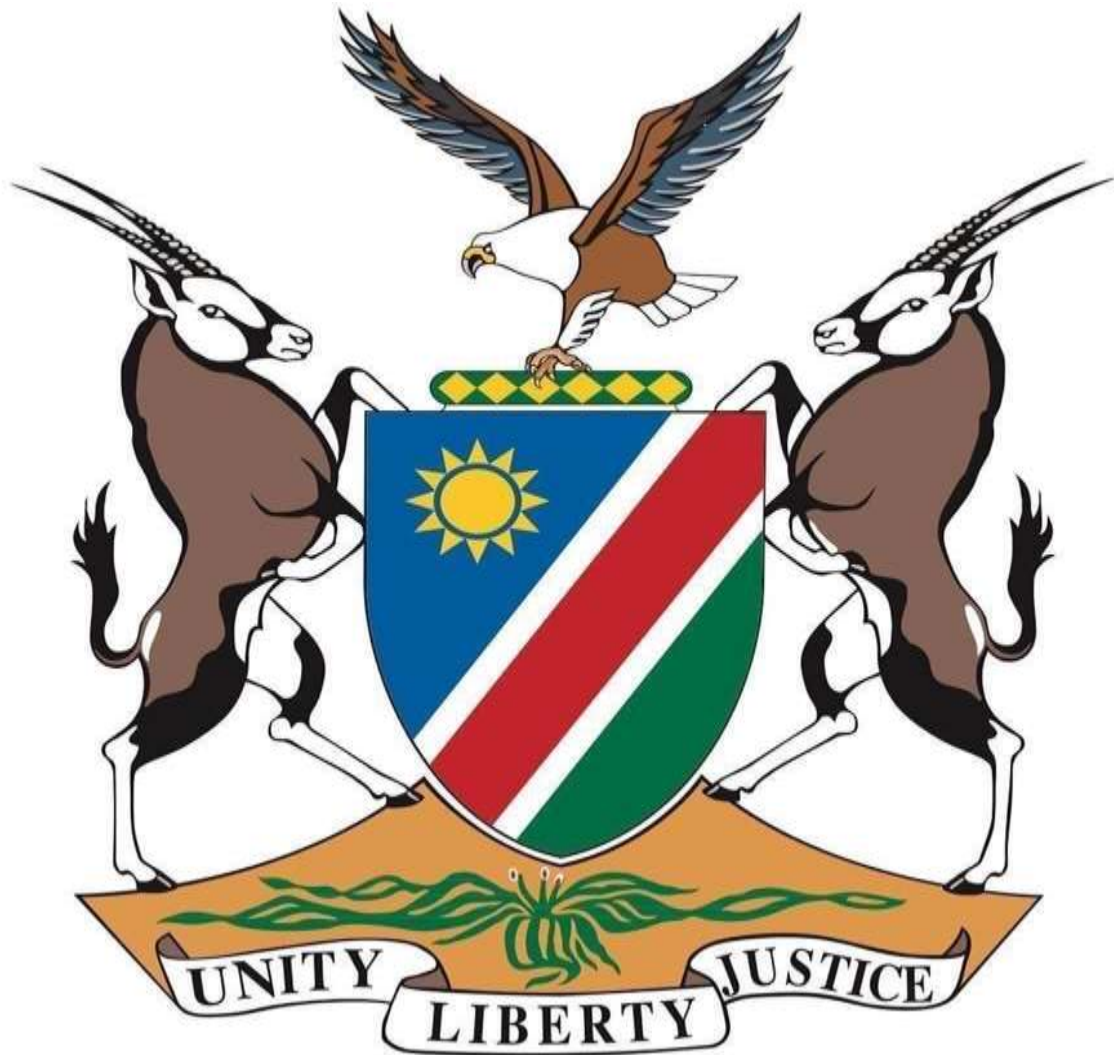


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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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

06 May 2021

WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce one hundred and thirty-seven (137) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from one thousand two hundred and fifty-one (1251) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 11% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is eighty-three (83) females and fifty-four (54) males. The age ranges from nine (9) days to eighty-eight (88) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 06 May 2021

| REGIONS | NEW CASES | DISTRICTS | NEW CASES |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Khomas | 37 | Windhoek | 37 |
| Karas | 26 | Lüderitz | 17 |
| | | Keetmanshoop | 8 |
| | | Karasburg | 1 |
| Hardap | 23 | Rehoboth | 15 |
| | | Aranos | 5 |
| | | Mariental | 3 |
| Erongo | 20 | Walvis Bay | 9 |
| | | Swakopmund | 9 |
| | | Usakos | 2 |
| Oshikoto | 12 | Omuthiya | 12 |
| Otjozondjupa | 5 | Grootfontein | 4 |
| | | Okahandja | 1 |
| Kunene | 5 | Outjo | 5 |
| Oshana | 3 | Oshakati | 3 |
| Omaheke | 3 | Gobabis | 3 |
| Kavango East | 2 | Rundu | 2 |
| Zambezi | 1 | Katima Mulilo | 1 |
| Total | 137 | | 137 |

