



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 265			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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### HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (08/12/2020)

- A total of **15472** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **0.6%** of the population.
- More male cases **8382 (54.2%)** were recorded compared to female cases **7090 (45.8%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **601 (3.9%)** Health Workers (HWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 to-date.
  - 401 (66.7%) State; 197 (32.8%) Private, 3 (0.5%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
  - 530 (88.2%) recoveries and 3 (0.5%) deaths.



- The recovery rate now stands at **91.7%**.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest with **7050 (45.6%)** and **4210 (27.2%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **118 (76.1%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **37 (23.9%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.

**Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 08 December 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	4210	132	4035	42	1	39	1	75
Hardap	777	25	745	7	0	5	0	23
//Kharas	752	167	580	5	0	4	0	20
Kavango East	229	18	208	3	0	2	0	24
Kavango West	8	0	7	1	0	1	0	1
Khomas	7050	599	6375	76	1	72	0	359
Kunene	53	17	35	1	0	1	0	2
Ohangwena	235	7	225	2	0	0	1	7
Omaheke	151	5	142	4	0	3	0	4
Omusati	87	7	79	1	0	0	0	6
Oshana	876	43	825	8	0	7	0	37
Oshikoto	468	19	448	0	0	0	1	10
Otjozondjupa	492	78	409	5	0	4	0	19
Zambezi	84	2	82	0	0	0	0	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>15472</b>	<b>1119</b>	<b>14195</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>601</b>



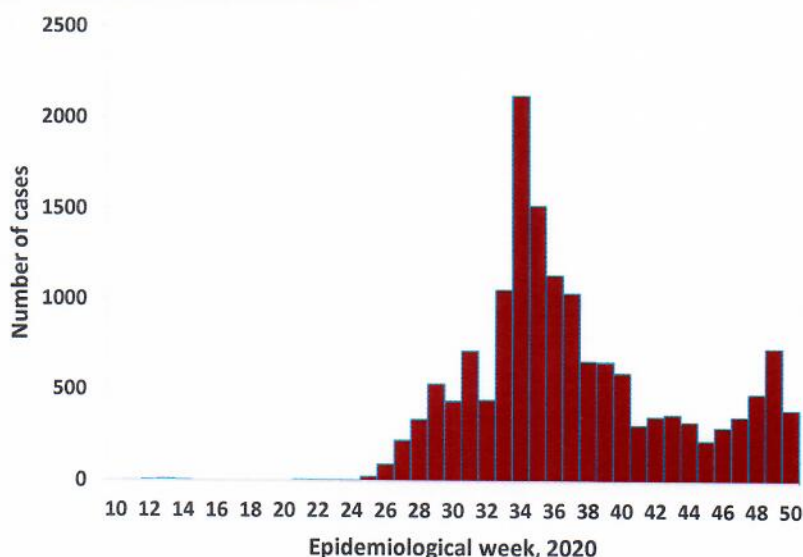
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**Table 2: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 08 December 2020**

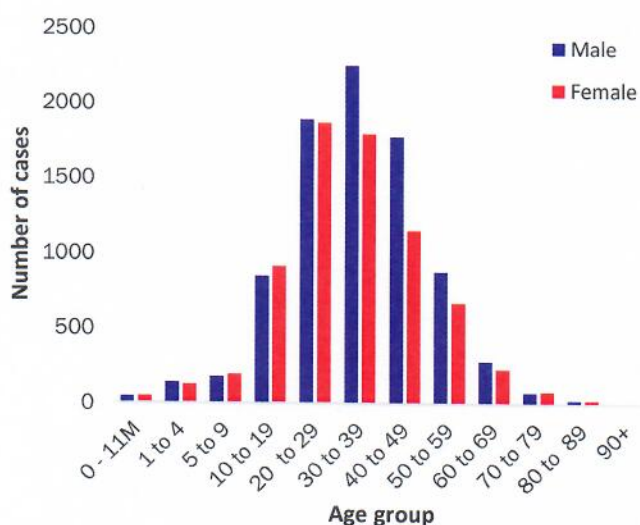
Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers quarantined in 24 hrs.
Erongo	0	4274	4231	43	0
Hardap	5	954	932	22	0
Kavango	0	815	812	3	0
Khomas	0	2940	2930	10	0
//Kharas	0	2928	2914	14	0
Kunene	0	952	847	105	0
Ohangwena	0	573	569	4	0
Omaheke	10	1761	1725	36	0
Omusati	0	432	420	12	0
Oshana	0	365	365	0	0
Oshikoto	34	3015	2649	366	0
Otjozondjupa	0	980	980	0	0
Zambezi	0	1087	1065	22	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>21076</b>	<b>20439</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>0</b>

- Since March 2020, **21076** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **637** people are currently in quarantine, with **49** new admissions in the last 24 hours.

- A highest peak of **2123 (13.7%)** cases was recorded during week 34 (Figure 1).
  - The National Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily.
- Today (08/12/2020) **797** calls were answered including **88** alerts.



**Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, As of 08 December 2020**



**Figure 2: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, as of 08 December 2020**

- Of the total confirmed cases, **10719 (69.3%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **2133 (13.8%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- The under 5 years age group make up **360 (2.3%)** of the total cases whereas, **720 (4.7%)** are above 60 years of age.



**Table 3: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories  
As of 08 December 2020**

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	167570
Total samples tested	160319
Total samples re-tested	7133
Total positive results	15472
Total negative results	144795
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	52
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1420

- To date, **167452** tests (including **7133** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM and Namib Poultry laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **37993** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **263** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 9 regions.
- Cumulatively, **34983** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **4427 (28.6%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **3208 (100%)** out of **3208** active contacts were monitored.

**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.

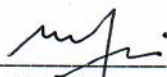
**CHALLENGES**

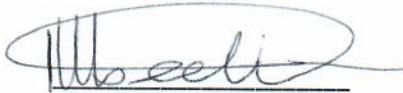
- Lack of isolation units and facilities in the country for special cases in closed settings such as schools, police holding cells and prisons.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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