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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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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- Today, we announce seven hundred and eighty-four (784) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from two thousand nine hundred and eight (2 908) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 27% positivity ratio. The gender distribution is four hundred and forty-five (445) females and three hundred and thirty-nine (339) males. The age range is from three (3) days to one hundred (100) years. The new cases are as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 23 July 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Oshana	123	Oshakati	123
Erongo	108	Walvis Bay	64
		Swakopmund	24
		Usakos	13
		Omaruru	7
Oshikoto	92	Tsumeb	42
		Omuthiya	25
		Onandjokwe	25
Khomas	76	Windhoek	76
Otjozondjupa	63	Otjiwarongo	25
		Okahandja	19
		Grootfontein	17
		Okakarara	2
Ohangwena	59	Eenhana	40
		Okongo	12
		Engela	7
Kavango East	54	Rundu	44
		Andara	9
		Nyangana	1
Kharas	52	Luderitz	27
		Keetmanshoop	15
		Karasburg	10
Omusati	49	Oshikuku	18
		Okahao	16
		Outapi	15
Zambezi	45	Katima Mulilo	45
Omaheke	30	Gobabis	30
Kunene	12	Outjo	6
		Opuwo	4
		Khorixas	2
Hardap	11	Mariental	6
		Rehoboth	5
Kavango West	10	Nankudu	10
Total	784		784

- We are reporting cases from all the fourteen (14) regions, with Oshana region reporting the highest number of cases, accounting for about 16% of the confirmed cases followed by Erongo region with 14%. Among the confirmed cases are sixty-five (65) learners, twelve (12) teachers and eight (8) students from different institutions. We are also reporting twenty-six (26) health care workers.

3. Of all the confirmed cases, twenty-two (22), representing 3% are reported to have received a dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, of which three (3) are fully vaccinated.
4. We have recorded one thousand two hundred and sixty-nine (1 269) new recoveries.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 22 July 2021

Region	Number
Oshikoto	405
Kavango East	194
Erongo	187
Omusati	95
Khomas	88
Kunene	87
Otjozondjupa	85
Kharas	56
Hardap	48
Zambezi	13
Kavango West	11
Total	1 269

5. We now have twenty thousand nine hundred and ninety-two (20 992) active cases. Five hundred and fifty-five (555) are hospitalized, of which one hundred and nineteen (119) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 23 July 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	202	62
Oshana	63	16
Erongo	61	16
Otjozondjupa	35	3
Kharas	34	3
Kavango East	34	4
Oshikoto	30	9
Omusati	24	0
Kunene	20	0
Ohangwena	17	2
Zambezi	17	0
Omaheke	14	4
Hardap	4	0
Total	555	119

6. We announce forty-six (46) deaths from fifteen (15) districts.

Table 4a. Summary table of deaths, 23 July 2021

District	Gender		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		Covid Death	Related death		
Oshakati	3	6	9	9	0	0	4
Windhoek	2	4	6	6	0	1	4
Mariental	4	2	6	6	0	0	4
Luderitz	2	2	4	4	0	1	3
Keetmanshoop	2	2	4	4	0	3	0
Swakopmund	0	3	3	3	0	0	2
Katima Mulilo	3	0	3	3	0	0	2
Tsumeb	0	2	2	1	1	2	2
Otjiwarongo	0	2	2	2	0	0	2
Rundu	2	0	2	2	0	1	1
Engela	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Tsandi	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Okongo	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Grootfontein	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Walvis Bay	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Total	22	24	46	45	1	9	27

Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 23 July 2021

Age group	No. of Deaths	Vaccination Status		
		1st dose	Fully vaccinated	Undetermined
Under 1	1			
1-4	0			
5-9	0			
10-19	0			
20-29	0			
30-39	2 [†]	0	0	0
40-49	1	0	0	0
50-59	14	0	0	3
60-69	6	1	1	0
70-79	11	0	0	2
80-89	7	0	0	0
90+	4	0	0	1
Total	46	1#	1*	6

