



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 253

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (26/11/2020)

TOTAL	TODAY
Tested 151744	Tested 1376
Confirmed 14207	Confirmed 52
Active 667	Active 667
Recovered 13388	Recovered 33
Death 149	Death 2

- A total of **14207** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **0.6%** of the population.
- More male cases **7772 (54.7%)** were recorded compared to female cases **6435 (45.3%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **547 (3.8%)** 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 **94.2%**.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest with **6363 (44.8%)** and **4039 (28.4%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities. **116 (77.9%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **33 (22.1%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 26 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	4039	44	3953	41	0	38	1	73
Hardap	749	83	659	7	0	5	0	23
//Kharas	587	144	438	5	0	4	0	16
Kavango East	218	7	208	3	0	2	0	21
Kavango West	8	0	7	1	0	1	0	1
Khomas	6363	291	5999	73	0	69	0	342
Kunene	37	1	35	1	1	1	0	0
Ohangwena	224	2	219	2	0	0	1	6
Omaheke	140	11	125	4	1	3	0	4
Omusati	79	2	76	1	0	0	0	6
Oshana	827	52	769	6	0	5	0	20
Oshikoto	449	13	435	0	0	0	1	7
Otjozondjupa	405	16	384	5	0	4	0	15
Zambezi	82	1	81	0	0	0	0	12
Total	14207	667	13388	149	2	132	3	547

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

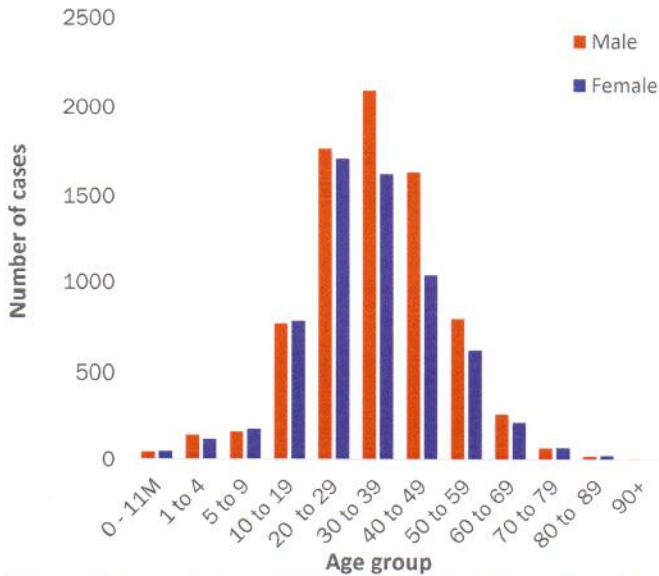


Figure 1: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, as of 26 November 2020

- Of the total confirmed cases, **9878 (69.5%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **1896 (13.3%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- The under 5 years age group make up **344 (2.4%)** of the total cases whereas, **666 (4.7%)** are above 60 years of age.

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories As of 26 November 2020

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	151862
Total samples tested	144972
Total samples re-tested	6772
Total positive results	14207
Total negative results	130714
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	51
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1353

- To date, **151744** tests (including **6772** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM and Namib Poultry laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **35798** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **254** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 10 regions.
- Cumulatively, **32910** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **4339 (30.5%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **3215 (99.5%)** out of **3230** active

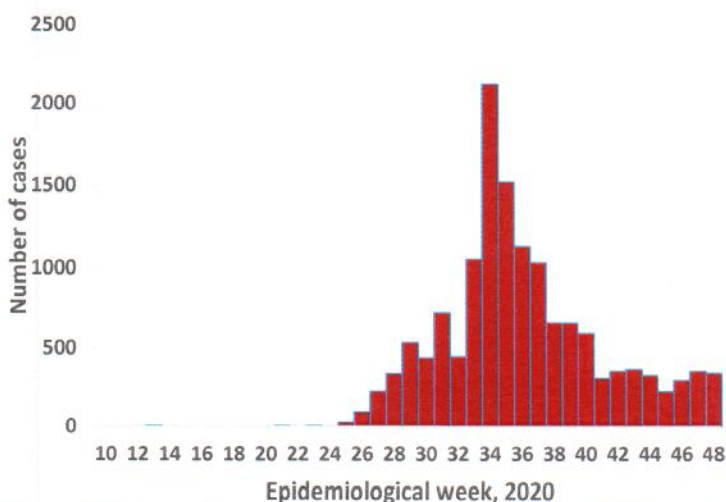


Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, As of 26 November 2020

- A highest peak of **2123 (14.9%)** cases was recorded during week 34 (Figure 2).
- After a peak in epi-week 34, the country saw a gradual reduction in the average number of confirmed cases up to week 44 after which a rise started again.
- The National Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 26 November 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers quarantined in 24 hrs.
Erongo	0	4163	4081	82	0
Hardap	1	922	908	14	0
Kavango	0	801	798	3	0
Khomas	0	2926	2867	59	0
//Kharas	0	2928	2914	14	0
Kunene	0	834	825	9	0
Ohangwena	0	564	559	5	0
Omaheke	20	1671	1618	53	1
Omusati	1	416	407	9	0
Oshana	0	359	358	1	0
Oshikoto	65	2654	2545	109	0
Otjozondjupa	12	980	968	12	0
Zambezi	15	1047	987	60	0
Total	114	20265	19835	430	1

➤ Since March 2020, **20265** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.

➤ A total of **114** people are currently in quarantine, with **430** new admissions in the last 24 hours.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION(S)

- Expanded Targeted Testing is being conducted at institutions that have confirmed positive cases.
- 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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