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

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1. We announce two hundred and twenty-nine (**229**) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from one thousand seven hundred and sixty-six (**1 766**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours reporting cycle, which represents **13%** positivity ratio. The gender distribution is one hundred and thirty-seven (137) females and ninety-two (92) males. The age ranges from six (6) months to ninety-five (95) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

*Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 07 August 2021*

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Ohangwena	56	Eenhana	41
		Engela	10
		Okongo	5
Oshikoto	52	Omuthiya	23
		Tsumeb	17
		Onandjokwe	12
Oshana	26	Oshakati	26
Omusati	16	Okahao	6
		Oshikuku	6
		Tsandi	4
Zambezi	14	Katima Mulilo	14
Kharas	13	Luderitz	8
		Karasburg	3
		Keetmanshoop	2
Khomas	12	Windhoek	12
Otjozondjupa	11	Okahandja	5
		Otjiwarongo	4
		Okakarara	1
		Grootfontein	1
Erongo	10	Swakopmund	5
		Walvis Bay	3
		Usakos	1
		Omaruru	1
Kunene	8	Opuwo	6
		Outjo	1
		Khorixas	1
Omaheke	6	Gobabis	6
Hardap	4	Mariental	2
		Rehoboth	2
Kavango East	1	Rundu	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>229</b>		<b>229</b>

2. We are reporting cases from thirteen (13) regions, with an exemption of Kavango West region. Ohangwena region reported the highest number of cases, accounting for about

24% of all the confirmed cases, followed by Oshikoto region with 23%. Among the confirmed cases are thirty-six (36) learners, twelve (12) teachers, three (3) students and eight (8) health care workers.

3. Of all the confirmed cases, twenty-two (22), representing 10%, are reported to have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, of which six (6) have received two doses of the vaccine and considered fully vaccinated.
4. We have observed a shift in number of confirmed cases from Khomas region to other regions especially northern regions.
5. We have recorded one hundred and thirty-six (136) new recoveries.

*Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 07 August 2021*

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>
Otjondjupa	79
Zambezi	35
Kharas	18
Omaheke	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>136</b>

6. We now have eighteen thousand six hundred and fifty (18 650) active cases. Three hundred and seventy-two (372) are hospitalized, of which seventy-six (76) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU). We have noted a reduction in number of admissions during these two weeks.

*Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 07 August 2021*

<b>Region</b>	<b>Hospitalized confirmed cases</b>	<b>Intensive Care Unit</b>
Khomas	108	39
Oshana	62	14
Erongo	33	11
Kunene	30	0
Ohangwena	26	0
Oshikoto	23	9
Kavango East	22	2
Otjondjupa	20	0
Kharas	18	1
Omusati	17	0
Zambezi	9	0
Omaheke	4	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>76</b>

7. We announce nine (9) deaths from five (5) districts.

*Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 07 August 2021*

District	Gender		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		COVID Death	C-R death		
Mariental	2	1	3	3	0	0	3
Okahao	2	0	2	2	0	0	0
Gobabis	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
Tsandi	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Okahandja	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>

*Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 07 August 2021*

Age group	No. of Deaths	Vaccination Status		
		1st dose	2nd dose	Indetermined
Under 1	0			
1-4	0			
5-9	0			
10-19	0	0	0	0
20-29	0	0	0	0
30-39	2	0	0	0
40-49	0	0	0	0
50-59	0	0	0	0
60-69	3	0	0	0
70-79	0	0	0	0
80-89	0	0	0	0
90+	4	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

8. Mariental district reported three (3) deaths, followed by Okahao and Gobabis districts with two (2) deaths each, and Tsandi and Okahandja districts with one (1) death each. All of the reported deaths occurred in health care facilities, and none of them was vaccinated.
9. Of the reported deaths, one (1) occurred on 27 June 2021. Three (3) deaths occurred between 01-21 July, and five (5) occurred between 03-04 August. No reported deaths occurred within the last 24 hours reporting cycle.
10. By the 7 August 2021, a total of **174 896** people had received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, while **53 455** had received two doses, as depicted in tables 5 and 6 below:

*Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1<sup>st</sup> dose, 07 August 2021*

Region	#New persons vaccinated with 1 <sup>st</sup> doses of Sinopharm	Total persons who received 1 <sup>st</sup> doses of Sinopharm	#New persons vaccinated with 1 <sup>st</sup> dose of AstraZeneca (AZ)	Total persons vaccinated with 1 <sup>st</sup> doses of AZ	Total persons vaccinated with 1 <sup>st</sup> doses of Sinopharm and AZ
Erongo	241	8 455	0	9 339	17 794
Hardap	264	6 206	0	3 677	9 883
Kharas	83	4 795	0	2 769	7 564
Kavango East	0	4 792	0	4 441	9 233
Kavango West	0	1 490	0	2 173	3 663
Khomas	248	27 288	0	23 824	51 112
Kunene	0	5 029	0	3 526	8 555
Ohangwena	0	6 716	0	3 785	10 501
Omaheke	263	4 813	0	3 060	7 873
Omusati	0	6 379	0	5 183	11 562
Oshana	115	7 564	0	3 474	11 038
Oshikoto	114	5 827	0	2 824	8 651
Otjozondjupa	95	8 361	0	5 938	14 299
Zambezi	45	2 337	0	831	3 168
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 468</b>	<b>100 052</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>74 844</b>	<b>174 896</b>

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, 07 August 2021

Region	# of new persons who received 2 doses of Sinopharm	Total persons who received 2 doses of Sinopharm	# of new persons who received 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses of AstraZeneca	Total persons who received 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses of AstraZeneca	Total 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses of Sinopharm and AstraZeneca
Erongo	155	3 929	0	396	4 325
Hardap	42	2 173	0	30	2 203
Kharas	77	2 541	0	371	2 912
Kavango East	0	1 974	0	1 003	2 977
Kavango West	0	819	0	97	916
Khomas	103	13 759	0	1 271	15 030
Kunene	0	1 941	0	86	2 027
Ohangwena	0	2 554	0	289	2 843
Omaheke	111	1 731	0	164	1 895
Omusati	0	2 788	0	600	3 388
Oshana	85	3 602	0	966	4 568
Oshikoto	85	2 724	24	399	3 123
Otjozondjupa	73	4 857	0	926	5 783
Zambezi	19	1 350	0	115	1 465
<b>Total</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>46 742</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6 713</b>	<b>53 455</b>

11. Table 7: Summary of the national update, 07 August 2021

Cumulative confirmed cases	121 043
Newly confirmed	229
Recoveries	99 191
Recovery rate	82%
Active cases	18 650
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 <sup>st</sup> doses administered	174 896
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses administered	53 455
COVID-19 Deaths	2 916
COVID-19 Related Deaths	275
Total Deaths	3 191
Total samples tested	625 854
Active contacts	2 304
Cumulative number of people quarantined	69 930
Number of quarantined people discharged	67 630
Number of people in quarantines	2 300

12. **Key Message**

- On Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2021, we have received 75 000 doses of AstraZeneca which had been out of stock for some weeks. We will be prioritizing those receiving the second dose. All districts are expected to have their vaccines and ready to resume vaccination with AstraZeneca on Tuesday morning the 10 August 2021.
- We therefore urge people who have been waiting for their AstraZeneca to go and receive their second doses at nearest health facilities or at vaccination sites as communicated by the district teams. We have established more vaccination sites in order to avoid long queues.

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