



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 250

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (23/11/2020)

- The country has seen a gradual rise in the number of cases; week 48 saw a rise in cases compared to week 45; most of these cases come from Khomas region.
- A total of **13938** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **0.6%** of the population.
- More male cases **7639 (54.8%)** were recorded compared to female cases **6299 (45.2%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **547 (3.9%)** Health Workers (HWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 to-date.
 - 359 (65.6%) State; 185 (33.8%) Private, 3 (0.5%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
 - 452 (82.6%) recoveries and 3 (0.5%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **95.2%**
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest with **6217 (44.6%)** and **4029 (28.9%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **112 (77.2%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **33 (22.8%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.



Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 23 November 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Deaths in 24 hours	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Non-COVID deaths	Health Workers
Erongo	4029	48	3939	41	0	38	1	73
Hardap	745	79	659	7	0	5	0	23
//Kharas	495	78	412	5	0	4	0	16
Kavango East	214	27	184	3	0	2	0	21
Kavango West	8	0	7	1	0	1	0	1
Khomas	6217	163	5983	71	0	69	0	342
Kunene	37	2	35	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	224	4	217	2	0	0	1	6
Omaheke	135	15	117	3	0	2	0	4
Omusati	79	6	72	1	0	0	0	6
Oshana	826	73	747	6	0	5	0	20
Oshikoto	448	13	435	0	0	0	0	7
Otjozondjupa	400	11	384	5	0	4	0	15
Zambezi	81	0	81	0	0	0	0	12
Total	13938	519	13272	145	0	130	2	547

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

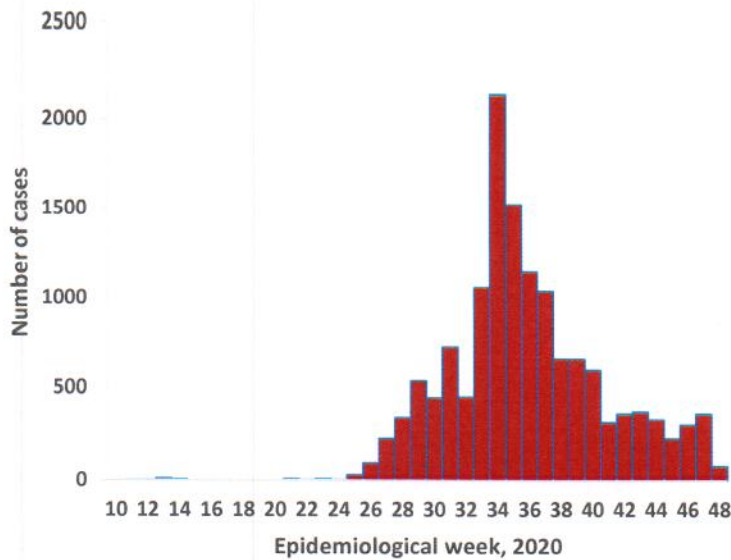


Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, As of 23 November 2020

- A highest peak of **2123 (15.2%)** cases was recorded during week 34 (Figure 1).
- After a peak in epi-week 34, the country has seen a gradual reduction in the average number of confirmed cases to 51 in epi-week 47.
- The number of cases have plateaued in the last four weeks as seen in the graph.
- The National Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily. Today (23/11/2020), **787** calls were answered including **68** alerts.

- Of the total confirmed cases, **9751 (70.0%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **1785 (12.8%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- The under 5 years age group make up **340 (2.4%)** of the total cases whereas, **657 (4.7%)** are above 60 years of age.

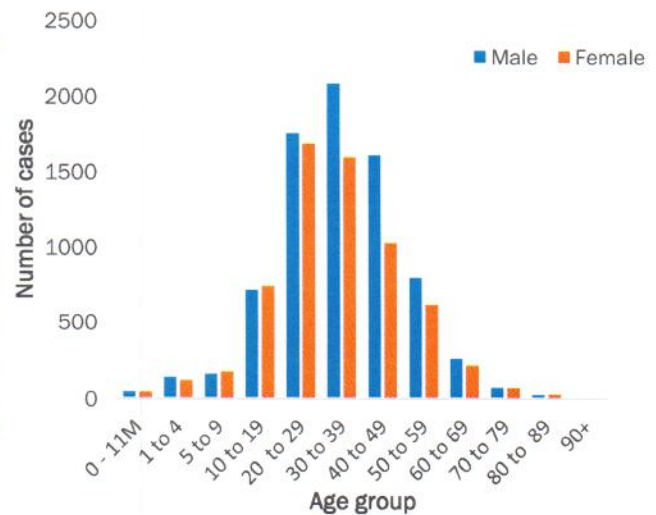


Figure 2: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, as of 23 November 2020

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories As of 23 November 2020

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	147989
Total samples tested	141156
Total samples re-tested	6715
Total positive results	13938
Total negative results	127167
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	51
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	658

- To date, **147871** tests (including **6715** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM and Namib Poultry laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **35394** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **152** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 12 regions.
- Cumulatively, **32578** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **4319 (30.9%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **2991 (100%)** out of **2991** active contacts were monitored.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 23 November 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers quarantined in 24 hrs.
Erongo	0	4145	4021	124	0
Hardap	5	911	895	16	0
Kavango	0	794	777	17	0
Khomas	0	2926	2867	59	0
//Kharas	0	2928	2914	14	0
Kunene	0	834	804	30	0
Ohangwena	0	564	559	5	0
Omaheke	0	1628	1558	70	0
Omusati	0	414	401	13	0
Oshana	0	359	358	1	0
Oshikoto	30	2589	2456	133	0
Otjozondjupa	2	968	966	2	0
Zambezi	5	1009	977	32	0
Total	42	20069	19553	516	0

- Since March 2020, **20069** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **516** people are currently in quarantine, with **42** new admissions in the last 24 hours.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION(S)

- Support visit and Intra action review on COVID-19 response is ongoing across all regions.
- Virtual training on Integrated Disease Surveillance Response (IDSR) is ongoing country-wide.
- Public awareness on COVID-19 prevention measures is ongoing.
- The government and developmental partners continue to prioritise continuation of essential health services.

CHALLENGES

- Lack of isolation units and facilities in the country for special cases in closed settings such as police holding cells and prisons.

RECOMMENDATIONS

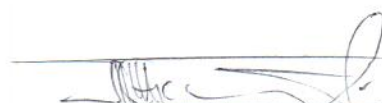
- Establish fully equipped isolation units and facilities for identified special cases throughout the country.

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