



Ministry of Health and Social Services
Republic of Namibia

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 138			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (03/08/2020)

- 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).

- To-date, **45** Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Cumulatively, **2396 (97.0%)** cases are local transmissions while **74 (3.0%)** are imported.
- There is evidence of a clustered community transmission in Erongo region (Table 1)
- Up to **1478** confirmed cases in Erongo region are still to be placed in isolation facilities.
- More male cases **1446 (58.5%)** were recorded compared to female cases **1024 (41.5%)**.

Total	Today
Tested 28873	Tested 719
Confirmed 2470	Confirmed 64
Active 2247	Active 2247
Recovered 211	Recovered 24
Death 12	Death 0

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 03 August 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers
Erongo	2197	2035	152	10	26
Hardap	9	4	5	0	0
//Kharas	35	30	5	0	1
Kavango East	2	2	0	0	0
Khomas	178	138	38	2	14
Kunene	1	1	0	0	0
Ohangwena	10	5	5	0	0
Omusati	2	2	0	0	0
Oshana	10	8	2	0	1
Oshikoto	2	2	0	0	1
Otjozondjupa	18	16	2	0	0
Zambezi	6	4	2	0	2
Total	2270	2247	211	12	45

⊙ Twelve (12) of the 14 regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **2197 (96.8%)** followed by Khomas **178 (7.8%)**.

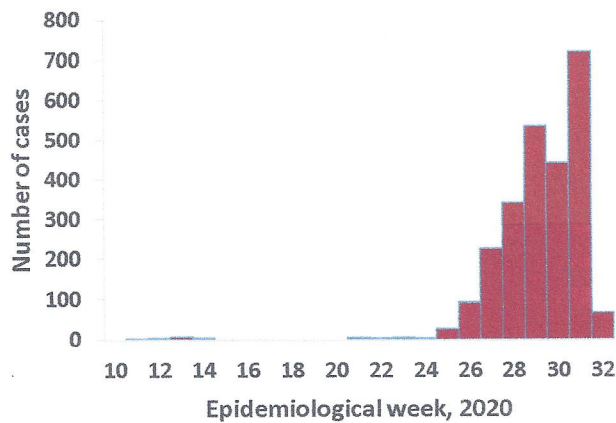


Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 03 August 2020

Namibia has recorded **2270** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **719 (29.1%)** 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
 - Enhanced Active Case Search and testing, averaging 600 tests daily in the past weeks.
- Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily. Today, **1191** calls were answered including **11** alerts.

- Since March 2020, **6622** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1668** people are currently in quarantine with **7** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 03 August 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	1624	822	802
Hardap	5	314	280	34
Kavango	0	167	125	42
Khomas	0	1563	1334	229
//Kharas	0	706	533	173
Kunene	1	183	120	63
Ohangwena	0	333	308	25
Omaheke	0	216	189	27
Omusati	0	173	136	37
Oshana	1	153	125	28
Oshikoto	0	116	89	27
Otjozondjupa	0	535	421	114
Zambezi	0	539	472	67
Total	7	6622	4954	1668

Table 4: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 03 August 2020

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Zimbabwe	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	
//Kharas	61	0	0	0	0	0	61
Khomas	51	0	8	0	0	0	59
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Otjozondjupa	9	0	4	0	0	1	14
Kavango	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hardap	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oshikoto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erongo	19	0	14	0	1	33	67
Total	144	0	26	0	1	34	205

- A total of **205** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **32.7%** were heading to Erongo, **29.8%** to //Kharas while **28.8%** were heading to Khomas region.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

- To date, **28873** tests have been conducted by NIP & Path-Care laboratories (including **2805** re-tests).
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **5712** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **161** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours.
- Cumulatively, **1936** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **1006** out of **3428** active contacts were monitored today.

