



Ministry of Health and Social Services  
Republic of Namibia

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 142			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time of this report	07.08.2020 20:00 hrs	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
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**HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (07/08/2020)**

Total	Today
Tested 31248	Tested 418
Confirmed 2852	Confirmed 50
Active 2199	Active 2199
Recovered 637	Recovered 65
Death 16	Death 0

- The country is in Stage 4 of the State of Emergency (4 August 2020 -17 September 2020)
- Walvis Bay, Swakopmund, and Arandis Local Authority Areas in Erongo region's Stage 3 is extended (from 04 August 2020 until 23h59 of 31 August 2020).

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 07 August 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers
Erongo	2433	1884	536	13	29
Hardap	10	3	7	0	0
//Kharas	36	30	6	0	1
Kavango East	3	3	0	0	0
Kavango West	1	1	0	0	0
Khomas	297	228	66	3	23
Kunene	1	1	0	0	0
Ohangwena	13	7	6	0	0
Omaheke	2	2	0	0	0
Omusati	3	1	2	0	0
Oshana	21	13	8	0	1
Oshikoto	3	3	0	0	1
Otjozondjupa	23	19	4	0	0
Zambezi	6	4	2	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2852</b>	<b>2199</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>57</b>

- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **2433 (85.3%)** followed by Khomas **297 (10.4%)**.

- To-date, **57** Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Today (07/08/2020) **65** recoveries has been recorded from Erongo (**52**) and Khomas (**13**) regions.
- Cumulatively, **2775 (97.3%)** cases are local transmissions while **77 (2.7%)** are imported.
- There is evidence of a clustered community transmission in Erongo region (Table 1)
- Up to **1714** confirmed cases in Erongo region are still to be placed in isolation facilities.
- More male cases **1687 (59.2%)** were recorded compared to female cases **1165 (40.8%)**.

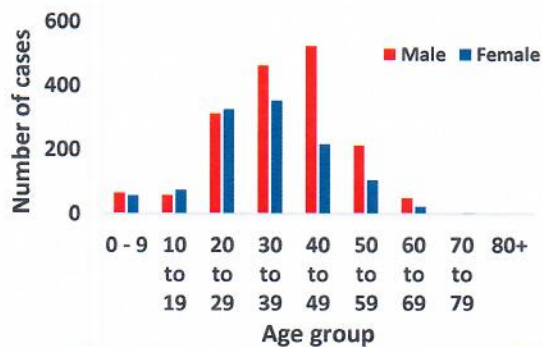


## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

- To date, **31248** tests have been conducted by NIP & Path-Care laboratories (including **2983** re-tests).
- UNAM laboratory has tested **12** samples to date.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **6333** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **201** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours.
- Cumulatively, **2358** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while **1283** out of **3796** active contacts were monitored today.

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

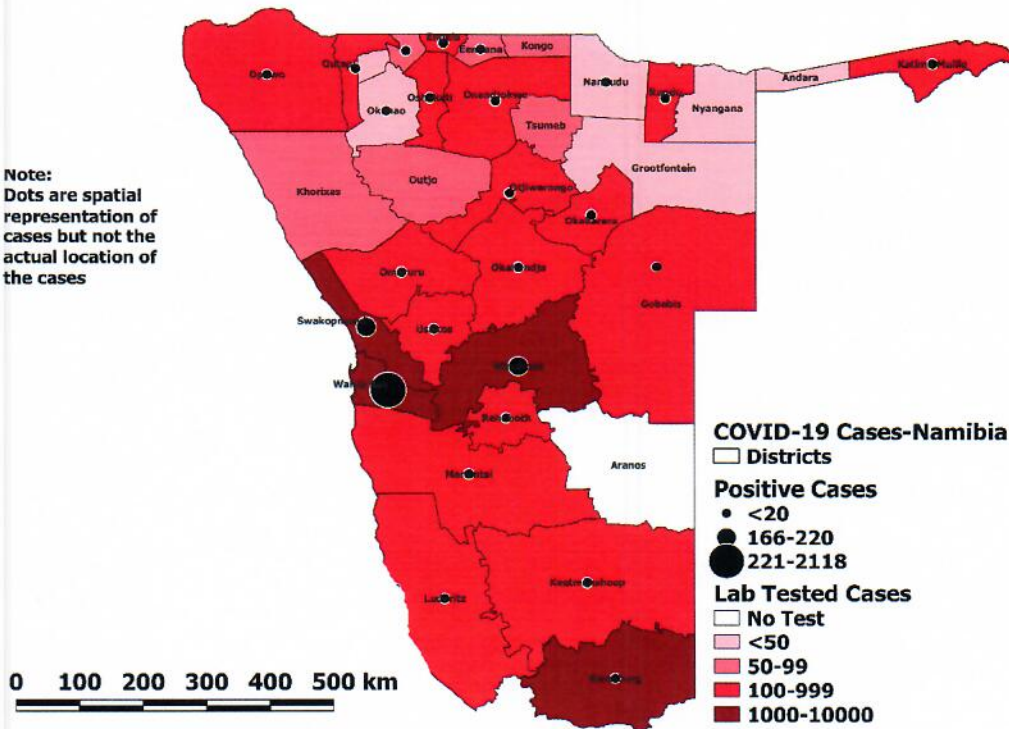
Variables	Laboratory				Total
	NIP	Pathcare	UNAM	SA	
<b>Total sample received by the Laboratory</b>	24631	6731	12	-	31374
<b>Total sample tested</b>	21815	6438	12	-	28265
<b>Total sample re-tested</b>	2706	277	0	-	2983
<b>Total positive results</b>	1731	1120	0	1	2852
<b>Total negative results</b>	20084	5318	12	-	25414
<b>Total sample discarded</b>	68	8	0	-	76
<b>Invalid results</b>	1	0	0	-	1
<b>Total pending results</b>	41	0	0	-	41
<b>Indeterminant/Inconclusive</b>	-	8	0	-	8
<b>Suspected cases in 24 hours</b>	376	30	12	-	418



