



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 159			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (24/08/2020)

- 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).

Total	Today
Tested 51210	Tested 1782
Confirmed 6160	Confirmed 130
Active 3371	Active 3371
Recovered 2732	Recovered 169
Death 57	Death 1

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 24 August 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers
Erongo	3309	1073	2210	26	47
Hardap	70	48	21	1	6
//Kharas	98	67	30	1	3
Kavango East	22	19	1	2	2
Kavango West	2	2	0	0	0
Khomas	2318	1994	301	23	151
Kunene	3	3	0	0	0
Ohangwena	34	18	15	1	0
Omaheke	29	16	12	1	1
Omusati	20	18	2	0	3
Oshana	96	34	60	2	6
Oshikoto	57	56	1	0	2
Otjozondjupa	81	18	63	0	4
Zambezi	21	5	16	0	4
Total	6160	3371	2732	57	229

- One **(1)** fatality was recorded today from Kavango East region.
- Today (24/08/2020), **169** recoveries have been recorded from 8 regions.
- To-date, **229 (3.7%)** Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Cumulatively, **6074 (98.6%)** cases are local transmissions while **86 (1.4)** are imported.
- There is evidence of a clustered community transmission in Erongo and Khomas regions (Table 1)
- More male cases **3437 (55.8%)** were recorded compared to female cases **2723 (44.2%)**.

- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **3309 (53.7%)** followed by Khomas **2318 (37.6%)**. These two regions are the epicenters for COVID-19.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **44.4%** have recovered.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

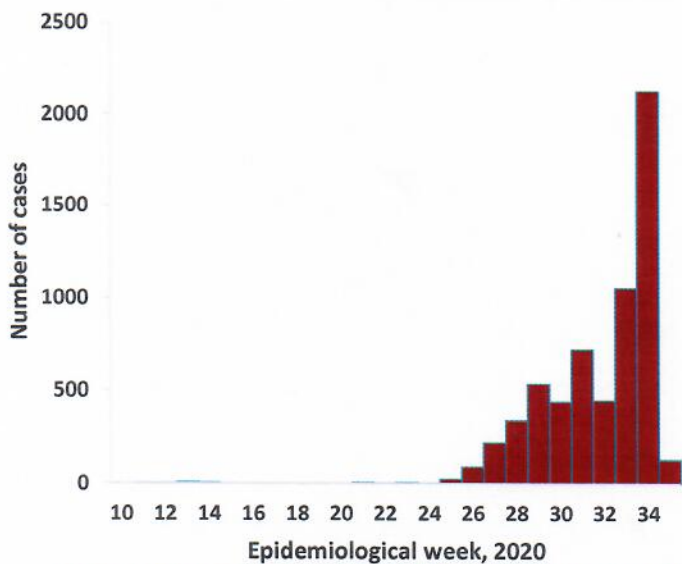


Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 24 August 2020

- To date, **51210** tests have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, and UNAM laboratories (including **3434** re-tests).
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **11344** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **514** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 11 regions.
- Cumulatively, **4534** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total **571** of contacts have tested positive
- Today, **3721 (55.3%)** out of **6734** active contacts were monitored.

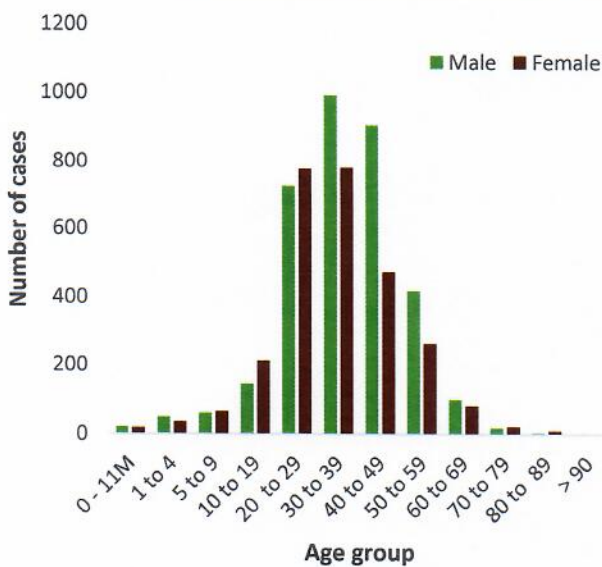


Figure 2: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases As of 24 August 2020

Namibia has recorded **6160** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **2123 (34.5%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 34 (Figure 1).

- A high number of cases were recorded in the past six 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, **954** calls were answered including **16** alerts.

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories as of 24 August 2020

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total sample received by the Laboratory	51328
Total sample tested	47776
Total sample re-tested	3434
Total positive results	6160
Total negative results	41596
Total sample discarded	76
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	41
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	20
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1876

- The 20-49 years age- brackets constitute **75.4%** of the confirmed cases, followed by a sizable proportion of the 50-59 age group (**11.0%**).
- Among those aged 30-39, a significant proportion of males (**16.1%**) are infected more than females (**12.6%**).
- The under 5 make up **121 (2.0%)** of the total cases.
- Aged 60 years and above constitute **237 (3.8%)** of the confirmed cases.

