



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 370

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (23/03/2021)

- A total of **42864** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **2%** of the population.
- More male cases **21635 (50%)** were recorded compared to female cases **21229 (50%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **1917 (4%)** are Health Workers (HWs).
 - 1505 (79%) State; 405 (21%) Private, 4 (0.2%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
 - 1810 (94%) recoveries and 6 (0.3%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **93%**.
- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; **Khomas and Erongo** regions reported the highest with **16030 (37%)** and **7840 (18%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **405 (81%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **97 (19%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.



Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 23 March 2021

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Cumulative Deaths	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Non-COVID deaths	Health Workers
Erongo	7840	243	7494	98	94	5	207
Hardap	1831	139	1666	26	19	0	53
//Kharas	2692	94	2564	34	29	0	122
Kavango East	1698	270	1407	21	16	0	102
Kavango West	181	8	171	2	2	0	10
Khomas	16030	402	15452	176	160	0	787
Kunene	1085	61	1013	11	11	0	53
Oshana	1085	51	1017	15	12	2	53
Omaheke	998	63	922	13	10	0	44
Omusati	1160	16	1136	8	5	0	31
Oshana	2721	290	2399	30	20	1	210
Oshikoto	2391	237	2138	15	15	2	112
Otjozondjupa	2482	162	2277	43	32	0	98
Zambezi	670	340	320	10	7	0	35
Total	42864	2376	39976	502	432	10	1917

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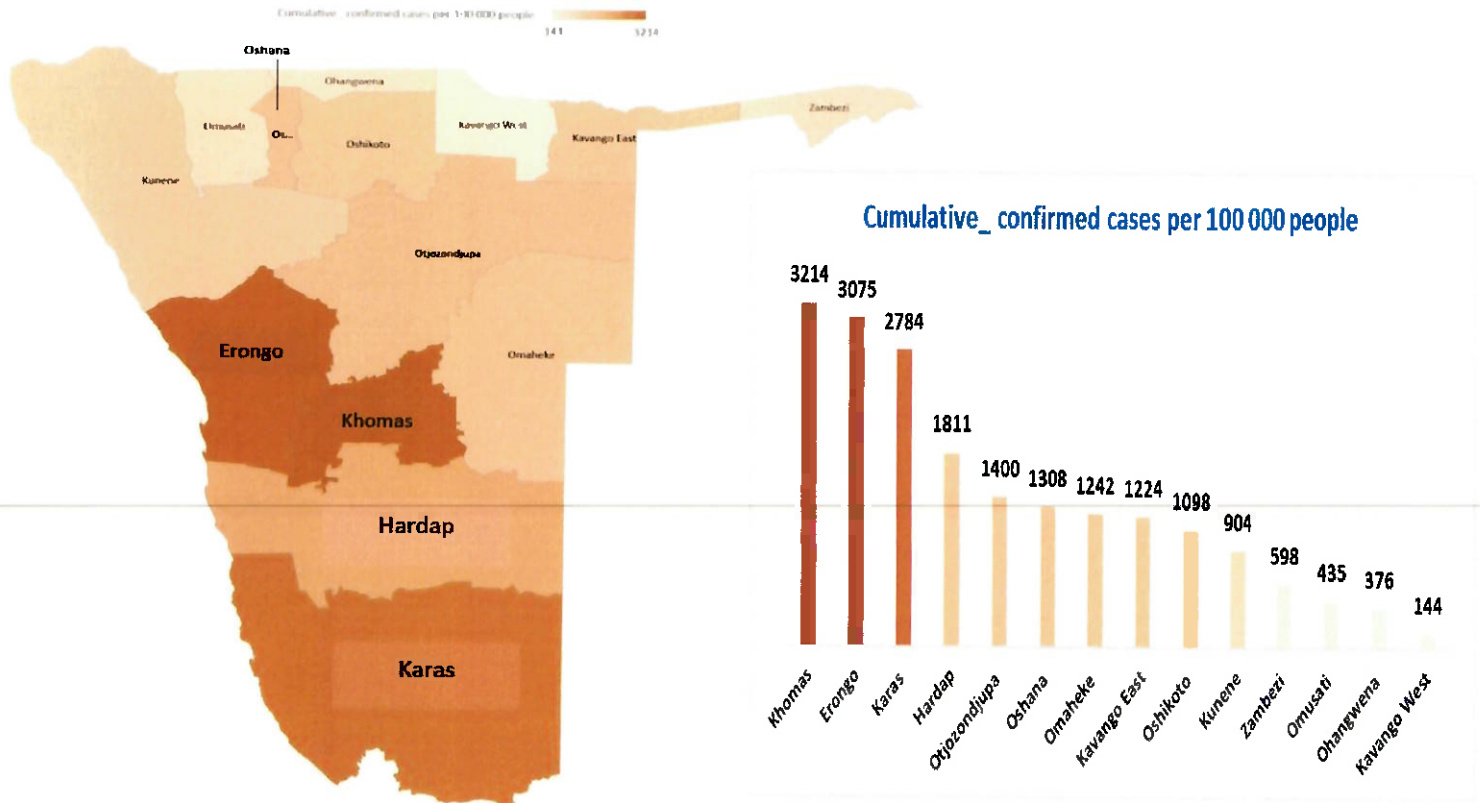


Figure 1: Distribution of cumulative confirmed cases per 100 000 by region, 23 March 2021

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories, 23 March 2021

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	333624
Total samples tested	321781
Total samples re-tested	11726
Total positive results	42864
Total negative results	278864
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	0
Total pending results	46
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	7
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1070

- To date, **333507** tests (including **11726** re-tests) have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, UNAM, Namib Poultry, Diagno, NAMPath, Namibia Central Pathology and Central Veterinary laboratories
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **77554** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **267** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 12 regions.
- Cumulatively, **72612** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **10756 (25%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **2634 (62%)** out of **4276** active contacts monitored.