*Figure 1: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 07 August 2020*

- The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **2196 (76.9%)**.
- Those aged 60 and above constitute **82 (2.9%)** of those affected.

**Note:**  
Dots are spatial representation of cases but not the actual location of the cases



*Figure 2: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 07 August 2020*



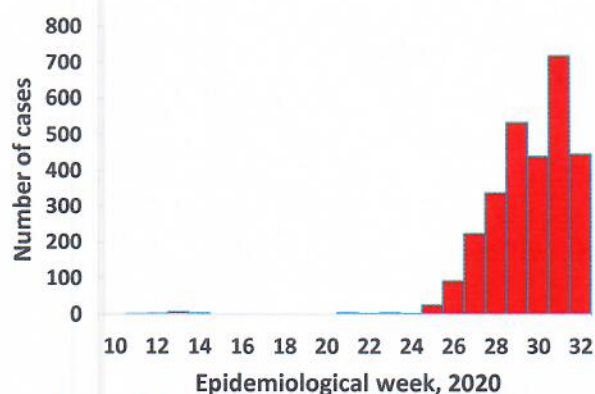


Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 07 August 2020

Namibia has recorded **2852** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **719 (25.7%)** 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
- Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily. Today, **1195** calls were answered including **4** alerts.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 07 August 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
<b>Erongo</b>	0	1624	822	802
<b>Hardap</b>	5	324	307	17
<b>Kavango</b>	0	172	137	35
<b>Khomas</b>	34	1763	1385	378
<b>//Kharas</b>	0	706	533	173
<b>Kunene</b>	0	186	122	64
<b>Ohangwena</b>	0	333	308	25
<b>Omaheke</b>	0	216	189	27
<b>Omusati</b>	1	180	137	43
<b>Oshana</b>	0	159	131	28
<b>Oshikoto</b>	48	164	117	47
<b>Otjozondjupa</b>	1	538	501	37
<b>Zambezi</b>	0	539	472	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>6904</b>	<b>5161</b>	<b>1743</b>

- Since March 2020, **6904** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1743** people are currently in quarantine with **89** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

Table 4: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 07 August 2020

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Zimbabwe	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	
<b>//Kharas</b>	59	0	0	0	0	0	<b>59</b>
<b>Khomas</b>	73	0	15	5	0	0	<b>93</b>
<b>Omusati</b>	1	0	2	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
<b>Oshana</b>	6	0	0	0	0	0	<b>6</b>
<b>Otjozondjupa</b>	13	0	3	0	0	1	<b>17</b>
<b>Kavango</b>	2	0	1	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
<b>Ohangwena</b>	7	0	0	3	0	0	<b>10</b>
<b>Hardap</b>	2	0	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
<b>Kunene</b>	2	0	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
<b>Omaheke</b>	1	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Oshikoto</b>	1	0	0	0	0	1	<b>2</b>
<b>Zambezi</b>	1	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Erongo</b>	9	2	8	0	1	15	<b>35</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>234</b>

- A total of **234** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **39.7%** were heading to Khomas, **25.2%** to //Kharas while **15.0%** were heading to Erongo region.



## PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- Commencement of testing by UNAM and Oshakati NIP laboratories to enhance testing capacity.
- National level continues to support the regions
- Regions have enhanced social mobilization on COVID-19
- Targeted testing in Walvis Bay and Karasburg is ongoing
- Regions have intensified surveillance on travellers from high risk areas for early case detection.

### CHALLENGES

- Inadequate Human resources in the regions
- Inadequate ICU facilities and ICU equipment at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.
- Inadequate 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

- The Ministry to fast track the appointment of critical positions for the response in the regions
- 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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