06/08/2020).

Namibia has recorded **3544** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **719 (20.2%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 31 (Figure 3).

- A high number of cases were recorded in the past four weeks as a result of:
 - Spread of local transmission in Walvis Bay district and Windhoek.
 - Enhanced Active Case Search and targeted testing daily from different districts
 - Enhanced surveillance including active case search in health facilities
- Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily. Today, **1024** calls were answered including **19** alerts.

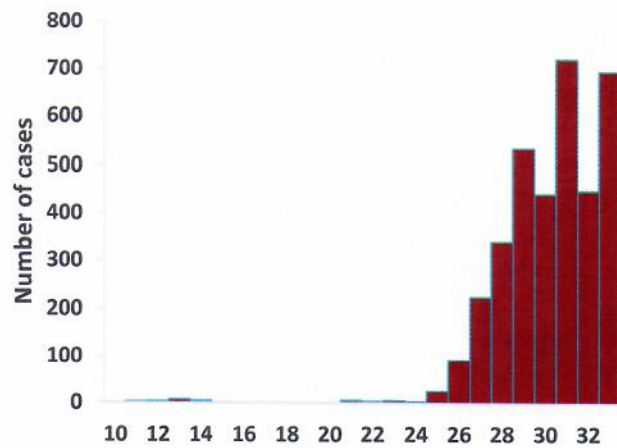


Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 12 August 2020

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

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	1624	822	802
Hardap	12	354	322	32
Kavango	1	244	159	85
Khomas	0	1782	1413	369
//Kharas	0	921	850	71
Kunene	7	199	181	18
Ohangwena	18	356	350	6
Omaheke	3	377	306	71
Omusati	4	205	156	29
Oshana	3	175	144	31
Oshikoto	0	180	124	56
Otjozondjupa	1	539	532	7
Zambezi	0	539	472	67
Total	49	7495	5851	1644

- Since March 2020, **7495** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1644** people are currently in quarantine with **49** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

- A total of **335** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **37.9%** were heading to Khomas, **23.9%** to //Kharas while **22.1%** were heading to Erongo region.

Table 4: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 12 August 2020

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Zimbabwe	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	
//Kharas	80	0	0	0	0	0	80
Khomas	121	0	5	1	0	0	127
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	9	0	1	0	0	0	10
Otjozondjupa	10	0	9	1	0	3	23
Kavango	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ohangwena	5	0	0	2	0	0	7
Hardap	6	0	0	1	0	0	7
Kunene	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Omaheke	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oshikoto	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Zambezi	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Erongo	18	0	7	1	7	41	74
Total	255	0	22	7	7	45	335

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- Appointment of a coordinator to coordinate targeted testing in districts and regions to ensure sturdy flow of samples to the laboratories.
- Guidelines on COVID-19 exposure in public and work environment issued to the general public.
- Commencement of testing by UNAM (School of Medicine), and Oshakati NIP laboratories to enhance testing capacity.
- National level continues to support the regions
- Regions have enhanced social mobilization on COVID-19

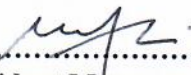
CHALLENGES


- Inadequate medical officers, specialists and epidemiologists especially in the regions.
- Inadequate ICU facilities and ICU equipment at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.
- Inadequate ambulances and isolation units, at health facilities in the regions.
- Inadequate PPE
- Inadequate nasopharyngeal swabs and appropriate transport media.
- Backlog at NIP for specimens to be tested, overwhelming the laboratory and delayed turn-around time.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Other technical experts from other sectors need to join the healthcare sector in the
- Provision of fully equipped ICU facilities at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.
- 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.
- Strengthen close monitoring and coordination of the flow of the specimen from all districts.


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