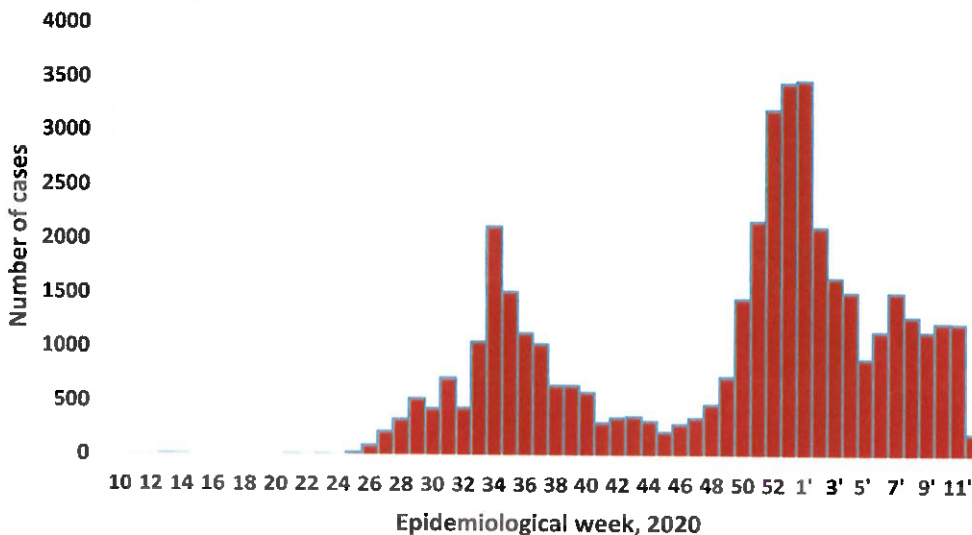


Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 23 March 2021

- A highest peak of **3485 (8%)** cases was recorded during week 1 in 2021 (Figure 2).

- The National Call Center continues operations for 24 hours daily.
- Today (23/03/2021), **538** calls were answered including **17** alerts.

- Of the total confirmed cases, **27702 (65%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **7039 (16%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- The under 5 years age group make up **972 (2%)** of the total cases whereas, **2721 (6%)** are above 60 years of age.

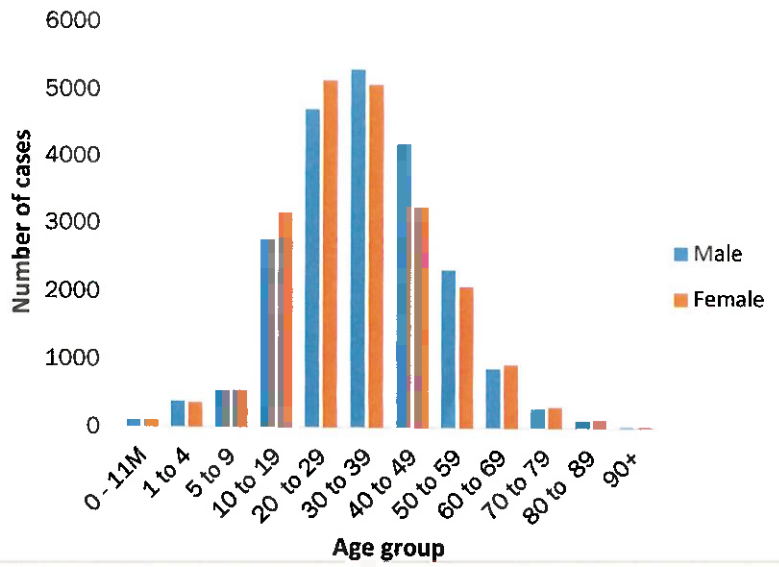


Figure 3: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases 23 March 2021

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 23 March 2021

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	5193	5163	30
Hardap	5	1510	1494	16
Kavango	0	1265	1216	49
Khomas	0	3364	3358	6
//Kharas	1	5198	4817	381
Kunene	11	3959	3624	335
Ohangwena	0	690	690	0
Omaheke	0	4729	4450	279
Omusati	0	553	553	0
Oshana	0	400	400	0
Oshikoto	117	10422	9850	572
Otjozondjupa	0	1403	1403	0
Zambezi	0	1436	1405	31
Total	134	40122	38423	1699

Since March 2020, **40122** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.

A total of **1699** people are currently in quarantine, with **134** new admissions.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION (S)

- Honourable Minister of Health and Social Services launched a national COVID-19 vaccination programme in Windhoek.
- The government and developmental partners continue to prioritise the continuation of essential health

CHALLENGES

- Lack of isolation units and facilities for cases detected in boarding schools.
- Non-adherence to COVID-19 prevention measures by the general public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Establish fully equipped isolation units and facilities for cases in schools.
- 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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