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

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**WINDHOEK**

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1. We announce six hundred and sixty-four (664) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from two thousand one hundred and seventy-two (2 172) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 31% positivity ratio. The gender distribution is three hundred and seventy- seven (377) females and two hundred and eighty-seven (287) males. The age range is from six (6) months to one hundred and one (101) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

*Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 18 July 2021*

<b>REGIONS</b>	<b>NEW CASES</b>	<b>DISTRICTS</b>	<b>NEW CASES</b>
Oshana	130	Oshakati	130
Erongo	100	Walvis Bay	52
		Swakopmund	23
		Usakos	13
		Omaruru	12
Kharas	75	Lüderitz	48
		Keetmanshoop	14
		Karasburg	13
Oshikoto	66	Onandjokwe	54
		Omuthiya	10
		Tsumeb	2
Ohangwena	50	Eenhana	27
		Okongo	19
		Engela	4
Omusati	49	Outapi	22
		Oshikuku	18
		Tsandi	5
		Okahao	4
Khomas	45	Windhoek	45
Zambezi	34	Katima Mulilo	34
Kunene	32	Opuwo	23
		Khorixas	9
Otjozondjupa	30	Grootfontein	20
		Otjiwarongo	10
Omaheke	18	Gobabis	18
Kavango west	18	Nankudu	18
Kavango East	17	Rundu	10
		Andara	4
		Nyangana	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>664</b>		<b>664</b>

2. We are reporting cases from thirteen (13) regions, with Oshana region reporting the highest number of cases, accounting for 20% of the confirmed cases followed by Erongo region with 15%. Among the confirmed cases are sixty (60) learners, sixteen (16) teachers

and nine (9) students from different institutions. We are also reporting thirty-four (34) health care workers with eleven (11) from Oshakati district, six (6) from Onandjokwe district and the rest from different health care facilities.

3. Of all the confirmed cases, forty-four (44) representing (7%) are reported to have received a dose of COVID-19 vaccine, of which twelve (12) are fully vaccinated.
4. We have recorded four hundred and sixty- five (465) new recoveries as per Table 2 below:

*Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 18 July 2021*

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>
Kharas	208
Otjozondjupa	93
Zambezi	89
Erongo	55
Hardap	10
Omusati	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>465</b>

5. We now have twenty-two thousand five hundred and three (22 503) active cases. Five hundred and sixty-three (563) are hospitalized, of which one hundred and fifteen (115) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

*Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 18 July 2021*

<b>Region</b>	<b>Hospitalized confirmed cases</b>	<b>Intensive Care Unit</b>
Khomas	219	60
Erongo	70	18
Oshana	62	14
Otjozondjupa	49	2
Kharas	28	3
Oshikoto	23	9
Omusati	23	0
Kavango East	21	5
Kunene	19	0
Hardap	15	0
Omaheke	14	4
Ohangwena	13	0
Zambezi	7	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>115</b>

6. We announce twenty-six (26) deaths from seven (7) districts as presented in Table 4 below:

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 18 July 2021

District	Age	Sex	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification	Vaccination
Rundu	33	F	Yes	14.07.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	51	F	Yes	13.07.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	70	F	Yes	15.07.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	85	M	Yes	15.07.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	33	M	No	12.07.2021	#COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	68	M	Yes	14.07.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	60	M	Yes	12.07.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	82	M	Yes	14.07.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	56	M	Yes	14.07.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
Grootfontein	61	F	Yes	08.07.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	71	M	No	29.06.2021	#COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	92	F	No	10.07.2021	#COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	76	F	No	09.07.2021	#COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	77	F	Yes	11.07.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	48	F	No	15.07.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	45	F	No	08.07.2021	#COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
Opuwo	73	M	No	12.07.2021	COVID-19 Death	Unknown
	90	F	Yes	08.07.2021	COVID-19 Death	Unknown
	29	F	Yes	09.07.2021	COVID-19 Death	Unknown
	90	F	Yes	11.07.2021	#COVID-19 Death	Unknown
Swakopmund	48	M	Yes	17.07.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	67	M	Yes	16.07.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
Katima Mulilo	74	M	Yes	16.07.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	58	F	Yes	17.07.2021	COVID R-Death	Not Vaccinated
Windhoek	44	F	Yes	18.07.2021	COVID R-Death	Not Vaccinated
Nyangana	79	M	No	08.07.2021	COVID-19 Death	Unknown

# - Indicates a home death

- Rundu district recorded the highest number of deaths with nine (9) deaths, followed by Grootfontein district with seven (7) deaths, Opuwo district with four (4) deaths, Swakopmund and Katima Mulilo districts with two (2) deaths each, and Windhoek and Nyangana districts with one (1) death reported each.

