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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. We announce one hundred and forty-nine (149) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from nine hundred and forty-nine (949) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 16% positivity rate. The gender distribution of the reported cases is eighty-nine (89) males and sixty (60) females. The age range is from one (1) year to eighty-two (82) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 02 March 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	40	Windhoek	40
Omusati	32	Oshikuku	29
		Tsandi	2
		Outapi	1
Ohangwena	27	Eenhana	26
		Engela	1
Kavango East	14	Rundu	14
Omaheke	10	Gobabis	10
Zambezi	9	Katima Mulilo	9
Oshana	5	Oshakati	5
Erongo	4	Walvis Bay	4
Otjozondjupa	3	Okakarara	2
		Otjiwarongo	1
Oshikoto	3	Onandjokwe	3
Karas	2	Karasburg	1
		Luderitz	1
Total	149		149

2. We have recorded one hundred and sixty-three (163) new recoveries.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 02 March 2021

Region	Number
Otjozondjupa	58
Hardap	37
Khomas	27
Ohangwena	16
Omusati	10
Erongo	7
Karas	5
Omaheke	3
Total	163

3. The total number of active cases currently stands at two thousand two hundred and forty-six (2 246). One hundred and fifty-one (151) are hospitalized, of which twenty (20) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 02 March 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	60	15
Erongo	22	2
Karas	17	1
Ohangwena	13	0
Kavango East	7	0
Omusati	7	0
Zambezi	6	0
Omaheke	5	0
Oshana	4	2
Oshikoto	3	0
Kunene	3	0
Hardap	2	0
Otjozondjupa	2	0
Total	151	20

4. We announce two (2) deaths from Windhoek and Rehoboth districts.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 02 March 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Windhoek	Male	41	No	01/03/2021	COVID-19 Death
Rehoboth	Male	75	No	28/02/2021	COVID-19 Death

We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

Table 5: Summary of the national update, 02 March 2021

Cumulative confirmed cases	39 182
Newly confirmed	149
Recoveries	36 498
Active cases	2 246
COVID-19 Deaths	340
COVID-19 Related Deaths	90
Total Deaths	430
Active contacts	3 647
Total samples tested	305 368
Cumulative number of people quarantined	35 997
Number of quarantined people discharged	34 202
Number of people in quarantines	1 695

5. Key message

- As we are hearing that most countries have started with vaccination campaign, we will follow suit soon.
- We are still waiting for the delivery of the vaccines, meanwhile we are preparing so that once the vaccines arrives implementation will start immediately.
- This is now time for us as a nation to get prepared to be vaccinated as efficacy and safety of these vaccines have been established already.
- This will be the weapon to help to stop COVID-19 transmission and deaths.
- Meanwhile, let's continue observing precaution measures.

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