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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 eighty-nine (**89**) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from one thousand three hundred and twenty-six (**1 326**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours reporting cycle, which represents **6.7%** positivity ratio. The sex distribution is fifty-three (**53**) females and thirty-six (**36**) males. The age range is from one (**1**) year to one hundred and thirteen (**113**) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 19 September 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Ohangwena	33	Eenhana	30
		Engela	2
		Okongo	1
Omaheke	12	Gobabis	12
Oshana	7	Oshakati	7
Oshikoto	7	Omuthiya	4
		Onandjokwe	2
		Tsumeb	1
Omusati	5	Outapi	5
Khomas	5	Windhoek	5
Kunene	5	Opuwo	4
		Outjo	1
Erongo	5	Walvis Bay	2
		Swakopmund	2
		Omaruru	1
Hardap	4	Mariental	4
Otjozondjupa	4	Grootfontein	4
Kharas	2	Karasburg	1
		Luderitz	1
Total	89		89

2. Of the confirmed cases, fifty (50) are learners, of which twenty-five (25) are from Shidute Combined School in Enhana and twelve (12) from Otjiuaneho Primary School in Gobabis district. The rest are from different schools. Three (3) teachers and one (1) healthcare worker are among the positive cases. None of the confirmed cases is vaccinated.
3. We have recorded eight (8) new recoveries from two regions:

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 19 September 2021

Region	Number
Kharas	4
Otjozondjupa	4
Total	8

4. The number of active cases are now one thousand three hundred and twenty-eight (**1 328**). One hundred and four (**104**) are hospitalized, of which nineteen (**19**) are in ICU.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 19 September 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases		Intensive Care Unit	
	Current	Previous	Current	Previous
Erongo	22	22	8	8
Oshana	15	15	3	3
Khomas	14	14	6	6
Ohangwena	11	11	0	0
Omusati	11	11	0	0
Kavango East	8	8	0	0
Kunene	7	7	0	0
Oshikoto	4	4	2	2
Kharas	5	2	0	0
Kavango West	2	2	0	0
Zambezi	3	1	0	0
Hardap	1	1	0	0
Otjozondjupa	1	1	0	0
Total	104	99	19	19

5. We are reporting two (2) deaths from two (2) districts.

Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 19 September 2021

District	Sex		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		Covid death	C-R death		
Keetmanshoop	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Onandjokwe	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Total	2	0	2	2	0	0	1

Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 19 September 2021

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

6. Of the two deceased, one passed away on 13 September 2021 while one passed on on the 17 September 2021. One had received two doses of Sinopharm vaccine.
7. By 18 September 2021, a total of **243 807** people have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, while **155 427** had received two doses, as depicted on tables 5 and 6 below.

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

Region	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik		Janssen&Johns on		Grand total 1 st dose
	New 1 st dose	Total 1 st dose	New 1 st dose	Total 1 st dose	New 1 st dose	Total 1 st dose	New 1 st dose	Total 1 st dose	
Erongo	143	14 023	71	12 193	0	0	60	60	26 276
Hardap	0	11 059	0	4 625	0	0	0	0	15 684
Kharas	0	7 546	0	3 404	0	0	0	0	10 950
Kavango East	0	7 481	0	5 198	0	0	0	0	12 679
Kavango West	0	2 997	0	2 754	0	0	0	0	5 751
Khomas	105	37 346	63	27 892	0	10	288	541	65 789
Kunene	0	8 787	0	4 549	0	0	0	0	13 336
Ohangwena	0	10 979	0	4 357	0	0	0	0	15 336
Omaheke	10	7 081	0	4 344	0	0	0	0	11 425
Omusati	0	10 087	0	6 088	0	0	0	0	16 175
Oshana	0	10 320	0	4 427	0	0	0	0	14 747
Oshikoto	0	9 563	0	3 391	0	0	0	0	12 954
Otjozondjupa	21	11 070	17	7 464	0	0	114	144	18 678
Zambezi	10	3 152	0	873	0	0	2	2	4 027
Total	289	151 491	151	91 559	0	10	464	747	243 807

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 2nd dose, 19 September 2021

Region	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik		Grand Total 2 nd dose
	New 2 nd dose	Total 2 nd dose	New 2 nd dose	Total 2 nd dose	New 2 nd dose	Total 2 nd doses	
Erongo	274	9 723	79	7 805	0	0	17 528
Hardap	0	6 448	0	2 851	0	0	9 299
Kharas	0	5 279	0	2 127	0	0	7 406
Kavango East	0	3 751	0	2 274	0	0	6 025
Kavango West	0	2 028	0	2 008	0	0	4 036
Khomas	179	26 124	52	18 177	0	0	44 301
Kunene	0	4 630	0	2 360	0	0	6 990
Ohangwena	0	6 941	0	2 528	0	0	9 469
Omaheke	3	4 081	0	1 873	0	0	5 954
Omusati	0	6 978	0	3 471	0	0	10 449
Oshana	0	7 323	0	2 760	0	0	10 083
Oshikoto	0	6 509	0	1 917	0	0	8 426
Otjozondjupa	11	8 146	7	4 420	0	0	12 566
Zambezi	8	2 282	0	613	0	0	2 895
Total	473	100 243	138	55 184	0	0	155 427

Table 7: Summary of the national update, 19 September 2021

Cumulative confirmed cases	126 900
Newly confirmed	89
Recoveries	122 089
Recovery rate	96%
Active cases	1 328
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses	243 807
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses	155 427
COVID-19 Deaths	3 186
COVID-19 Related Deaths	285
Total Deaths	3 471
Total samples tested	688 760
Active contacts	1 012
Cumulative number of people quarantined	76 894
Number of quarantined people discharged	76 016
Number of people in quarantines	878

8. Key message

- Our positivity ratio has been consistently below ten percent. This means that fewer persons are getting newly infected. This situation vindicates the restrictive measures that we have implemented and the generally compliance of the public with the public health measures. We need to consolidate these gains. We must be vigilant and guard against complacency. Let us augment the measures with vaccination. What we do not want is another Covid-19 wave and another lockdown.

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