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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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**WINDHOEK**

*\*Check against Delivery*

1. We announce one hundred and sixty (**160**) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from one thousand four hundred and six (**1 406**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours reporting cycle, which represents **11%** positivity ratio. The gender distribution is ninety-four (94) females and sixty-six (66) males. The age ranges from four (4) years to one hundred and eleven (111) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

*Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 08 August 2021*

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Erongo	42	Walvis Bay	28
		Swakopmund	10
		Omaruru	3
		Usakos	1
Otjozondjupa	28	Otjiwarongo	17
		Grootfontein	10
		Okakarara	1
Khomas	24	Windhoek	24
Oshikoto	21	Onandjokwe	16
		Omuthiya	4
		Tsumeb	1
Oshana	9	Oshakati	9
Kharas	7	Luderitz	4
		Keetmashoop	2
		Karasburg	1
Kunene	7	Opuwo	7
Omusati	4	Okahao	4
Zambezi	4	Katima Mulilo	4
Omaheke	4	Gobabis	4
Hardap	4	Mariental	4
Kavango East	3	Nyangana	2
		Andara	1
Kavango West	2	Nankudu	2
Ohangwena	1	Okongo	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>160</b>		<b>160</b>

2. We are reporting cases from all fourteen regions. Erongo region reported the highest number of cases, accounting for about 26% of all the confirmed cases, followed by Otjozondjupa region with 18%. Among the confirmed cases are twenty-eight (28) learners, five (5) teachers, three (3) students and four (4) health care workers.
3. Of all the confirmed cases, four (4), representing 3%, are reported to have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, of which one (1) has received two doses of the vaccine and considered fully vaccinated.
4. We have recorded two hundred and forty-seven (247) new recoveries.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 08 August 2021

Region	Number
Kunene	98
Erongo	49
Zambezi	38
Otjozondjupa	27
Hardap	26
Omaheke	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>247</b>

5. We now have eighteen thousand five hundred and fifty-eight (18 558) active cases. Three hundred and sixty-eight (368) are hospitalized, of which seventy-six (76) are in ICU. We have noted a reduction in number of admissions during these two weeks.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 08 August 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	108	39
Oshana	62	14
Erongo	33	11
Kunene	30	0
Ohangwena	26	0
Oshikoto	23	9
Kavango East	22	2
Kharas	18	1
Otjozondjupa	17	0
Omusati	17	0
Zambezi	7	0
Omaheke	5	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>76</b>

6. We announce five (5) deaths from three (3) districts.

Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 08 August 2021

District	Gender		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		Covid Death	C-Related death		
Gobabis	2	1	3	3	0	0	0
Windhoek	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Luderitz	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 08 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	1	0	0	0
30-39	0	0	0	0
40-49	0	0	0	0
50-59	1	0	0	0
60-69	2	0	0	0
70-79	1	1	0	0
80-89	0	0	0	0
90+	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

7. Gobabis district reported three (3) deaths, while Windhoek and Luderitz districts reported one (1) death each. All the reported deaths occurred in health facilities. One (1) deceased case from Windhoek had received the 1<sup>st</sup> dose of AstraZeneca on 08 July, 2021. Of the reported deaths, three (3) occurred between 24-26 July, one (1) occurred on 01 August and one (1) occurred on 07 August.
8. As of today, a total of **175 077** people had received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, while **53 471** 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, 08 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 AZ	Total vaccinated with 1 <sup>st</sup> doses of AZ	Total vaccinated with 1 <sup>st</sup> doses of Sinopharm and AZ
Erongo	0	8 455	0	9 339	17 794
Hardap	13	6 219	0	3 677	9 896
Kharas	0	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	0	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	6	4 819	0	3 060	7 879
Omusati	0	6 379	0	5 183	11 562
Oshana	0	7 564	0	3 474	11 038
Oshikoto	149	5 976	0	2 824	8 800
Otjozondjupa	8	8 369	0	5 938	14 307
Zambezi	5	2 342	0	831	3 173
<b>Total</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>100 233</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>74 844</b>	<b>175 077</b>

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, 08 August 2021

Region	# of new persons who received 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses of Sinopharm	Total persons who received 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	0	3 929	0	396	4 325
Hardap	3	2 176	0	30	2 206
Kharas	0	2 541	0	371	2 912
Kavango East	0	1 974	0	1003	2 977
Kavango West	0	819	0	97	916
Khomas	0	13 759	0	1271	15 030
Kunene	0	1 941	0	86	2 027
Ohangwena	0	2 554	0	289	2 843
Omaheke	3	1 734	0	164	1 898
Omusati	0	2 788	0	600	3 388
Oshana	0	3 602	0	966	4 568
Oshikoto	6	2 730	0	399	3 129
Otjozondjupa	0	4 857	0	926	5 783
Zambezi	4	1 354	0	115	1 469
Total	16	46 758	0	6713	53 471

9. Table 7: Summary of the national update, 08 August 2021

Cumulative confirmed cases	121 203
Newly confirmed	160
Recoveries	99 438
Recovery rate	82%
Active cases	18 558
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 <sup>st</sup> doses administered	175 077
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses administered	53 471
COVID-19 Deaths	2 921
COVID-19 Related Deaths	275
Total Deaths	3 196
Total samples tested	627 260
Active contacts	2 076
Cumulative number of people quarantined	70 068
Number of quarantined people discharged	68 025
Number of people in quarantines	2 043

#### 10. Key Message

- The AstraZeneca vaccines arrived on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2021. Vaccination with Astrazeneca will resume on Tuesday country-wide. We will be prioritizing those receiving the second dose. But nobody should be turned away for first dose. We expectn more doses of AstraZeneca.

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