2. Today we record new cases from eleven (11) regions. Among the confirmed cases are twenty (20) learners from different schools and six (6) health care workers.
3. We have recorded two hundred and thirty-nine (239) recoveries from the following regions:

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 06 May 2021

| Region | Number |
|---------------|---------------|
| Oshana | 63 |
| Erongo | 61 |
| Kunene | 48 |
| Hardap | 41 |
| Kavango East | 18 |
| Karas | 7 |
| Kavango west | 1 |
| Total | 239 |

4. We now have one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three (1 853) active cases. One hundred and sixty-five (165) are hospitalized, of which forty-one (41) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 06 May 2021

| Region | Hospitalized confirmed cases | Intensive Care Unit |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Khomas | 71 | 29 |
| Erongo | 18 | 6 |
| Karas | 17 | 1 |
| Ohangwena | 10 | 0 |
| Oshana | 9 | 3 |
| Oshikoto | 7 | 2 |
| Otjozondjupa | 6 | 0 |
| Omaheke | 6 | 0 |
| Hardap | 5 | 0 |
| Zambezi | 5 | 0 |
| Omusati | 4 | 0 |
| Kavango East | 4 | 0 |
| Kunene | 3 | 0 |
| Total | 165 | 41 |

5. We announce seven (7) deaths, two (2) each from Windhoek and Walvis Bay districts and one (1) each from Mariental, Katima Mulilo and Tsumeb districts.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 06 May 2021

| District | Sex | Age | Comorbidities | Date of Death | Classification |
|-----------------|------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Windhoek | Male | 52 | Yes | 30.04.2021 | COVID-19 Death |
| | Female | 24 | Yes | 03.05.2021 | COVID-19 Death |
| Walvis Bay | Female | 48 | Yes | 05.05.2021 | COVID-19 Death |
| | Male | 55 | Yes | 27.04.2021 | COVID-19 Death |
| Katima Mulilo | Female | 45 | No | 05.05.2021 | COVID-19 Death |
| Mariental | Male | 44 | Yes | 17.04.2021 | COVID-19 Death |
| Tsumeb | Male | 43 | No | 03.05.2021 | COVID-19 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 06 May 2021

| Region | 1 st Dose AstraZeneca & Sinopharm | | 2 nd Dose Sinopharm | |
|--------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | New persons vaccinated | Total persons vaccinated | Persons vaccinated | Total persons vaccinated |
| Erongo | 499 | 3949 | 51 | 346 |
| Khomas | 701 | 11824 | 72 | 1224 |
| Karas | 134 | 1177 | 2 | 8 |
| Oshana | 0 | 1658 | 0 | 41 |
| Omusati | 1077 | 1576 | 19 | 19 |
| Zambezi | 0 | 315 | 0 | 2 |
| Ohangwena | 0 | 1056 | 0 | 42 |
| Kunene | 0 | 1127 | 0 | 0 |
| Otjozondjupa | 423 | 2499 | 0 | 85 |
| Kavango West | 462 | 842 | 9 | 25 |
| Kavango East | 1617 | 3009 | 50 | 61 |
| Hardap | 137 | 1671 | 7 | 31 |
| Omaheke | 0 | 1329 | 0 | 0 |
| Oshikoto | 0 | 666 | 0 | 75 |
| Total | 5050 | 32 698 | 210 | 1959 |

7. *Table 6: Summary of the national update, 06 May 2021*

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| Cumulative confirmed cases | 49 460 |
| Newly confirmed | 137 |
| Recoveries | 46 922 |
| Recovery rate | 95% |
| Active cases | 1 853 |
| Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1st doses administered | 32 698 |
| COVID-19 Deaths | 551 |
| COVID-19 Related Deaths | 123 |
| Total Deaths | 674 |
| Total samples tested | 396 009 |
| Active contacts | 3 504 |
| Cumulative number of people quarantined | 45 779 |
| Number of quarantined people discharged | 44 353 |
| Number of people in quarantines | 1426 |

8. **Key Messages**

- As we are fast approaching the winter season, we urge all members of the public to continue exercising caution against COVID-19 infection. Wear your masks correctly and consistently, observe social distancing of at least 1m apart when you are in public spaces and frequently sanitize your hands with soap and clean water or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- With more vaccination centers being opened up in our various districts, we encourage everyone to get vaccinated. Remember, being vaccinated does not necessarily mean you cannot get infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus; therefore, a vaccinated individual should continue observing all infection prevention and control measures to avoid getting infected and infecting those around them.

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