



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 375

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time	28.03.2021 17h00	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
Prepared by	Surveillance Team		

HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (28/03/2021)

TOTAL	TODAY
Tested 341651	Tested 1733
Confirmed 43923	Confirmed 291
Active 1945	Active 1945
Recovered 41455	Recovered 57
Death 513	Death 4

- A total of **43923** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **2%** of the population.
- More male cases **22129 (50%)** were recorded compared to female cases **21794 (50%)**.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **1953 (4%)** are Health Workers (HWs).
 - 1535 (79%) State; 414 (21%) Private, 4 (0.2%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
 - 1810 (93%) 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 **16227 (37%)** and **7950 (18%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **413 (81%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **99 (19%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 28 March 2021

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Cumulative Deaths	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Non-COVID deaths	Health Workers
Erongo	7950	268	7578	99	95	5	212
Hardap	2007	300	1678	29	22	0	55
//Kharas	2734	82	2617	35	29	0	122
Kavango East	1752	83	1647	22	17	0	109
Kavango West	187	9	176	2	2	0	11
Khomas	16227	498	15552	177	161	0	797
Kunene	1207	150	1046	11	11	0	53
Ohangwena	1110	56	1036	16	13	2	54
Omaheke	1009	50	945	14	11	0	44
Omusati	1178	21	1149	8	5	0	31
Oshana	2778	77	2669	31	20	1	214
Oshikoto	2466	77	2372	15	16	2	117
Otjozondjupa	2639	258	2337	44	33	0	98
Zambezi	679	16	653	10	7	0	36
Total	43923	1945	41455	513	442	10	1953

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

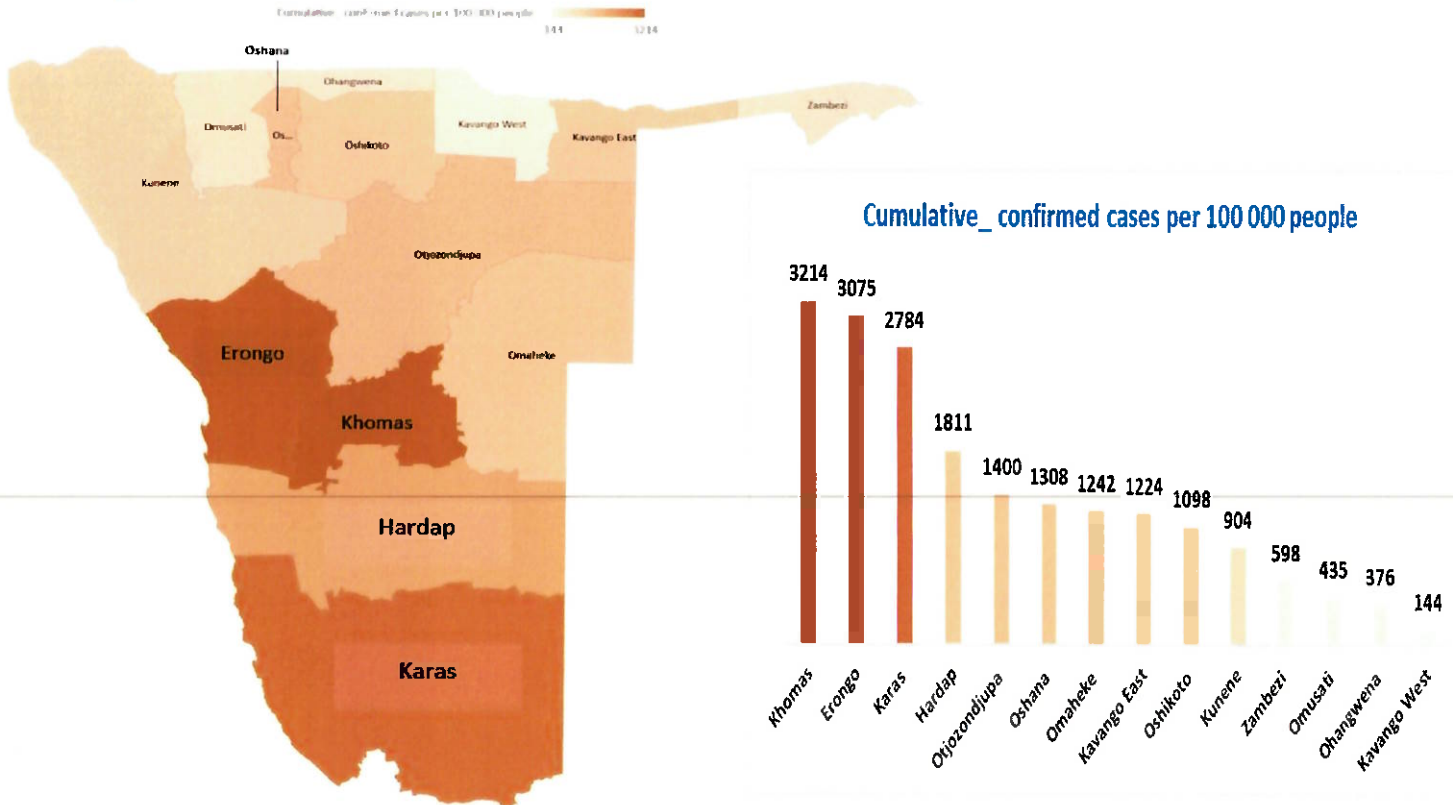


Figure 1: Distribution of cumulative confirmed cases per 100 000 by region, 28 March 2021