Table 3: Fatality summary as of 24 August 2020

Region	Cumulative no. of deaths	Death in 24 hours	Cumulative with co-morbidities
Erongo	26	0	21
Hardap	1	0	1
//Kharas	1	0	0
Kavango East	2	1	1
Khomas	23	0	23
Ohangwena	1	0	0
Omaheke	1	0	1
Oshana	2	0	2
Total	57	0	49

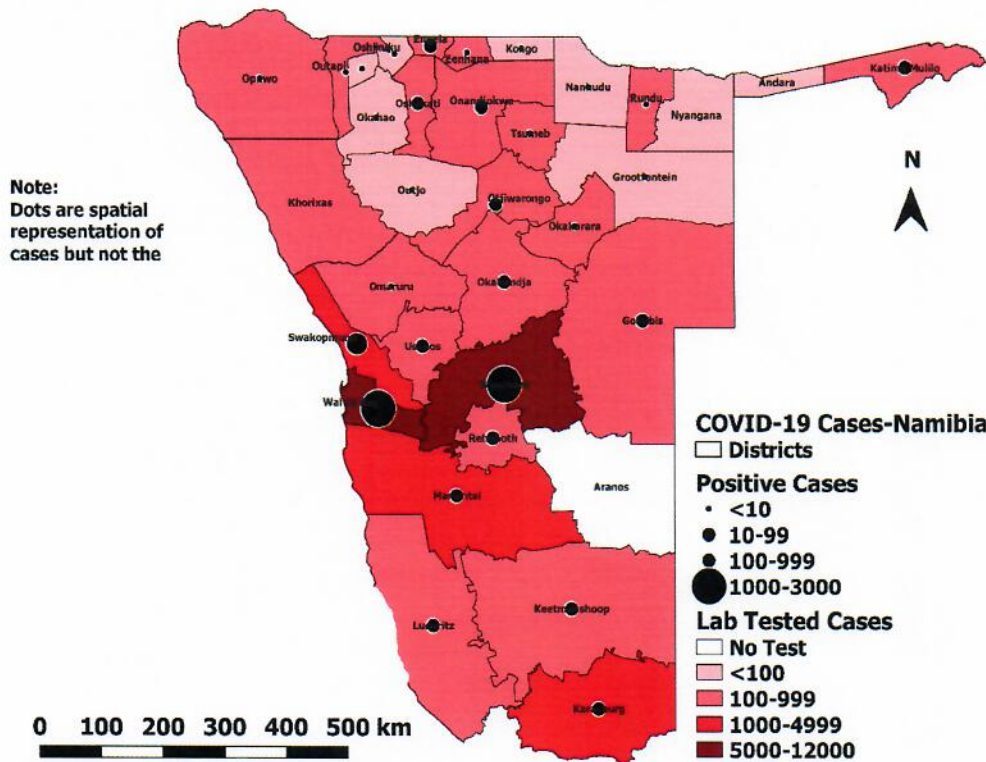


Figure 3: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District as of 24 August 2020

Table 4: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 24 August 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers (24 Hours)
Erongo	0	1965	1823	142	65
Hardap	8	458	382	76	0
Kavango	10	342	252	90	0
Khomas	3	1909	1584	325	0
//Kharas	0	1229	1072	157	1
Kunene	0	264	203	61	0
Ohangwena	7	423	392	31	0
Omaheke	0	528	459	69	0
Omusati	1	226	202	24	0
Oshana	4	222	192	30	0
Oshikoto	145	408	190	218	0
Otjozondjupa	1	634	598	36	0
Zambezi	9	691	611	80	0
Total	188	9299	7960	1339	66

- Since March 2020, **9299** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1339** people are currently in quarantine with **188** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

Table 5: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 24 August 2020

Destination	Origin						Total
	RSA	Botswana	Angola	Zimbabwe	Tanzania	Zambia	
//Kharas	63	0	0	0	0	0	63
Khomas	58	31	6	0	0	0	95
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	6	1	0	0	0	0	7
Otjozondjupa	15	7	1	0	0	0	23
Kavango	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ohangwena	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hardap	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Oshikoto	2	1	1	0	0	0	4
Zambezi	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
Erongo	15	27	2	1	0	35	80
Total	163	71	10	1	0	35	280

- A total of **280** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **33.9%** were heading to Khomas, **28.6%** to Erongo while **22.5%** were heading to //Kharas region.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- Recruitment of local volunteers into the response in the districts and regions is ongoing.
- Continuous support to the regions by the national level.
- Guidelines on COVID-19 exposure in public and work environment issued to the general public.
- Testing by UNAM (School of Medicine), NAMDEB and Oshakati NIP laboratories to enhance testing capacity.


CHALLENGES

- Large data backlog - awaiting entry into excel data base and DHIS2.
- 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.
- Backlog of specimens to be tested at NIP, overwhelming the laboratory and delaying turn-around time.

RECOMMENDATIONS


- Fast tracking of efforts to use GoData app and DHIS2.
- Other technical experts from other sectors need to join the healthcare sector in the response.
- 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.
- Strengthen close monitoring and coordination of the flow of the specimen from all districts.


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