



### NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 281

<b>Outbreak Name</b>	COVID-19 outbreak	<b>Country affected</b>	Namibia
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	24.12.2020 17h00	<b>Investigation start Date</b>	13 March 2020
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#### HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (24 /12/2020)

- A total of **21262** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **0.9%** of the population.
- More male cases **11107 (52.2%)** were recorded compared to female cases **10155 (47.8%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **896 (4.4%)** Health Workers (HWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 to-date.
  - 623 (69.5%) State; 269 (30.0%) Private, 4 (0.5%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
  - 574 (64.1%) recoveries and 3 (0.3%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **82.8%**.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest with **10347 (48.7%)** and **4898 (23.0%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **144 (77%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **43 (23%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.

#### TOTAL

**Tested 196254**

**Confirmed 21262**

**Active 3470**

**Recovered 17602**

**Death 187**

#### TODAY

**Tested 2778**

**Confirmed 683**

**Active 3470**

**Recovered 404**

**Death 0**

**Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 24 December 2020**

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Cumulative Deaths	Deaths in 24 hours	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Non-COVID deaths	Health Workers
Erongo	4898	532	4319	46	2	43	1	102
Hardap	919	92	820	7	0	5	0	27
//Kharas	1190	374	809	7	0	5	0	49
Kavango East	285	43	239	3	0	2	0	25
Kavango West	10	2	7	1	0	1	0	1
Khomas	10347	1540	8718	89	1	84	0	498
Kunene	327	210	114	3	0	3	0	21
Ohangwena	261	17	241	2	0	0	1	7
Omaheke	207	30	172	5	0	4	0	8
Omusati	146	36	107	3	1	2	0	9
Oshana	1150	242	897	11	0	9	0	84
Oshikoto	583	82	499	1	0	1	1	19
Otjozondjupa	840	256	576	8	0	5	0	31
Zambezi	99	14	84	1	0	1	0	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>21262</b>	<b>3470</b>	<b>17602</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>896</b>

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

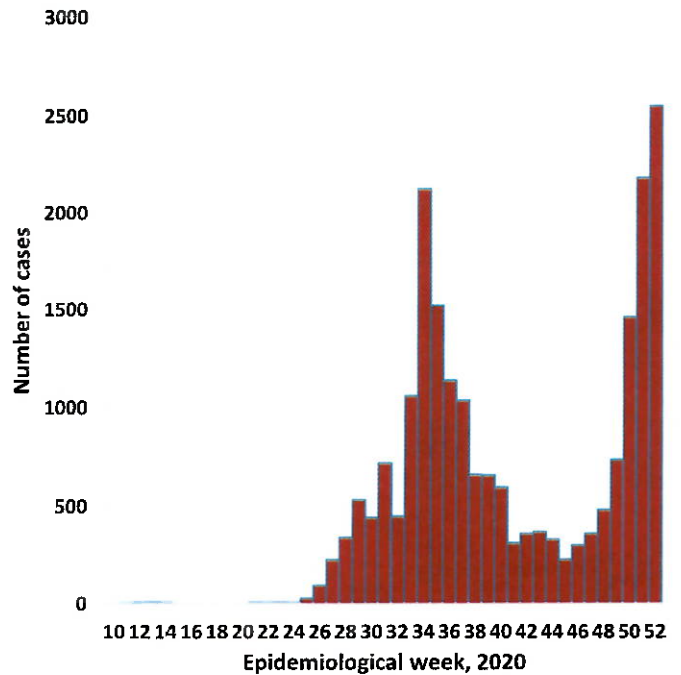
**Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories  
As of 24 December 2020**

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	196172
Total samples tested	188352
Total samples re-tested	7902
Total positive results	21262
Total negative results	167034
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	56
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	2628

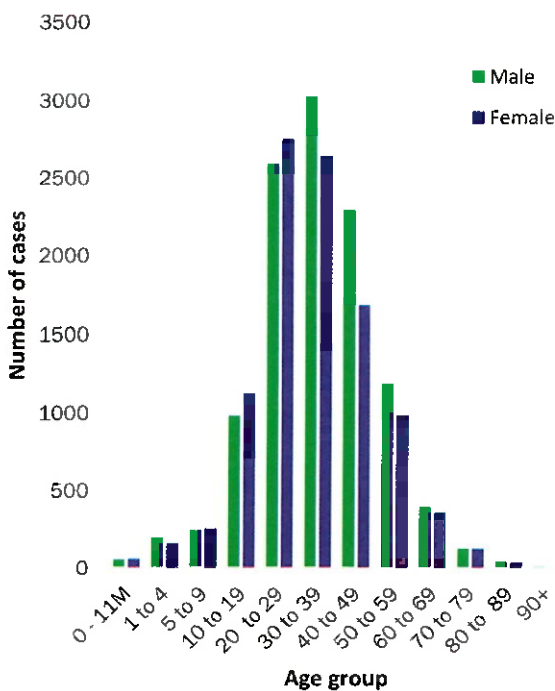
- To date, **196254** tests (including **7902** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM, Namib Poultry and Central Veterinary laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **44884** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **243** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 8 regions.
- Cumulatively, **38921** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **5158 (24.3%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **5710 (99.5%)** out of **5736** active contacts monitored.

- A highest peak of **2548 (11.9%)** cases was recorded during week 52 (Figure 1).
- The National Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily.

Today (24/12/2020) **881** calls were answered including **61** alerts.



**Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases  
As of 24 December 2020**



**Figure 2: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, as of 24 December 2020**

- Of the total confirmed cases, **14959 (70.4%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **2594 (12.2%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- The under 5 years age group make **457 (2.1%)** of the total cases whereas, **1082 (5.1%)** are above 60 years of age.

**Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 24 December 2020**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers quarantined in 24 hrs.
Erongo	0	4477	4418	59	0
Hardap	9	1050	1000	50	0
Kavango	0	905	872	33	0
Khomas	6	3063	3031	32	0
//Kharas	0	3897	3640	257	0
Kunene	145	1495	1109	386	0
Ohangwena	0	575	570	5	0
Omaheke	31	1988	1839	149	0
Omusati	0	473	449	24	0
Oshana	3	375	366	9	0
Oshikoto	0	3698	3206	492	0
Otjozondjupa	0	1032	981	51	0
Zambezi	4	1187	1144	43	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>24215</b>	<b>22625</b>	<b>1590</b>	<b>0</b>

- Since March 2020, **24215** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1590** people are currently in quarantine, with **198** new admissions.

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

Approved

  
Incident Manager

24 December 2020


#### RECOMMENDATIONS


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

  
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