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories, 28 March 2021

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	341768
Total samples tested	329893
Total samples re-tested	11758
Total positive results	43923
Total negative results	285917
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	0
Total pending results	46
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	7
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1722

- To date, **341651** tests (including **11758** 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, **79035** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **42** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 10 regions.
- Cumulatively, **73668** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while a total of **11031 (25%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **3059 (67%)** out of **4570** active contacts monitored.

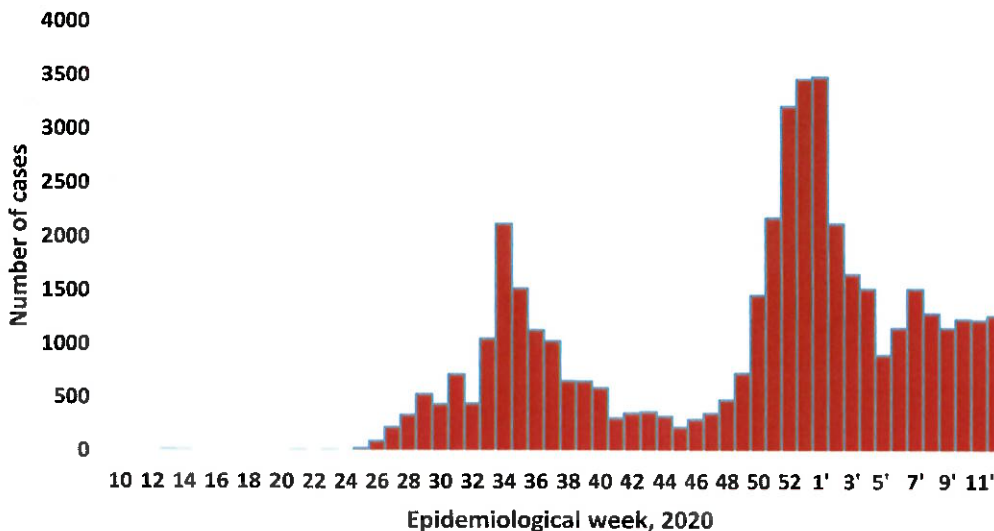


Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 28 March 2021

➤ 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 (28/03/2021), **543** calls were answered including **19** alerts.

- Of the total confirmed cases, **28203 (64%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **7353 (17%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- The under 5 years age group make up **1005 (2%)** of the total cases whereas, **2804 (6%)** are above 60 years of age.

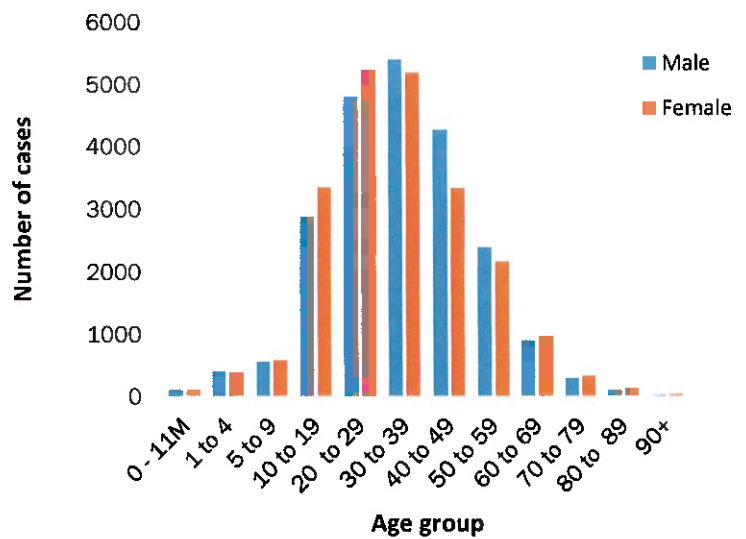


Figure 3: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases 28 March 2021

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 28 March 2021

Region	Newly quarantined 24 Hrs.	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	31	5224	5170	54
Hardap	0	1526	1516	10
Kavango	1	1278	1266	12
Khomas	0	3369	3358	11
//Kharas	3	5309	4910	399
Kunene	0	4278	3792	486
Ohangwena	0	690	690	0
Omaheke	4	4829	4788	41
Omusati	5	558	553	5
Oshana	0	400	400	0
Oshikoto	0	10624	9898	726
Otjozondjupa	0	1453	1430	23
Zambezi	32	1474	1429	45
Total	76	41012	39200	1812

- Since March 2020, **41012** people have been placed into mandatory quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1812** people are currently in quarantine, with **76** 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

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