



## NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 274

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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### HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (17/12/2020)

- Today, **38** healthcare workers were recorded.
- A total of **18041** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **0.7%** of the population.
- More male cases **9618 (53.3%)** were recorded compared to female cases **8423 (46.7%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **785 (4.4%)** Health Workers (HWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 to-date.
  - 527 (67.1%) State; 254 (32.4%) Private, 4 (0.5%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
  - 574 (73.1%) recoveries and 3 (0.4%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **86.6%**.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest with **8654 (48.0%)** and **4449 (24.7%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **127 (75.1%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **42 (24.9%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.



Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 17 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	4449	160	4245	43	0	40	1	90
Hardap	826	44	775	7	0	5	0	25
//Kharas	957	262	689	6	0	4	0	36
Kavango East	246	35	208	3	0	2	0	24
Kavango West	8	0	7	1	0	1	0	1
Khomas	8654	1235	7339	80	0	77	0	449
Kunene	120	47	71	2	1	2	0	12
Ohangwena	243	6	234	2	0	0	1	7
Omaheke	178	30	144	4	0	3	0	6
Omusati	118	30	87	1	0	0	0	8
Oshana	999	160	827	12	3	10	0	73
Oshikoto	520	42	476	1	1	1	1	16
Otjozondjupa	634	185	442	7	0	4	0	24
Zambezi	89	7	82	0	0	0	0	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>18041</b>	<b>2243</b>	<b>15626</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>785</b>

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

**Table 2: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 17 December 2020**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers quarantined in 24 hrs.
Erongo	6	4464	4358	106	0
Hardap	4	989	962	27	0
Kavango	8	883	823	60	0
Khomas	3	3006	2969	37	0
//Kharas	0	2928	2914	14	0
Kunene	14	1080	951	129	0
Ohangwena	0	575	570	5	0
Omaheke	0	1830	1763	67	0
Omusati	0	456	438	18	0
Oshana	0	365	365	0	0
Oshikoto	50	3423	2978	445	0
Otjozondjupa	0	1032	981	51	0
Zambezi	25	1155	1096	59	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>22186</b>	<b>21168</b>	<b>1018</b>	<b>0</b>

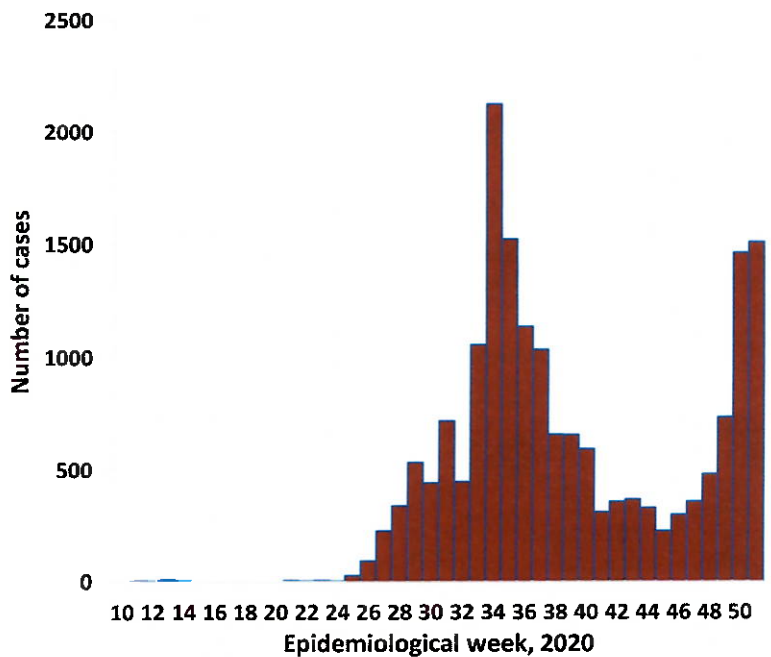
➤ Since March 2020, **22186** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.

➤ A total of **1018** people are currently in quarantine, with **110** new admissions in the last 24 hours.

➤ A highest peak of **2123 (11.8%)** cases was recorded during week 34 (Figure 1).

➤ The National Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily.

Today (17/12/2020) **971** calls were answered including **102** alerts.

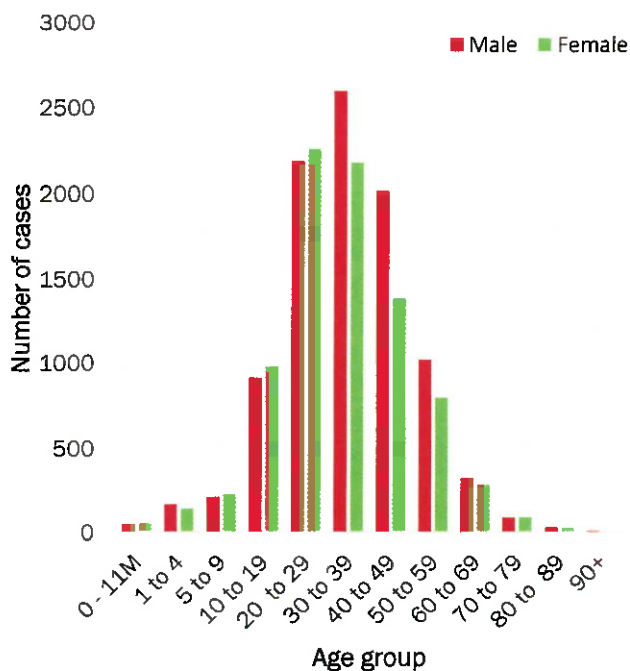


**Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases As of 17 December 2020**

➤ Of the total confirmed cases, **12625 (70.0%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.

➤ A total of **2334 (12.9%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.

➤ The under 5 years age group make **405 (2.2%)** of the total cases whereas, **855 (4.7%)** are above 60 years of age.



**Figure 2: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, as of 17 December 2020**

**Table 3: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories, As of 17 December 2020**

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	182818
Total samples tested	175257
Total samples re-tested	7443
Total positive results	18041
Total negative results	157164
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	52
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1951

- To date, **182700** tests (including **7443** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM and Namib Poultry laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **42168** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **484** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 11 regions.
- Cumulatively, **37579** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **4913 (27.2%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **4185 (95.1%)** out of **440** active contacts monitored.

**PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION(S)**

- 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.
- Non- adherence to COVID-19 prevention measures by the general public.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Establish fully equipped isolation units and facilities for identified special cases throughout the country.
- Continue to give awareness on the importance of adhering to COVID -19 prevention measures.




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