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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

- I greet you fellow compatriots, during the Cassinga Day as we remember the brutal massacre that befell sons and daughters of our land, “their blood waters our freedom”. We announce fifty-two (52) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from six hundred and thirty-nine (639) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 8% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is thirty (30) females and twenty-two (22) males. The age ranges from six (6) years to sixty-eight (68) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 04 May 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	36	Windhoek	36
Karas	8	Luderitz	8
Omaheke	4	Gobabis	4
Otjondjupa	2	Otjiwarongo	2
Hardap	1	Rehoboth	1
Erongo	1	Walvis Bay	1
Total	52		52

- Today we record new cases from six (6) regions. Among the confirmed cases are seven (7) learners from different schools and one health care worker. We continue to monitor infection among learners during school holiday.
- We have recorded one hundred and forty-seven (147) recoveries from the following regions:

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 04 May 2021

Region	Number
Khomas	119
Hardap	11
Karas	10
Omusati	7
Total	147

4. We now have one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six active cases (1 876) active cases. One hundred and fifty-three (153) are hospitalized, of which forty-two (42) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 04 May 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	60	29
Erongo	18	7
Karas	16	1
Ohangwena	11	0
Oshana	10	2
Oshikoto	8	3
Otjozondjupa	6	0
Omaheke	5	0
Hardap	5	0
Zambezi	5	0
Omusati	4	0
Kavango East	3	0
Kunene	2	0
Total	153	42

5. Sadly, four more lives were lost due to COVID-19, one each from Windhoek, Outapi Katima Mulilo and Swakopmund districts.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 04 May 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Windhoek	Female	30	Yes	02.05.2021	COVID-19 Death
Outapi	Female	53	Yes	02.05.2021	COVID-19 Death
Katima Mulilo	Male	56	Yes	30.04.2021	COVID-19 Death
Swakopmund	Female	84	Yes	02.05.2021	COVID-19 related Death

We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

6. The table below shows the number of people vaccinated, as per reports received.

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccines administered, as of 04 May 2021

Region	1 st Dose AstraZeneca & Sinopharm		2 nd Dose Sinopharm	
	New persons vaccinated	Total persons vaccinated	Persons vaccinated	Total persons vaccinated
Erongo	249	3450	13	295
Khomas	1 626	11 038	49	1 135
Karas	68	1 043	0	6
Oshana	0	1658	0	41
Omusati	0	499	0	0
Zambezi	0	315	0	2
Ohangwena	0	1056	0	42
Kunene	176	1 127	0	0
Otjozondjupa	0	2076	0	85
Kavango West	100	380	11	16
Kavango East	250	1392	0	11
Hardap	137	1534	5	24
Omaheke	0	1329	0	0
Oshikoto	0	666	0	75
Total	2 606	27 563	78	17 32

7. *Table 6: Summary of the national update, 04 May 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	49 203
Newly confirmed	52
Recoveries	46 653
Recovery rate	95%
Active cases	1 876
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1st doses administered	27 563
COVID-19 Deaths	542
COVID-19 Related Deaths	121
Total Deaths	663
Total samples tested	393 483
Active contacts	3 827
Cumulative number of people quarantined	45 513
Number of quarantined people discharged	44 211
Number of people in quarantines	1 302

8. **Key Messages**

I caution the public that, reporting few cases in one day as we do today, should not give us a sense of comfort. Let's not think that we have won yet. This observation should encourage us to adhere to the prevention measure, with much hope that there is light at the end of the tunnel.

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