



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 169			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time of this report	03.09.2020 20:00 hrs	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (03/09/2020)

Total	Today
Tested 65107	Tested 1388
Confirmed 8323	Confirmed 241
Active 4625	Active 4625
Recovered 3611	Recovered 128
Death 87	Death 1

- The entire country will remain in Stage 3 of the State of Emergency (29 August 2020 - 12 September 2020).
- A curfew (20h00-05h00) is applicable nationwide as from 29 August 2020 - 12 September 2020.
- Windhoek, Rehoboth and Okahandja Local Authority Areas are under travel restrictions (29 August 2020 – 12 September 2020)

- Cumulatively, **8234 (98.9%)** cases are local transmissions while **89 (1.1 %)** are imported.
- There is community transmission in Erongo and Khomas regions.
- The other 12 regions have recorded a rapid increase in confirmed cases in the last month.
- More male cases **4534 (54.5%)** were recorded compared to female cases **3789 (45.4%)**.
- To-date, **354 (4.3%)** Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 237 (66.9%) State
 - 116 (32.8%) Private
 - 1 (0.3%) NGO
- Today (03/09/2020), **128** recoveries have been recorded from 2 regions; 112 Khomas and 16 Ohangwena.
- One (**1**) fatality was recorded today from Omusati region.

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

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers
Erongo	3526	1196	2299	31	51
Hardap	158	94	60	4	14
//Kharas	192	112	78	2	4
Kavango East	51	48	1	2	8
Kavango West	5	4	0	1	0
Khomas	3758	2820	898	40	239
Kunene	9	9	0	0	0
Ohangwena	90	46	43	1	6
Omaheke	42	10	31	1	1
Omusati	31	27	3	1	4
Oshana	164	75	86	3	8
Oshikoto	83	67	16	0	3
Otjozondjupa	161	80	80	1	9
Zambezi	53	37	16	0	7
Total	8323	4625	3611	87	354

- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Khomas reporting the highest **3758 (45.2%)** followed by Erongo **3526 (42.4%)**.
- Khomas region is currently the epicenter of the outbreak.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **3611 (43.4%)** have recovered.
- Cumulatively, **72 (82.8%)** of the fatalities were known to have multiple co-morbidities (Table 2).

Table 2: Fatality summary as of 03 September 2020

Region	Cumulative no. of deaths	Deaths in 24 hours	Cumulative with co-morbidities
Erongo	31	0	28
Hardap	4	0	1
//Kharas	2	0	1
Kavango East	2	0	1
Kavango West	1	0	1
Khomas	40	0	36
Ohangwena	1	0	0
Omaheke	1	0	1
Omusati	1	1	0
Otjozondjupa	1	0	1
Oshana	3	0	2
Total	87	1	72

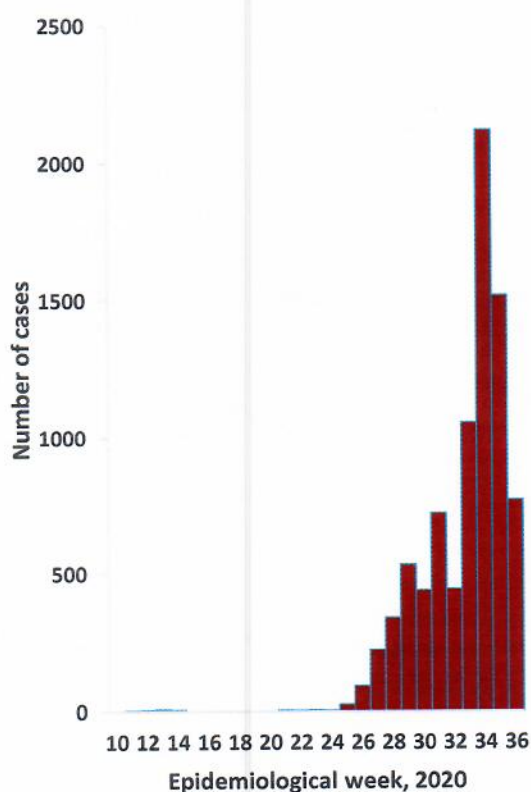


Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 03 September 2020

Namibia has recorded **8323** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **2123 (25.5%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 34 (Figure 1).

- A high number of cases were recorded in the past seven 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, **1338** calls were answered including **19** alerts.

Table 3: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories as of 03 September 2020

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	65225
Total samples tested	61174
Total samples re-tested	3933
Total positive results	8323
Total negative results	52827
Total samples discarded	76
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	41
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	24
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1331

- To date, **65107** tests have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, and UNAM laboratories (including **3933** re-tests).
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **15839** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **579** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 9 regions.
- Cumulatively, **6780** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total **955 (10.8%)** of the contacts have tested positive
- Today, **5769 (65.5%)** out of **8814** active contacts were monitored.