Today's deaths are categorized as follows: COVID-19 deaths are twenty-four (24) of which six (6) died at home with Grootfontein have recorded 4 and Rundu and Opuwo recorded one each. COVID-19 Related deaths are two (2). Among the reported deaths, one (1) died on 29 June, twenty-two (22) happened between 09-16 July 2021 and three (3) happened during the reporting period.

- Tables 5 and 6 below show the number of people vaccinated with Sinopharm and AstraZeneca vaccines.

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1<sup>st</sup> dose, 18 July 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	0	5 348	0	9 141	14 489
Hardap	0	2 747	0	3 663	6 410
Kharas	0	3 272	0	2 661	5 933
Kavango East	0	3 029	0	4 386	7 415
Kavango West	0	1 071	0	2 173	3 244
Khomas	0	17 607	0	23 799	41 406
Kunene	0	2 719	0	3 512	6 231
Ohangwena	0	3 860	0	3 708	7 568
Omaheke	0	2 777	0	3 060	5 837
Omusati	0	3 731	0	4 968	8 699
Oshana	0	4 565	0	3 474	8 039
Oshikoto	0	3 555	0	2 785	6 340
Otjozondjupa	0	6 019	0	5 926	11 945
Zambezi	5	1 807	0	831	2 638
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>62 107</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>74 087</b>	<b>136 194</b>

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, 18 July 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 AZ	Total 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses of Sinopharm and AstraZeneca
Erongo	0	2 644	0	358	3 002
Hardap	0	1 532	0	30	1 562
Kharas	0	1 595	0	62	1 657
Kavango East	0	1 561	0	855	2 416
Kavango West	0	641	0	96	737
Khomas	0	7 497	0	1 196	8 693
Kunene	0	1 509	0	71	1 580
Ohangwena	0	1 863	0	146	2 009
Omaheke	0	1 326	0	151	1 477
Omusati	0	1 704	0	330	2 034
Oshana	0	1 917	0	966	2 883
Oshikoto	0	1 631	0	209	1 840
Otjozondjupa	0	3 042	0	914	3 956
Zambezi	2	842	0	101	943
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>29 304</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5 485</b>	<b>34 789</b>

9. *Table 7: Summary of the national update, 18 July 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	112 824
Newly confirmed	664
Recoveries	87 778
Recovery rate	78%
Active cases	22 503
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 <sup>st</sup> doses administered	136 194
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses administered	34 789
COVID-19 Deaths	2 298
COVID-19 Related Deaths	234
Total Deaths	2 532
Total samples tested	589 495
Active contacts	4 862
Cumulative number of people quarantined	66 508
Number of quarantined people discharged	62 544
Number of people in quarantines	3 964

10. Key message

- We have resumed vaccination campaign countrywide this morning. I visited four of the vaccination sites around Windhoek. At all the sites I visited, there are long queues of people waiting patiently to be vaccinated. I was impressed by the professionalism of the health workers and the calmness and patience of the clients. We aim to vaccinate 750 520 people by the end of September 2021. Please help us to achieve that target. We shall increase the number of vaccination points in order to reduce the long wait for vaccination.
- Over the past weeks, we have observed the stabilization of new infections. We do not foresee increase in the number of new infections beyond what we have experienced so far. We anticipate a gradual decline in both the number of new infection and deaths. We thank the public who contributed to this observed trend by complying with public health measures. The disruption of the transmission chain through limiting interpersonal interactions and the vaccination campaign are starting to show dividends. These should serve as incentives and encouragement for us to forge ahead.

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