



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 180					
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia		
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## HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (14/09/2020)

- ➤ All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Khomas reporting the highest 4645 (46.9%) followed by Erongo 3722 (37.6%).
- Khomas region is currently the epicenter of the outbreak.

TOTAL	TODAY		
Tested 80152	Tested 1010		
Confirmed 9901	Confirmed 83		
Active 2437	Active 2437		
Recovered 7358	Recovered 665		
Death 106	Death 3		

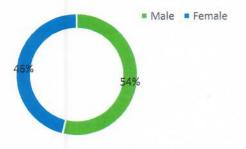


Figure 1: Sex distribution of COVID-19 Confirmed Cases, 14 September 2020

- A total of **9901** cases have been recorded in a population of approximately 2.5 Million people.
- Cumulatively, 9806 (99.0%) cases are local transmissions while 95 (1.0%) are imported.
- To-date, 416 (4.2%) Health Care Workers (HCWs) have tested positive for COVID-19
  - 282 (67.8%) State
  - 133 (32.0%) Private
  - 1 (0.2%) NGO
- Today (14/09/2020), **665** recoveries have been recorded from 8 regions.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 14 September

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovere d	Death	Health Care Workers
Erongo	3722	59	3629	34	55
Hardap	272	96	172	4	16
//Kharas	299	135	160	4	7
Kavango East	94	21	70	3	15
Kavango West	8	4	3	1	1
Khomas	4645	1770	2824	51	275
Kunene	13	13	0	0	0
Ohangwena	113	26	85	2	6
Omaheke	60	10	49	1	1
Omusati	46	21	24	1	5
Oshana	193	39	151	3	10
Oshikoto	117	83	34	0	4
Otjozondjupa	253	156	95	2	13
Zambezi	66	4	62	0	8
Total	9901	2437	7358	106	416

# **EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA**

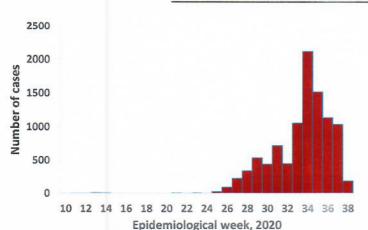


Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 14 September 2020

- ➤ To date, **80152** tests have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, and UNAM laboratories (including **4635** re-tests).
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, 20290 contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, 887 new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 13 regions.
- Cumulatively, 10300 contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total 1395 (14.3%) of the contacts have tested positive
- Today, 6604 (67.5%) out of 9779 active contacts were monitored.

Up to **2123 (21.4%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 34 (Figure 2).

- A high number of cases were recorded in the past eight weeks as a result of:
  - -Spread of local transmission in the country
  - -Enhanced surveillance including active case search.
- Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily. Today, 1527 calls were answered including 27 alerts.

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories as of 14 September 2020

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the	80270
Laboratory	
Total samples tested	75517
Total samples re-tested	4635
Total positive results	9901
Total negative results	65590
Total samples discarded	76
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	41
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	26
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	953

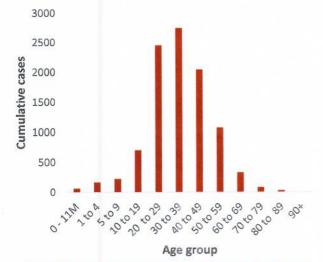


Figure 3: Age distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases
As of 14 September 2020

- The 20-49 years age- brackets constitute **7234** (**73.1%**) of the confirmed cases, while a sizable proportion of the 50-59 age group **1072** (**10.8%**).
- Among those aged 30-39, a significant proportion of males 1517 (55.3%) are infected more than females 1226 (44.7%).
- The under 5 make up 228 (2.3%) of the total cases.
- Aged 60 years and above constitute **444 (4.5%)** of the confirmed cases.

Table 3: Fatality summary as of 14 September 2020

Region	Cumulative no. of deaths	Deaths in 24 hours	Cumulative with co-morbidities	
Erongo	34	1	31	
Hardap	4	0	1	
//Kharas	4	0	3	
Kavango East	3	0	2	
Kavango West	1	0	1	
Khomas	51	2	48	
Ohangwena	2	0	0	
Omaheke	1	0	1	
Omusati	1	0	0	
Otjozondjupa	2	0	2	
Oshana	3	0	2	
Total	106	3	91	

Cumulatively, 91 (85.8%) of the fatalities were known to have multiple co-morbidities.

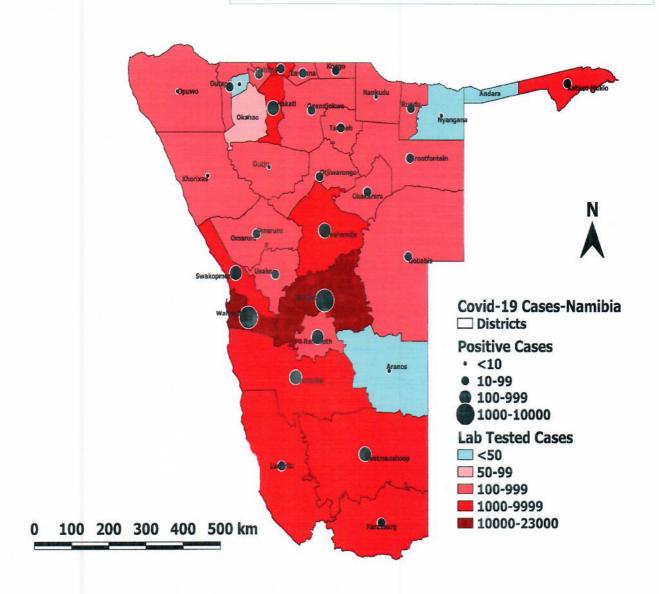


Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 14 September 2020

Table 4: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 14 September 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers (24 Hours)
Erongo	29	3153	3058	95	44
Hardap	2	579	539	40	0
Kavango	3	429	388	41	0
Khomas	0	1967	1820	147	0
//Kharas	102	1636	1391	245	0
Kunene	0	435	407	28	0
Ohangwena	0	470	435	35	0
Omaheke	13	839	759	80	0
Omusati	8	281	270	11	0
Oshana	1	300	281	19	0
Oshikoto	101	830	581	249	0
Otjozondjupa	0	797	778	19	0
Zambezi	11	786	742	44	0
Total	270	12502	11449	1053	44

- Since March 2020, 12502 people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of 11449 people are currently in quarantine with 270 new admissions in the past 24 hours.

Table 5: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 14 September 2020

- A total of **254** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, 86 (33.9%) were heading to Khomas, 70 (27.6 to Erongo while 60 (23.6%) were heading to //Kharas region.
- The remaining 38 (14.9%) were heading to the other 8 regions.
- Destination Botswana Angola DRC Zimbabwe Zambia Total RSA //Kharas Khomas Omusati Oshana Otjozondjupa Kavango Ohangwena Hardap Kunene Omaheke Oshikoto Zambezi Erongo Total

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION(S)

- > Weekly engagements with regions to ensure readiness for effective response.
- Public awareness on COVID-19 prevention measures is ongoing

### **CHALLENGES**

- Large data backlog awaiting entry into excel data base and DHIS2.
- > 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.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Fast tracking of efforts to use GoData app and DHIS2.
- > 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.

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