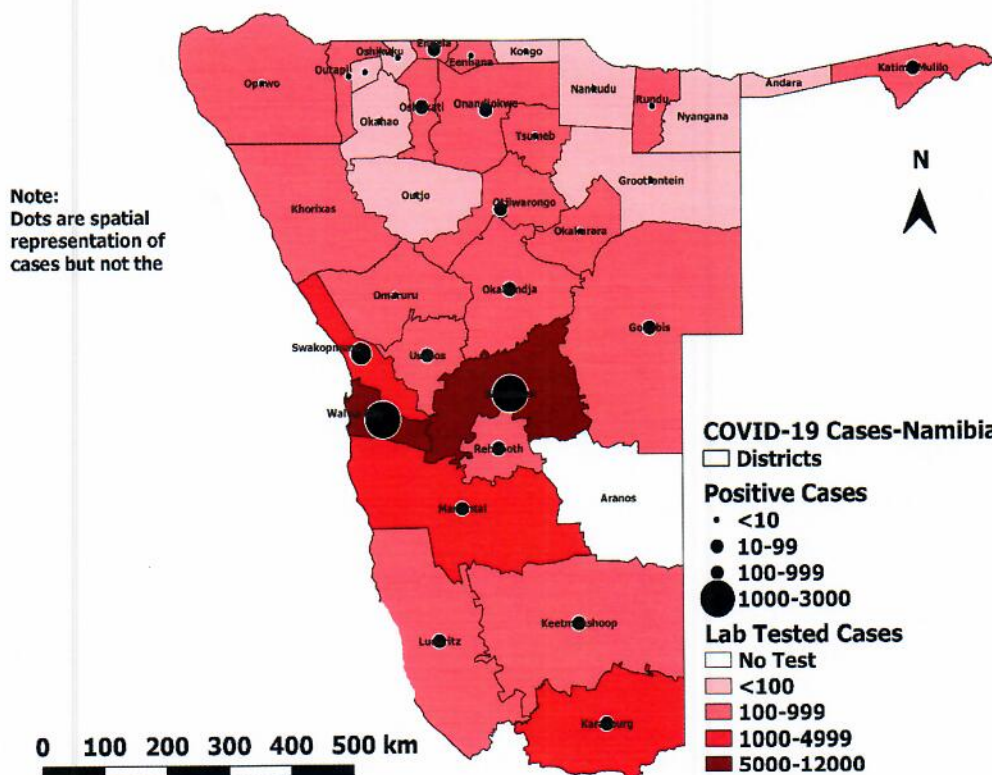


Figure 2: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District as of 03 September 2020

- The 20-49 years age- brackets constitute **6147 (73.9%)** of the confirmed cases, while a sizable proportion of the 50-59 age group **920 (11.1%)**.
- Among those aged 30-39, a significant proportion of males **1285 (55.3%)** are infected more than females **1040 (44.7%)**.
- The under 5 make up **176 (2.1%)** of the total cases.
- Aged 60 years and above constitute **331 (4.0%)** of the confirmed cases.

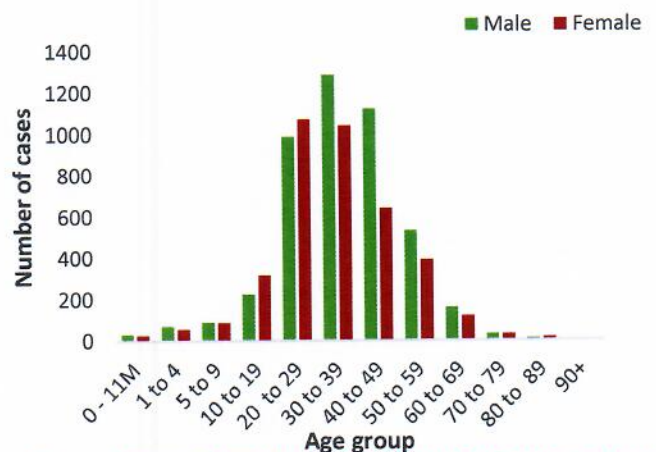


Figure 3: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases As of 03 September 2020

Table 4: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 03 September 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers (24 Hours)
Erongo	0	2329	2031	298	0
Hardap	1	515	435	80	0
Kavango	0	384	348	36	0
Khomas	0	1929	1614	315	0
//Kharas	0	1387	1141	246	0
Kunene	6	347	313	34	0
Ohangwena	0	433	417	16	0
Omaheke	0	634	555	79	0
Omusati	0	255	240	15	0
Oshana	0	268	255	13	0
Oshikoto	0	557	284	273	0
Otjozondjupa	1	700	643	57	0
Zambezi	12	738	684	54	0
Total	20	10476	8960	1516	0

- Since March 2020, **10476** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1516** people are currently in quarantine with **20** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

Table 5: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 03 September 2020

Destination	Origin						Total
	RSA	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zimbabwe	Zambia	
//Kharas	62	0	0	0	0	0	62
Khomas	129	9	3	0	0	1	142
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Otjozondjupa	13	8	1	0	0	0	22
Kavango	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
Ohangwena	3	0	1	0	0	0	4
Hardap	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Kunene	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Omaheke	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oshikoto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Erongo	10	14	4	5	0	33	66
Total	233	32	9	5	0	34	313

- A total of **313** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **142 (45.4%)** were heading to Khomas, **66 (21.1%)** to Erongo while **62 (19.8%)** were heading to //Kharas region.
- The remaining **43 (13.7%)** were heading to the other 8 regions.

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.
- 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 ambulances in the regions.
- 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.
- Procurement of ambulances in the regions to ensure prompt response.
- Establish fully equipped isolation units at health facilities in the regions.



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