

**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**



**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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1. Good afternoon. We announce two hundred and thirty (230) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from two thousand two hundred and twenty-six (2 226) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 10% positivity rate. The gender distribution of the reported cases is one hundred and forty (140) females and ninety (90) males. The age range is from one (1) year to eighty-seven (87) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

*Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 25 February 2021*

<b>REGIONS</b>	<b>NEW CASES</b>	<b>DISTRICTS</b>	<b>NEW CASES</b>
Oshikoto	57	Onandjokwe	51
		Tsumeb	6
Khomas	55	Windhoek	55
Erongo	35	Walvis Bay	23
		Swakopmund	7
		Omaruru	5
Otjozondjupa	25	Grootfontein	11
		Otjiwarongo	8
		Okahandja	5
		Okakarara	1
Kavango East	15	Rundu	15
Zambezi	10	Katima Mulilo	10
Hardap	7	Mariental	4
		Rehoboth	3
Omusati	6	Outapi	6
Omaheke	6	Gobabis	6
Ohangwena	5	Okongo	4
		Eenhana	1
Karas	5	Lüderitz	4
		Keetmanshoop	1
Oshana	4	Oshakati	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>230</b>		<b>230</b>

2. Seventy-eight (78) of the positive cases are learners. Forty-nine (49) of these learners are from Uukule Senior Secondary School in Onandjokwe district, six (6) are from Ruacana High School in Outapi district and the rest are from different schools. Fourteen (14) employees from the fishing industry, three (3) employees from the mining industry, sixteen (16) health care workers and eleven (11) teachers from different schools are among the COVID-19 positive cases.
3. We have recorded thirty-eight (38) new recoveries. The recovery rate stands at 94%.

*Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 25 February 2021*

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>
Omusati	15
Khomas	10
Kavango East	9
Otjozondjupa	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at one thousand nine hundred and ninetyfour (1 994). One hundred and fifty (150) are hospitalized, of which nineteen (19) are in ICUs.

*Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases, 25 February 2021*

<b>Region</b>	<b>Hospitalized confirmed cases</b>	<b>Intensive Care Unit</b>
Khomas	57	16
Erongo	26	1
Karas	18	0
Ohangwena	9	0
Hardap	7	0
Oshana	6	2
Omusati	6	0
Zambezi	5	0
Oshikoto	5	0
Kavango East	4	0
Omaheke	4	0
Kunene	2	0
Otjozondjupa	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>19</b>

5. We announce three (3) deaths from Gobabis, Rundu and Otjiwarongo districts.

*Table 4: Summary of deaths, 25 February 2021*

<b>District</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Comorbidities</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Classification</b>
Gobabis	Female	71	Yes	21/02/2021	COVID-19 Death
Rundu	Female	55	Yes	22/02/2021	COVID-19 Death
Otjiwarongo	Male	74	Yes	24/02/2021	COVID-19 Related Death

We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

*Table 5: Summary of the national update, 25 February 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	38 206
Newly confirmed	230
Recoveries	35 788
Active cases	1 994
COVID-19 Deaths	328
COVID-19 Related Deaths	88
Total Deaths	416
Active contacts	3 824
Total samples tested	298 178
Cumulative number of people quarantined	35 377
Number of quarantined people discharged	33 347
Number of people in quarantines	2 030

**6. Key messages**

- COVID-19 infection is still with us and actively spreading in our communities.
- As we wait for the national vaccine roll out, we encourage the public to wear their masks, observe physical distancing of at least 1m apart and regularly sanitize hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.

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