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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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SOCIAL SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

09 August 2021

WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce three hundred and four (**304**) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from one thousand two hundred and thirteen (**1 213**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours, reporting cycle which represents **25%** positivity ratio. The gender distribution is one hundred and ninety-four (**194**) females and one hundred and ten (**110**) males. The age ranges from six (**6**) months to ninety-six (**96**) years. The new cases are as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 09 August 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Ohangwena	116	Engela	66
		Eenhana	44
		Okongo	6
Omusati	70	Outapi	50
		Oshikuku	14
		Tsandi	6
Oshana	25	Oshakati	25
Oshikoto	17	Tsumeb	8
		Omuthiya	7
		Onandjokwe	2
Kharas	16	Keetmanshoop	14
		Luderitz	2
Kavango East	15	Rundu	14
		Nyangana	1
Erongo	13	Walvis Bay	10
		Swakopmund	3
Kunene	11	Opuwo	9
		Khorixas	2
Khomas	10	Windhoek	10
Otjozondjupa	9	Grootfontein	6
		Otjiwarongo	3
Kavango West	2	Nankudu	2
Total	304		304

2. Today we are reporting cases from eleven (11) regions. Ohangwena region reported the highest number of cases, accounting for about 38% of all the confirmed cases, followed by Omusati region with 23%. Among the confirmed cases are forty-one (41) learners, seven (7) teachers, six (6) students and five (5) health care workers.

3. Of all the confirmed cases, seven (7), representing 2%, are reported to have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, of which two (2) had received two doses of the vaccine and considered fully vaccinated.
4. We have recorded two thousand four hundred and thirty-seven (2 437) new recoveries.

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

Region	Number
Khomas	2 127
Kharas	156
Omusati	95
Kavango East	22
Otjozondjupa	19
Hardap	12
Kavango West	5
Omaheke	1
Total	2 437

5. We now have sixteen thousand four hundred and seventeen (16 417) active cases. Three hundred and forty-three (343) are hospitalized, of which sixty-two (62) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 09 August 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	97	28
Oshana	59	13
Kunene	30	0
Erongo	29	9
Oshikoto	26	9
Ohangwena	24	0
Otjozondjupa	20	0
Kharas	17	1
Omusati	17	0
Kavango East	15	2
Omaheke	6	0
Zambezi	3	0
Total	343	62

6. We announce eight (8) deaths from five (5) districts.

Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 09 August 2021

District	Gender		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		Covid Death	COVID-Related death		
Grootfontein	1	2	3	3	0	2	3
Windhoek	2	0	2	2*	0	0	0
Nyangana	0	1	1	1	0	1	0
Onandjokwe	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Omuthiya	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Total	4	4	8	8	0	3	5

*Reported as dead on arrival to health facility

Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 09 August 2021

Age group	No. of Deaths	Vaccination Status		
		1st dose	2nd dose	Undetermined
Under 1	0			
1-4	0			
5-9	0			
10-19	0	0	0	0
20-29	0	0	0	0
30-39	1	0	0	0
40-49	1	0	0	0
50-59	0	0	0	0
60-69	2	0	0	0
70-79	0	0	0	0
80-89	3	0	0	0
90+	1	0	0	0
Total	8	0	0	0

7. Grootfontein district reported the highest number of deaths with three (3) deaths, followed by Windhoek district with two (2) deaths, and Nyangana, Onandjokwe, and Omuthiya districts with one (1) death each.
8. Of the reported deaths, three (3) occurred at home: two (2) from Grootfontein district and one (1) from Nyangana district. Two (2) deaths from Windhoek district were reported as dead on arrival. None of the reported death cases was vaccinated.
9. Three (3) of the reported deaths occurred between 30-31 July 2021, three (3) occurred between 4-7 August 2021, and two (2) occurred on the 8 of August 2021.
10. By the 9 August 2021, a total of **175 657** people had received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, while **53 671** had received two doses, as depicted in tables 5 and 6 below:

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 09 August 2021

Region	#New persons vaccinated with 1 st doses of Sinopharm	Total persons who received 1 st doses of Sinopharm	#New persons vaccinated with 1 st dose of AstraZeneca (AZ)	Total persons vaccinated with 1 st doses of AZ	Total persons vaccinated with 1 st doses of Sinopharm and AZ
Erongo	0	8 455	0	9 339	17 794
Hardap	0	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	25	1 515	0	2 173	3 688
Khomas	0	27 288	0	23 824	51 112
Kunene	128	5 157	0	3 526	8 683
Ohangwena	263	6 979	0	3 785	10 764
Omaheke	0	4 819	0	3 060	7 879
Omusati	153	6 532	0	5 183	11 715
Oshana	0	7 564	0	3 474	11 038
Oshikoto	0	5 976	0	2 824	8 800
Otjozondjupa	0	8 369	0	5 938	14 307
Zambezi	11	2 353	0	831	3 184
Total	580	100 813	0	74 844	175 657

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 2nd dose, 09 August 2021

Region	# of new persons received 2 nd doses of Sinopharm	Total persons who received 2 nd doses of Sinopharm	# of new persons who received 2 nd doses of AstraZeneca	Total persons who received 2 nd doses of AZ	Total 2 nd doses of Sinopharm and AZ
Erongo	0	3 929	0	396	4 325
Hardap	0	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	13	832	0	97	929
Khomas	0	13 759	0	1 271	15 030
Kunene	30	1 971	0	86	2 057
Ohangwena	75	2 629	0	289	2 918
Omaheke	0	1 734	0	164	1 898
Omusati	80	2 868	0	600	3 468
Oshana	0	3 602	0	966	4 568
Oshikoto	0	2 730	0	399	3 129
Otjozondjupa	0	4 857	0	926	5 783
Zambezi	2	1 356	0	115	1 471
Total	200	46 958	0	6 713	53 671

11. *Table 7: Summary of the national update, 09 August 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	121 507
Newly confirmed	304
Recoveries	101 875
Recovery rate	84%
Active cases	16 417
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses	175 657
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses	53 671
COVID-19 Deaths	2 929
COVID-19 Related Deaths	275
Total Deaths	3 204
Total samples tested	628 458
Active contacts	1 978
Cumulative number of people quarantined	70 094
Number of quarantined people discharged	68 243
Number of people in quarantines	1 851

12. **Key Message**

- The COVID-19 numbers for new confirmed cases, admissions and deaths are going down. The public is applauded for enduring the strict measures applied to bring the situation under control.
- We should continue with behaviours that are helping us to curb the transmission, for us not to give an opportunity for us to lose the gains we have achieved. We therefore need to continue applying all the prevention methods. These include vaccination, wearing face masks, avoiding crowded places, keep indoor spaces well ventilated and hand-washing.
- Creating new habits and behaviours can be hard. Keep asking yourself how you can better reduce the spread of COVID-19 and encourage your friends and family to do the same.

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