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Republic of Namibia

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 143			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (08/08/2020)

- 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).

Total	Today
Tested 31762	Tested 818
Confirmed 2949	Confirmed 97
Active 2229	Active 2229
Recovered 701	Recovered 64
Death 19	Death 3

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 08 August 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers
Erongo	2477	1886	577	14	29
Hardap	10	3	7	0	0
//Kharas	39	33	6	0	1
Kavango East	3	3	0	0	0
Kavango West	1	1	0	0	0
Khomas	332	240	87	5	23
Kunene	1	1	0	0	0
Ohangwena	13	5	8	0	0
Omaheke	3	3	0	0	0
Omusati	3	1	2	0	0
Oshana	30	22	8	0	2
Oshikoto	6	6	0	0	1
Otjozondjupa	24	20	4	0	0
Zambezi	7	5	2	0	2
Total	2949	2229	701	19	58

- To-date, **58** Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Cumulatively, **2869 (97.3%)** cases are local transmissions while **80 (2.7%)** are imported.
- There is evidence of a clustered community transmission in Erongo region (Table 1)
- Up to **1758** confirmed cases in Erongo region are still to be placed in isolation facilities.
- More male cases **1743 (59.1%)** were recorded compared to female cases **1206 (40.9%)**.

- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **2477 (84.0%)** followed by Khomas **332 (11.3%)**.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

- To date, **31762** tests have been conducted by NIP & Path-Care laboratories (including **2292** re-tests).
- UNAM laboratory has tested **12** samples to-date.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **6457** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **124** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours.
- Cumulatively, **2463** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while **1299** out of **3812** active contacts were monitored today.

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

Variables	Laboratory				Total
	NIP	Pathcare	UNAM	SA	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	25090	6787	12	1	31890
Total sample tested	22267	6491	12	-	28770
Total sample re-tested	2713	279	0	-	2992
Total positive results	1775	1173	0	1	2949
Total negative results	20492	5318	12	-	25822
Total sample discarded	68	8	0	-	76
Invalid results	1	0	0	-	1
Total pending results	41	0	0	-	41
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	-	9	0	-	9
Suspected cases in 24 hours	452	53	12	-	517

- The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **2264 (76.8%)**.
- Those aged 60 and above constitute **87 (3.0%)** of those affected.

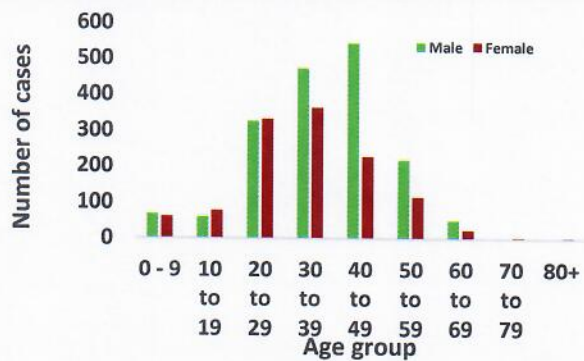


Figure 1: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 08 August 2020

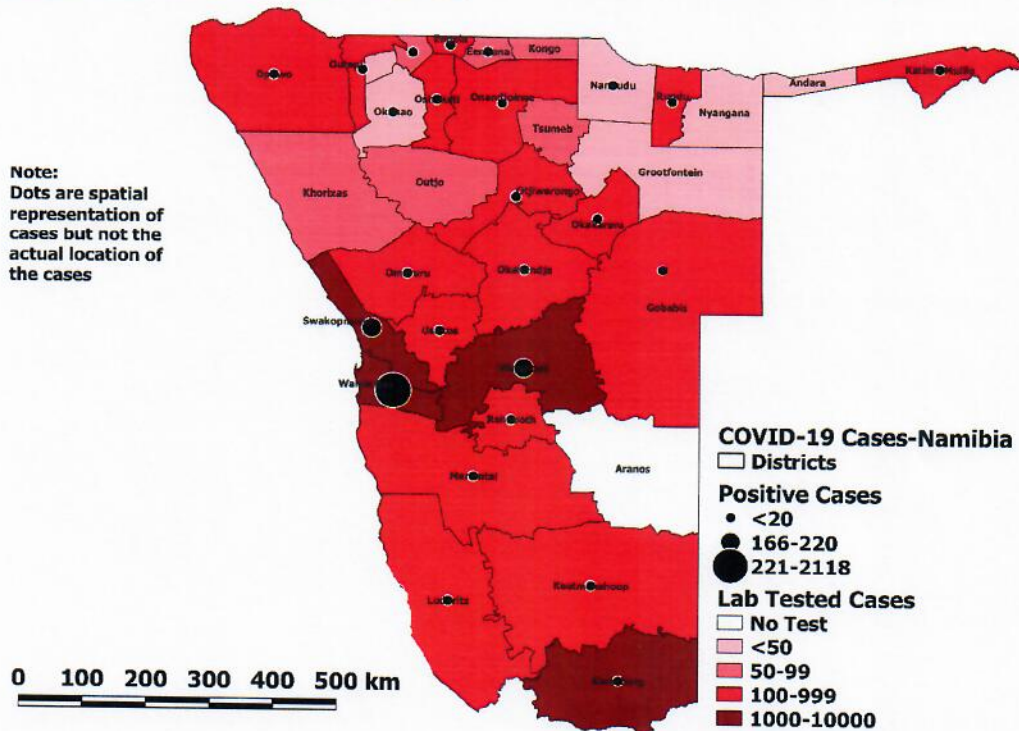


Figure 2: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 08 August 2020

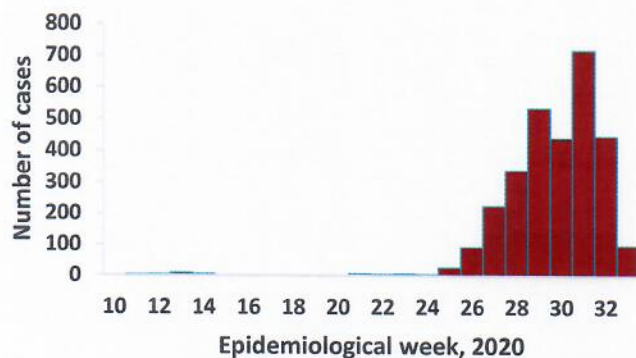


Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 08 August 2020

Namibia has recorded **2949** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **719 (24.4%)** 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, **1038** calls were answered including **12** alerts.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 08 August 2020

- Since March 2020, **6952** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1758** people are currently in quarantine with **48** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	1624	822	802
Hardap	12	336	308	28
Kavango	0	172	137	35
Khomas	18	1782	1413	368
//Kharas	0	706	533	173
Kunene	0	186	122	64
Ohangwena	0	333	308	25
Omaheke	0	216	189	27
Omusati	15	195	137	58
Oshana	3	162	131	31
Oshikoto	0	164	117	47
Otjozondjupa	0	538	505	33
Zambezi	0	539	472	67
Total	48	6952	5194	1758

Table 4: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 08 August 2020

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Zimbabwe	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	
//Kharas	59	0	0	3	0	0	62
Khomas	121	0	18	4	0	4	147
Omusati	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oshana	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
Otjozondjupa	46	0	10	0	0	1	57
Kavango	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
Ohangwena	3	0	0	4	0	0	7
Hardap	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Oshikoto	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erongo	16	1	26	0	2	42	87
Total	263	1	55	12	2	47	380

- A total of **380** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **36.7%** were heading to Khomas, **22.9%** to Erongo while **16.3%** were heading to //Kharas 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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