



## NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 303

<b>Outbreak Name</b>	COVID-19 outbreak	<b>Country affected</b>	Namibia
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	15.01.2021 17h00	<b>Investigation start Date</b>	13 March 2020
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### HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (15/01/2021)

- A total of **30198** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **1%** of the population.
- More male cases **15342 (51%)** were recorded compared to female cases **14856 (49%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **1426 (5%)** Health Workers (HWs) have tested positive for COVID-19 to-date.
  - 1075 (75%) State; 347 (24%) Private, 4 (0.3%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
  - 960 (67%) recoveries and 6 (0.4%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **88%**.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest with **13431 (44%)** and **6463 (21%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **230 (82%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **50 (18%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.
- The UNAM and Central Veterinary Laboratories have temporarily stopped the testing of samples due to technical difficulties.



**Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 15 January 2021**

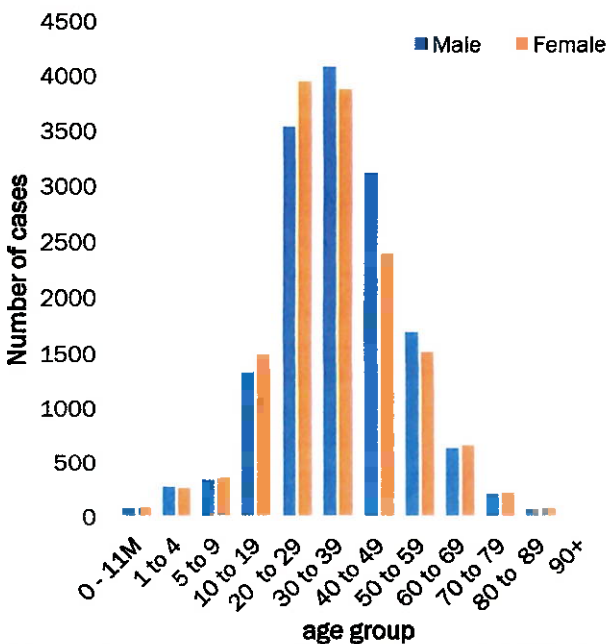
Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Cumulative Deaths	Deaths in 24 hours	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Non-COVID deaths	Health Workers
Erongo	6463	845	5546	69	3	66	3	165
Hardap	1233	99	1126	8	0	6	0	32
//Kharas	1954	418	1519	17	0	14	0	93
Kavango East	499	151	343	5	1	2	0	50
Kavango West	18	8	9	1	0	1	0	1
Khomas	13431	158	13151	122	1	114	0	670
Kunene	717	72	640	5	0	5	0	40
Ohangwena	467	146	318	2	0	0	1	25
Omaheke	489	141	339	8	0	5	0	27
Omusati	416	128	285	3	0	2	0	23
Oshana	1815	776	1023	16	0	13	0	147
Oshikoto	1066	235	829	1	0	1	1	71
Otjondjupa	1365	185	1162	19	0	13	0	63
Zambezi	265	83	178	4	0	4	0	19
Total	30198	3445	26468	280	5	246	5	1410

**Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories  
As of 15 January 2021**

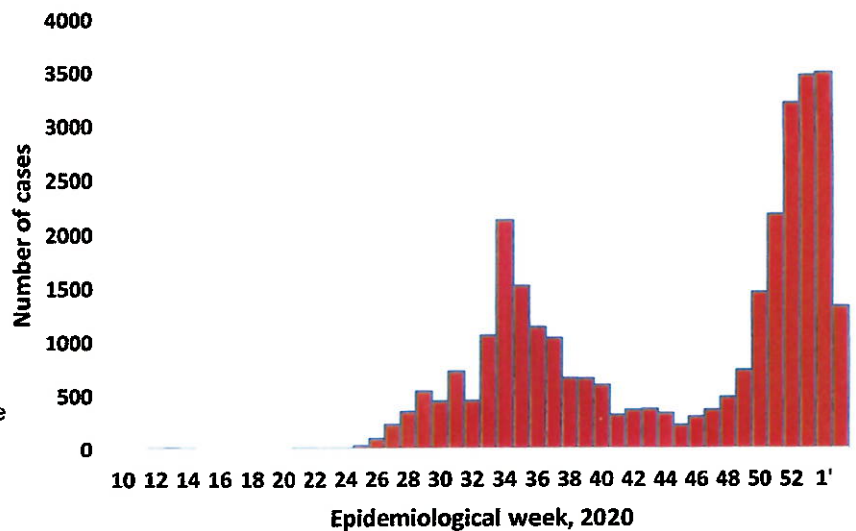
VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	237142
Total samples tested	226395
Total samples re-tested	10629
Total positive results	30198
Total negative results	196137
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	60
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1735

- To date, **237024** tests (including **10629** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM, Namib Poultry and Central Veterinary laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **55509** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **566** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 12 regions.
- Cumulatively, **48590** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **6634 (22%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **5288 (80%)** out of **6626** active contacts monitored.

➤ A highest peak of **3485 (12%)** cases was recorded during week 54 (Figure 1).



**Figure 2: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, as of 15 January 2021**



**Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases  
As of 15 January 2021**

- Of the total confirmed cases, **20932 (69%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **3499 (12%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- The under 5 years age group make **685 (2%)** of the total cases whereas, **1881 (6%)** are above 60 years

**Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities  
15 January 2021**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	4700	4578	122
Hardap	5	1216	1156	60
Kavango	4	1004	950	54
Khomas	3	3129	3108	21
//Kharas	0	4615	4212	403
Kunene	0	2314	1965	349
Ohangwena	0	604	601	3
Omaheke	0	2558	2383	175
Omusati	0	528	505	23
Oshana	0	391	381	10
Oshikoto	0	5453	4662	791
Otjozondjupa	0	1130	1095	35
Zambezi	0	1272	1242	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>28914</b>	<b>26838</b>	<b>2076</b>

- Since March 2020, **28914** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **2076** people are currently in quarantine, with **12** 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.


#### 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; with the involvement of the Security Cluster.

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