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

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
<i>Total sample received by the Laboratory</i>	22483	6513	-	28996
<i>Total sample tested</i>	19812	6256	-	26068
<i>Total sample re-tested</i>	2561	244	-	2805
<i>Total positive results</i>	1531	938	1	2470
<i>Total negative results</i>	18281	5318	-	23599
<i>Total sample discarded</i>	68	8	-	76
<i>Invalid results</i>	1	0	-	1
<i>Total pending results</i>	41	0	-	41
<i>Indeterminant/Inconclusive</i>	-	5	-	5

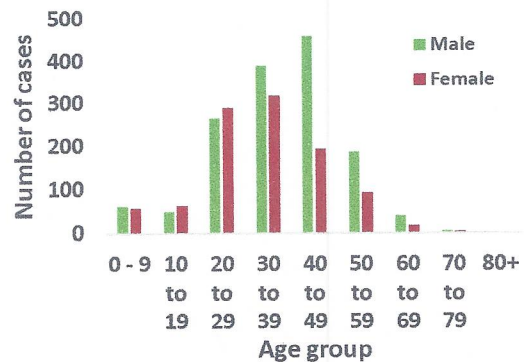


Figure 1: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 03 August 2020

- The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **1905** (77.1%).
- Those aged 60 and above constitute **63** (2.6%) of those affected.

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

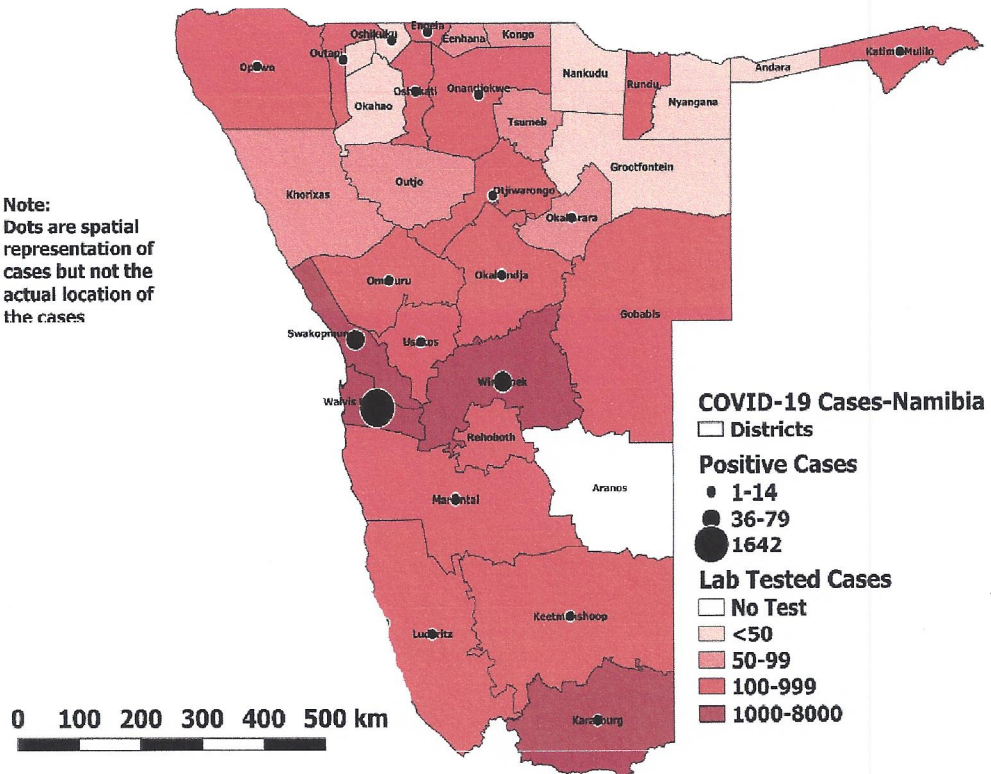


Figure 2: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 03 August 2020

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- National level continues to support the regions
- Regions have enhanced social mobilization on COVID-19
- Targeted testing in Walvis Bay and Kharasburg 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.
- Prolonged turn-around time of results at NIP.

RECOMMENDATIONS

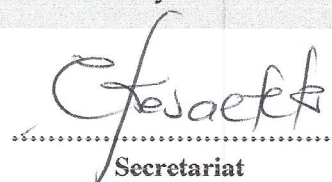
- The Ministry to fast track the appointment of critical positions for the response in the regions
- Provision of fully equipped ICU facilities at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.
- Establish fully equipped isolation units at health facilities in the regions.
- Logistics pillar 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.
- Enhance laboratory testing capacity throughout the country.

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