



## NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 369

<b>Outbreak Name</b>	COVID-19 outbreak	<b>Country affected</b>	Namibia
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	22.03.2021 17h00	<b>Investigation start Date</b>	13 March 2020
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### HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (22/03/2021)

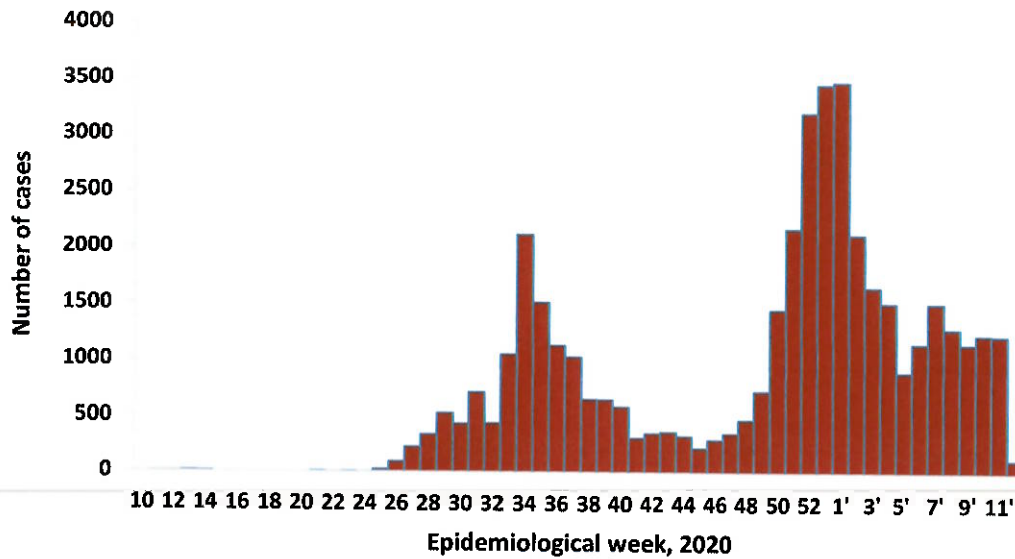
TOTAL	TODAY
<b>Tested 332435</b>	<b>Tested 761</b>
<b>Confirmed 42771</b>	<b>Confirmed 118</b>
<b>Active 2569</b>	<b>Active 2569</b>
<b>Recovered 39694</b>	<b>Recovered 190</b>
<b>Death 498</b>	<b>Death 4</b>

- A total of **42771** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **2%** of the population.
- More male cases **21591 (50%)** were recorded compared to female cases **21180 (50%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **1914 (4%)** are Health Workers (HWs).
  - 1505 (79%) State; 405 (21%) Private, 4 (0.2%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
  - 1810 (95%) 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 **15990 (37%)** and **7840 (18%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **402 (81%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **96 (19%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.

**Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 22 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	1809	118	1666	25	19	0	53
//Kharas	2669	78	2557	34	29	0	120
Kavango East	1697	318	1358	21	16	0	102
Kavango West	181	13	166	2	2	0	10
Khomas	15990	376	15438	176	160	0	786
Kunene	1085	114	960	11	11	0	53
Ohangwena	1085	81	987	15	12	2	53
Omaheke	997	63	922	12	9	0	44
Omusati	1160	20	1132	8	5	0	31
Oshana	2721	290	2399	30	20	1	210
Oshikoto	2391	239	2138	13	13	2	112
Otjozondjupa	2482	282	2157	43	32	0	98
Zambezi	664	334	320	10	7	0	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>42771</b>	<b>2569</b>	<b>39694</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1914</b>

# EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA



➤ 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.

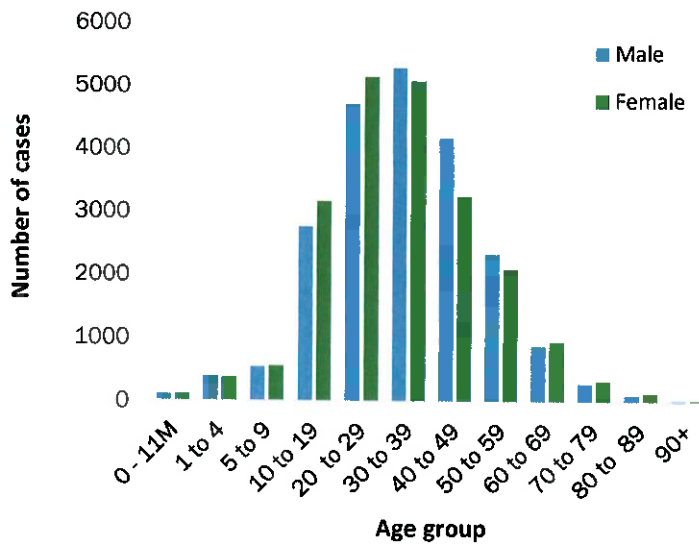
➤ Today (22/03/2021), **589** calls were answered including **23** alerts.

**Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 22 March 2021**

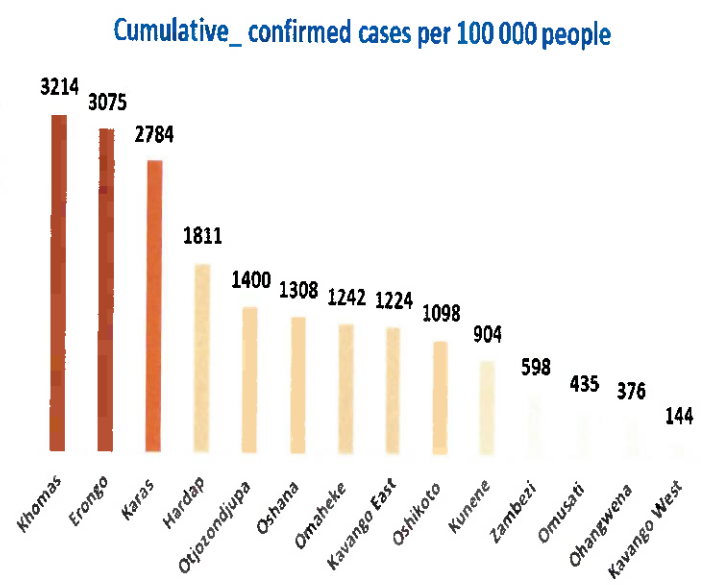
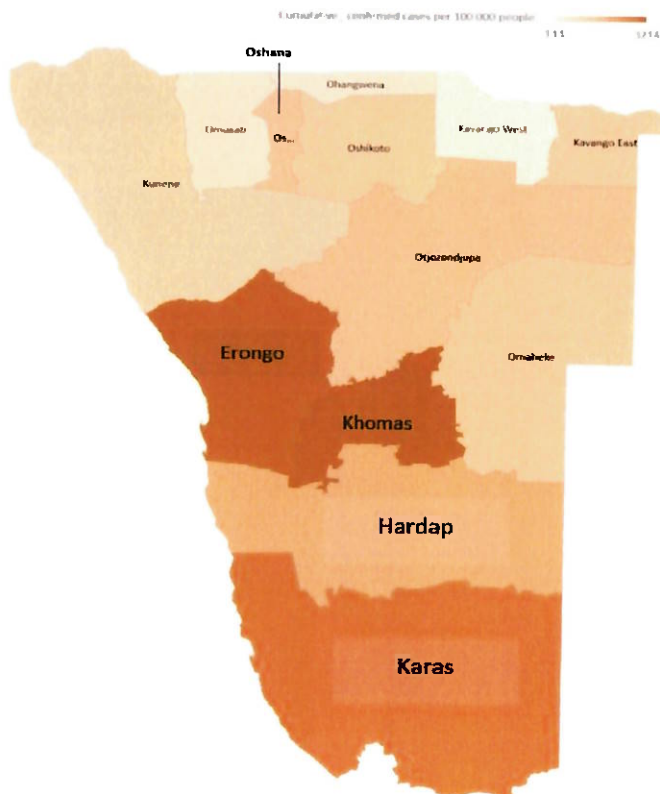
➤ Of the total confirmed cases, **27653 (65%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.

➤ A total of **7020 (16%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.

➤ The under 5 years age group make up **970 (2%)** of the total cases whereas, **2708 (6%)** are above 60 years of age.



**Figure 2: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 22 March 2021**



**Figure 3: Distribution of cumulative confirmed cases per 100 000 by region, 22 March 2021**

**Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories, 22 March 2021**

- To date, **332435** tests (including **11724** 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, **77287** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **75** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 11 regions.
- Cumulatively, **72245** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **10639 (25%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **3327 (3%)** out of **4716** active contacts monitored.

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	332552
Total samples tested	320711
Total samples re-tested	11724
Total positive results	42771
Total negative results	277887
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	0
Total pending results	46
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	7
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	761

**Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 22 March 2021**

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	5193	5163	30
Hardap	2	1505	1493	12
Kavango	0	1265	1211	54
Khomas	0	3364	3358	6
//Kharas	12	5197	4797	400
Kunene	9	3948	3558	390
Ohangwena	0	690	690	0
Omaheke	0	4729	4450	279
Omusati	0	553	553	0
Oshana	0	400	400	0
Oshikoto	0	10305	9617	688
Otjozondjupa	0	1403	1403	0
Zambezi	0	1436	1405	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>39988</b>	<b>38098</b>	<b>1890</b>

- Since March 2020, **39988** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1890** people are currently in quarantine, with **23** 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 services.

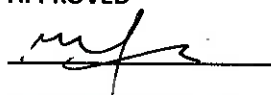
**CHALLENGES**

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

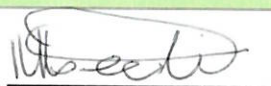
**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 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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