



Ministry of Health and Social Services  
Republic of Namibia



**NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 181**

<b>Outbreak Name</b>	COVID-19 outbreak	<b>Country affected</b>	Namibia
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	15.09.2020 20h00	<b>Investigation start Date</b>	13 March 2020
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**HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (15/09/2020)**

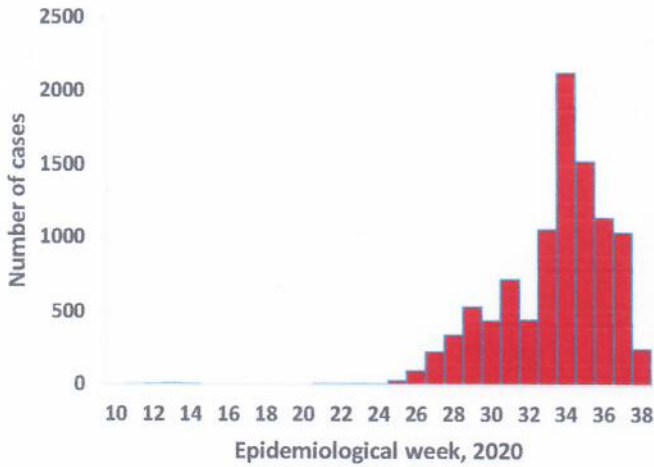
- A total of **9964** cases have been recorded in a population of approximately 2.5 Million people, making it about **0.04%** of the population infected.
- More male cases **1238 (58.1%)** were recorded compared to female cases **891 (41.9%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **418 (4.2%)** Health Care Workers (HCWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 to-date.
  - 283 (67.7%) State; 134 (32.1%) Private, 1 (0.2%) NGO
- Today (15/09/2020), **144** recoveries have been recorded from 6 regions; the recovery rate now stands at **75.3%**.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; Khomas and Erongo regions are reporting the highest with **4689 (47.1%)** and **3727 (37.4%)** respectively.

TOTAL	TODAY
Tested 81259	Tested 1107
Confirmed 9964	Confirmed 63
Active 2354	Active 2354
Recovered 7502	Recovered 144
Death 108	Death 2

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 15 September 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Deaths	Deaths in 24 hours	Cumulative death with co-morbidities	Health Care Workers
Erongo	3727	55	3637	35	1	32	55
Hardap	276	100	172	4	0	1	17
//Kharas	299	126	169	4	0	3	7
Kavango East	99	26	70	3	0	2	15
Kavango West	8	4	3	1	0	1	1
Khomas	4689	1710	2927	52	1	49	276
Kunene	13	3	10	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	113	26	85	2	0	0	6
Omaheke	61	9	51	1	0	1	1
Omusati	46	9	36	1	0	0	5
Oshana	194	40	151	3	0	2	10
Oshikoto	119	85	34	0	0	0	4 1
Otjozondjupa	254	157	95	2	0	2	13
Zambezi	66	4	62	0	0	0	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>9964</b>	<b>2354</b>	<b>7502</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>418</b>

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA



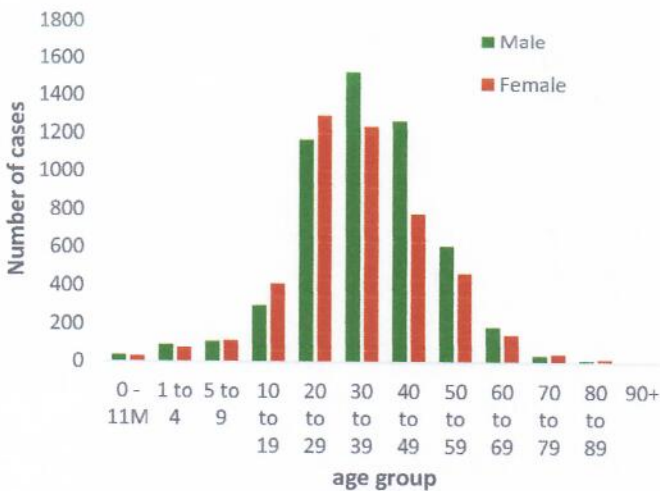
**Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases  
15 September 2020**

- Up to **2123 (21.3%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 34 (Figure 1).
- After a peak in epi-week 34, the country has seen a gradual reduction in the mean number of confirmed cases from 303 to 147 in epi-week 37.
- Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily. Today, **1401** calls were answered including **12** alerts.

**Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories  
as of 15 September 2020**

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	81377
Total samples tested	76580
Total samples re-tested	4679
Total positive results	9964
Total negative results	66590
Total samples discarded	76
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	41
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	26
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1063

- To date, **81259** tests (including **4679** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, and UNAM laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **20660** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **370** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 8 regions.
- Cumulatively, **10778** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **1458 (15.1%)** for known contacts have tested positive.
- Today, **7312 (75.6%)** out of **9669** active contacts were monitored.



