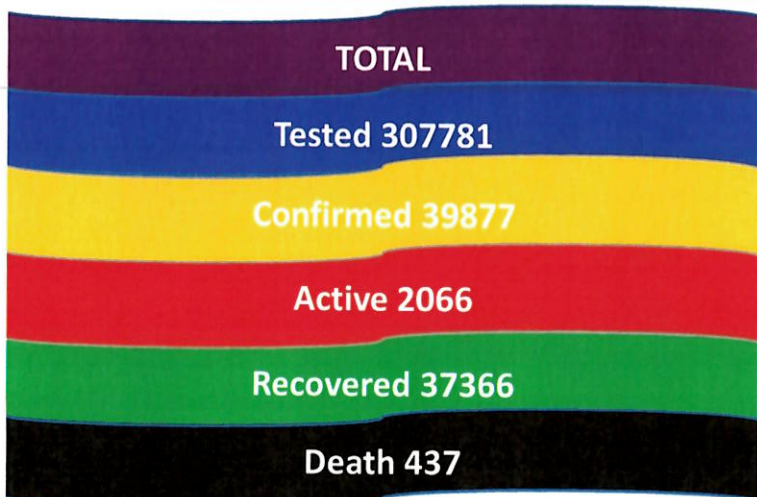




NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 352

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time	05.03.2021 17h00	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (05/03/2021)

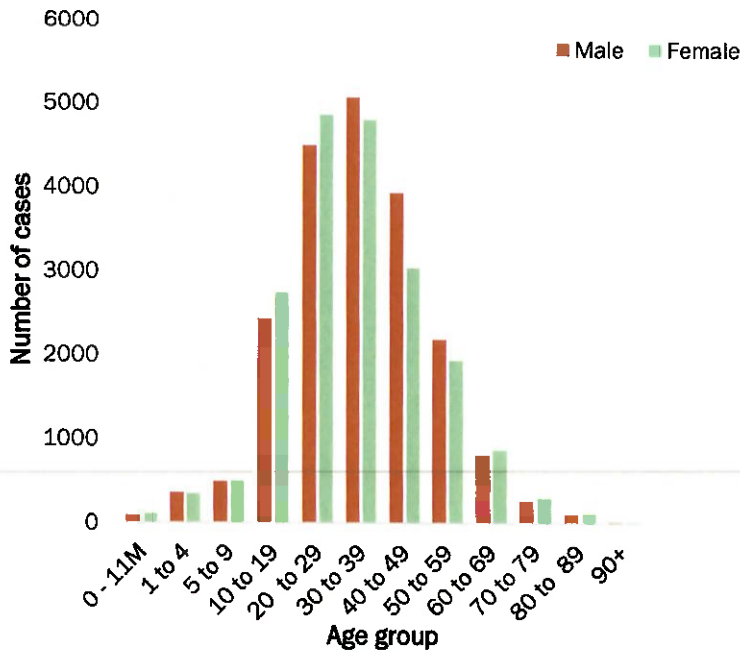


- A total of **39877** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **2%** of the population.
- More male cases **20210 (51%)** were recorded compared to female cases **19667 (49%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **1787 (4%)** are Health Workers (HWs).
 - 1391 (78%) State; 392 (22%) Private, 4 (0.2%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
 - 1686 (94%) recoveries and 6 (0.3%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **94%**.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; *Khomas* and *Erongo* regions reported the highest with **15468 (39%)** and **7521 (19%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **347 (79%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **90 (21%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 05 March 2021

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Cumulative Deaths	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Non-COVID deaths	Health Workers
Erongo	7521	160	7267	90	86	4	199
Hardap	1621	62	1540	19	15	0	35
//Kharas	2509	137	2342	30	25	0	105
Kavango East	1440	315	1110	15	11	0	94
Kavango West	166	11	153	2	2	0	7
Khomas	15468	240	15064	164	151	0	767
Kunene	962	104	849	9	9	0	48
Oshana	904	145	744	13	10	2	48
Omaheke	846	101	734	11	8	0	43
Omusati	1024	60	959	5	3	0	30
Oshana	2546	204	2315	27	21	0	186
Oshikoto	2175	97	2066	10	10	2	97
Otjozondjupa	2110	173	1903	34	26	0	94
Zambezi	585	257	320	8	6	0	34
Total	39877	2066	37366	437	383	8	1787

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA



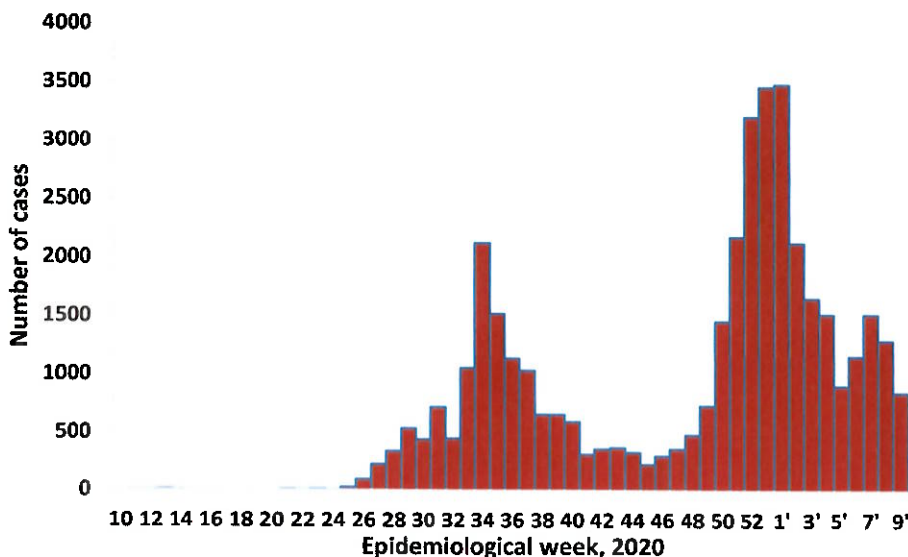
- Of the total confirmed cases, **26192 (66%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **6166 (15%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- The under 5 years age group make up **904 (2%)** of the total cases whereas, **2494 (6%)** are above 60 years of age.

Figure 1: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 05 March 2021

- To date, **307781** tests (including **11597** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM, Namib Poultry, Diagno, NAMPath and Central Veterinary laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **71863** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **333** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 8 regions.
- Cumulatively, **67168** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **9776 (25%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **1799 (42%)** out of **4248** active contacts monitored.

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories, 05 March 2021

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	307898
Total samples tested	296184
Total samples re-tested	11597
Total positive results	39877
Total negative results	256254
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	0
Total pending results	46
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	7
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1400



- A highest peak of **3485 (9%)** cases was recorded during week 1 in 2021 (Figure 2).

The National Call Center continues operations for 24 hours daily.

Today (05/03/2021), **579** calls were answered including **81** alerts.

Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 05 March 2021

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION(S)

- Mechanisms are underway on how to roll out the vaccine nationwide once it is made available.
- The government and developmental partners continue to prioritise the continuation of essential health services.

CHALLENGES

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 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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