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UPDATE BY DR. KALUMBI SHANGULA, MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.

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WINDHOEK

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1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. We announce one hundred and eighty-eight (188) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from one thousand five hundred and nine (1 509) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 13% positivity rate. The gender distribution of the reported cases is one hundred and eight (108) females and eighty (80) males. The age range is from five (5) years to ninety-one (91) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 01 March 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	33	Windhoek	33
Omaheke	32	Gobabis	32
Kavango East	25	Rundu	25
Ohangwena	23	Eenhana	14
		Engela	8
		Okongo	1
Erongo	14	Walvis Bay	11
		Omaruru	2
		Swakopmund	1
Otjozondjupa	13	Otjiwarongo	7
		Okahandja	3
		Okakarara	2
		Grootfontein	1
Hardap	12	Rehoboth	7
		Mariental	5
Oshana	11	Oshakati	11
Oshikoto	6	Tsumeb	4
		Omuthiya	2
Kunene	6	Opuwo	4
		Khorixas	2
Zambezi	5	Katima Mulilo	5
Omusati	5	Tsandi	5
Karas	2	Keetmanshoop	2
Kavango west	1	Nankudu	1
Total	188		188

2. Seventy-one (71) of the COVID-19 confirmed cases are learners. Twenty (20) are from Wennie du Plessis Senior Secondary School (SSS) in Gobabis district, nine (9) from Leevi Hakusembe SSS in Rundu district, six (6) from Haimbili Haufiku SSS in Eenhana district, and the rest are from different schools. Five (5) teachers and one (1) health care worker also tested positive to coronavirus infection.
3. We have recorded seventy-four (74) new recoveries. The recovery rate stands at 93%.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 01 March 2021

Region	Number
Ohangwena	34
Khomas	23
Otjozondjupa	10
Hardap	5
Omusati	2
Total	74

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at two thousand two hundred and sixty-two (2262). One hundred and thirty-eight (138) are hospitalized, of which twenty-two (22) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 01 March 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	54	15
Erongo	21	5
Ohangwena	14	0
Karas	12	0
Kavango East	9	0
Omusati	7	0
Omaheke	6	0
Oshana	4	2
Zambezi	3	0
Oshikoto	3	0
Kunene	3	0
Hardap	2	0
Total	138	22

5. We announce four (4) deaths from Windhoek, Rehoboth and Otjiwarongo districts.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 01 March 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Windhoek	Male	78	Yes	27/02/2021	COVID-19 Related Death
Windhoek	Male	80	Yes	01/03/2021	COVID-19 Death
Rehoboth	Female	44	Yes	26/02/2021	COVID-19 Death
Otjiwarongo	Female	64	No	17/02/2021	COVID-19 Death

We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

6. *Table 5: Summary of the national update, 01 March 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	39 033
Newly confirmed	188
Recoveries	36 335
Active cases	2 262
COVID-19 Deaths	338
COVID-19 Related Deaths	90
Indeterminate deaths	0
Total Deaths	428
Total samples tested	304 421
Active contacts	3 963
Cumulative number of people quarantined	35 925
Number of quarantined people discharged	33 969
Number of people in quarantines	1 956

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