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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow citizens. Today, we are reporting one hundred and seventy-two (172) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from one thousand two hundred and forty-five (1 245) results, which is 14% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the cases is eighty-eight (88) females and eighty-four (84) males. The age range is from six (6) years to seventy-eight (78) years. The new COVID-19 cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	95	Windhoek	95
Karas	43	Karasburg	29
		Lüderitz	14
Erongo	11	Walvis Bay	10
		Swakopmund	1
Oshana	10	Oshakati	10
Kunene	8	Opuwo	8
Omaheke	4	Gobabis	4
Ohangwena	1	Engela	1
Total	172		172

2. Ninety-five (95) of the 172 cases are from Windhoek district alone, which represent 55%. Among the confirmed cases in Windhoek are six (6) students from different institutions, two teachers from different schools and one health care worker. The rest of the cases are sporadically distributed across Windhoek suburbs.
3. The Karasburg district reported twenty-nine (29) cases of which twenty-seven (27) are employees from Ausinkeer and one (1) is a health care worker. Five (5) employees from the fishing industry in Luderitz district also tested positive for COVID-19. From the other districts, we are reporting two learners from Outapi and Oshakati districts respectively.
4. We are also reporting 250 new recoveries, with Khomas region reporting the highest number of recoveries. The total number of recoveries now stands at 14 582.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Khomas	236
Erongo	5
Ohangwena	5
Karas	2
Omaheke	1
Omusati	1
Total	250

5. The total number of active cases currently stands at 1 524. Fifteen (15) active cases are in severe to critical condition. Fourteen (14) are in Khomas and one (1) is in Erongo.

Table 3: Distribution of severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Khomas	11	3	14
Erongo	0	1	1
Total	11	4	15

6. *Table 5: Summary of the update*

Cumulative confirmed cases	16 269
Newly confirmed	172
Recoveries	14 582
Active cases	1 524
COVID-19 Death	120
COVID-19 Related Death	40
Total Deaths	160
Active contacts	3 436
Total samples tested	174 200
Cumulative number of people quarantined	21 329
Number of quarantined people discharged	20 678
Number of people in quarantines	651

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