**Figure 2: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases  
As of 15 September 2020**

- The 20-49 years age-brackets constitute **7275 (73.0%)** of the confirmed cases, while a sizable proportion of the 50-59 age group is **1077 (10.8%)**.
- Among those aged 30-39 years, a significant proportion of males, **1525 (55.2%)** are infected more than females **1238 (44.8%)**.
- The under 5 years make up **230 (2.3%)** of the total cases.
- Aged 60 years and above constitute **450 (4.5%)** of the confirmed cases.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 15 September 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers (24 Hours)
Erongo	1	3154	3061	93	93
Hardap	4	583	545	38	0
Kavango	4	433	389	44	0
Khomas	0	1967	1820	147	0
//Kharas	44	1680	1463	217	1
Kunene	1	436	408	28	0
Ohangwena	9	479	449	30	0
Omaheke	25	864	766	98	0
Omusati	4	285	270	15	0
Oshana	1	301	285	16	0
Oshikoto	11	841	588	253	0
Otjozondjupa	32	829	780	49	0
Zambezi	0	786	742	44	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>12638</b>	<b>11566</b>	<b>1072</b>	<b>94</b>

- Since March 2020, **12638** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1072** people are currently in quarantine with **136** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

- A total of **361** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **157 (42.4%)** were heading to Khomas, **87 (24.1%)** to //Kharas while **64 (17.7%)** were heading to Erongo region.
- The remaining **57 (15.8%)** were heading to the other 8 regions.

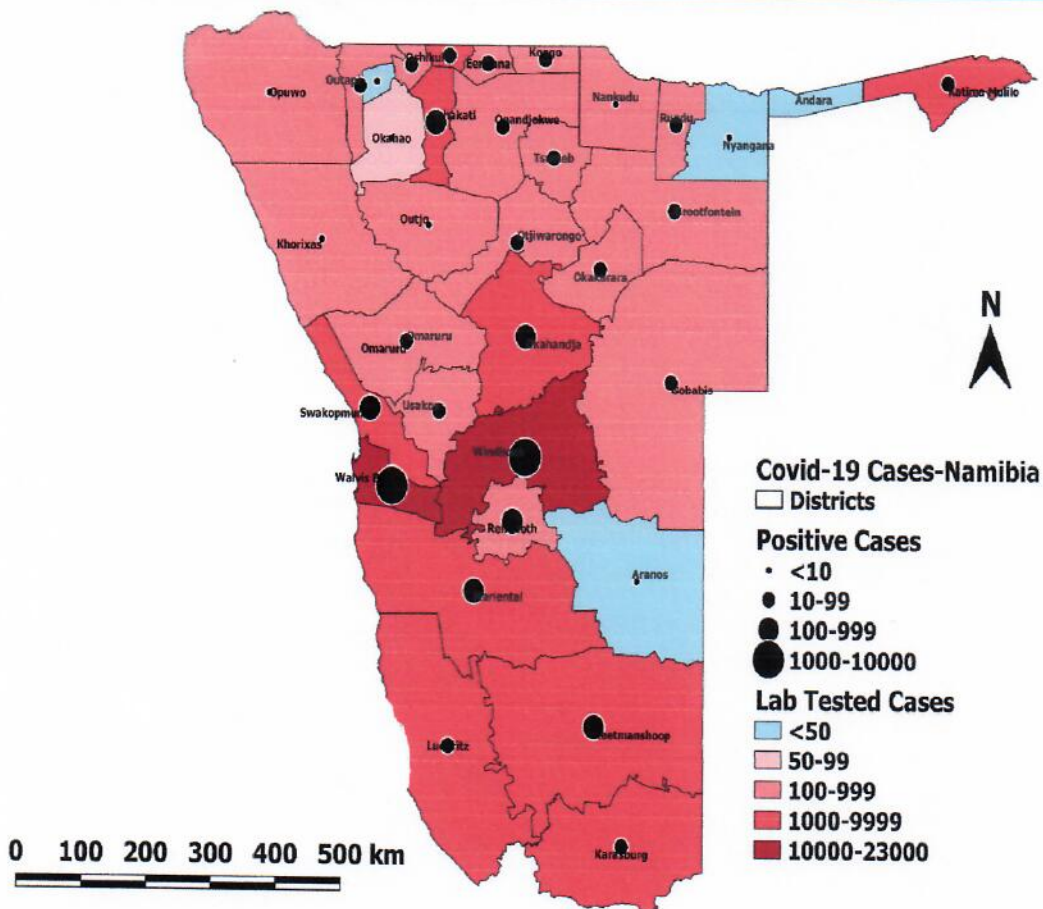


Figure 3: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District as of 15 September 2020

## PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIONS

- Weekly engagements with regions to ensure readiness for effective response.
- Public awareness on COVID-19 prevention measures is ongoing.
- Efforts on expanding the National testing capacity are ongoing.

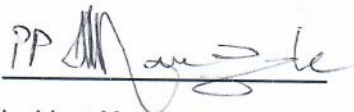
## CHALLENGES

- 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 DHIS2 national-wide .
- 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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