[†] Maternal death

Sinopharm, 1st dose on 21 June 2021

*Sinopharm, last dose on 19.07.2021

7. Oshakati district reported the highest number of deaths with nine (9) deaths, followed by Windhoek and Mariental with six (6) deaths each and Luderitz and Keetmanshoop with four (4) deaths each. Swakopmund and Katima Mulilo districts reported three (3) deaths each, Tsumeb, Otjiwarongo and Rundu two (2) deaths each, and Engela, Tsandi, Okongo, Grootfontein and Walvis Bay with one (1) death each.
8. Nine (9) deaths were reported as home deaths, of which one (1) was a truck driver who demised inside a truck in Luderitz.
9. All deaths being reported today have occurred in July 2021. Four (4) demised between 01-11 July 2021, thirty-seven (37) died between 12 and 21 July 2021, and five (5) deaths have occurred on the 22 July 2021 that is within 24 hours of this report.
10. Tables 5 and 6 below show the number of people vaccinated with Sinopharm and AstraZeneca vaccines.

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 23 July 2021

Region	#New persons vaccinated with 1st doses of Sinopharm	Total persons who received 1st doses of Sinopharm	#New persons vaccinated with 1st dose of AstraZeneca (AZ)	Total persons vaccinated with 1st doses of AZ	Total persons vaccinated with 1st doses of Sinopharm and AZ
Erongo	218	6 190	0	9 292	15 482
Hardap	103	3 124	0	3 674	6 798
Kharas	88	3 723	2	2 738	6 461
Kavango East	79	3 383	12	4 414	7 797
Kavango West	39	1 176	0	2 173	3 349
Khomas	1 038	21 222	0	23 824	45 046
Kunene	182	3 236	0	3 526	6 762
Ohangwena	140	4 340	0	3 785	8 125
Omaheke	227	3 422	0	3 060	6 482
Omusati	181	4 402	16	5 125	9 527
Oshana	216	5 577	0	3 474	9 051
Oshikoto	171	4 180	2	2 819	6 999
Otjozondjupa	268	6 834	12	5 938	12 772
Zambezi	49	1 978	0	831	2 809
Total	2 999	72 787	44	74 673	147 460

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 2nd dose, 23 July 2021

Region	# of new persons who 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 AstraZeneca	Total 2 nd doses of Sinopharm and AstraZeneca
Erongo	82	3 022	0	385	3 407
Hardap	33	1 739	0	30	1 769
Kharas	84	1 930	59	215	2 145
Kavango East	24	1 650	7	912	2 562
Kavango West	0	682	0	97	779
Khomas	756	11 712	0	1 271	12 983
Kunene	24	1 656	0	86	1 742
Ohangwena	22	2 049	0	289	2 338
Omaheke	18	1 453	0	164	1 617
Omusati	102	2 171	14	526	2 697
Oshana	116	2 630	0	966	3 596
Oshikoto	83	1 984	16	300	2 284
Otjozondjupa	206	3 845	12	926	4 771
Zambezi	25	1 022	0	113	1 135
Total	1 575	37 545	108	6 280	43 825

Table 7: Summary of the national update, 23 July 2021

Cumulative confirmed cases	115 793
Newly confirmed	784
Recoveries	92 030
Recovery rate	79%
Active cases	20 992
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses administered	147 460
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses administered	43 825
COVID-19 Deaths	2 517
COVID-19 Related Deaths	243
Total Deaths	2 760
Total samples tested	600 337
Active contacts	5 065
Cumulative number of people quarantined	67 531
Number of quarantined people discharged	63 441
Number of people in quarantines	4 090

11. Key message

- There are allegations in the public that Ministry is charging family members an amount of N\$7 000 for Covid-19 burials. These allegations are devoid of any truth. The Ministry does not charge family members for anything. The Ministry conduct safe Covid-19 burials free of charge, using its own transport to carry the casket and

personnel to do the burial. The Ministry only ask the family to bring a coffin for their loved one if they so wish.

- Some families however, choose to bury their loved one themselves. In that case, they contract a licensed private undertaker to do the burial. This is an arrangement between the private undertaker and the family concerned. The private undertakers will then ask the family to him or her for his or her service. This has nothing to do with the Ministry.

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