

**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**



**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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**WINDHOEK**

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1. Good afternoon fellow citizens. Today, fifty-two (52) new COVID-19 confirmed cases were identified from one thousand three hundred and seventy-six (1376) results received from the laboratories. This number represents 3.8% positivity ratio which is consistent with the ratios observed over a number of weeks with the exception of yesterday when the ratio jumped to 11%. The gender distribution of the reported cases is thirty-two (32) females and twenty (20) males. The age range is from ten (10) months to seventy (70) years. The new COVID-19 cases are distributed as follows:

*Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases*

| REGIONS      | NEW CASES | DISTRICTS    | NEW CASES |
|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Karas        | 33        | Lüderitz     | 25        |
|              |           | Keetmanshoop | 8         |
| Khomas       | 7         | Windhoek     | 7         |
| Omaheke      | 4         | Gobabis      | 4         |
| Kavango East | 3         | Rundu        | 3         |
| Erongo       | 2         | Swakopmund   | 2         |
| Hardap       | 2         | Rehoboth     | 2         |
| Otjozondjupa | 1         | Otjiwarongo  | 1         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>52</b> |              | <b>52</b> |

2. We are still reporting a disproportionate higher number of confirmed cases in Lüderitz district compared to other districts. Among the twenty-five (25) cases from Lüderitz district, seven (7) are learners and three (3) are staff members from Diaz Primary School, whilst nine (9) cases are from fishing industries. The Ministry is sending reinforcement of health care workers to Luderitz to contain the situation there.
3. Today we are reporting thirty-three (33) new recoveries. This brings the total number of recoveries to 13 388.

*Table 2: New recoveries per region*

| Region       | Number    |
|--------------|-----------|
| Karas        | 15        |
| Khomas       | 13        |
| Omusati      | 4         |
| Omaheke      | 1         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>33</b> |

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at 667. Of the active cases, five (5) are in severe to critical condition.

*Table 3: Distribution of severity of cases per region*

| <b>Region</b> | <b>Severe</b> | <b>Critical</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Khomas        | 3             | 1               | 4            |
| Erongo        | 0             | 1               | 1            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>3</b>      | <b>2</b>        | <b>5</b>     |

5. We announce 2 hospital deaths; one from Gobabis and the other one from Opuwo districts.

*Table 4: Summary of deaths*

| <b>District</b> | <b>Sex</b> | <b>Age</b> | <b>Comorbidities</b> | <b>Date of Death</b> | <b>Classification</b>  |
|-----------------|------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Gobabis         | Male       | 60         | Yes                  | 24.11.2020           | COVID-19 death         |
| Opuwo           | Male       | 71         | Yes                  | 25.11.2020           | COVID-19 related death |

We express sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

- 6 *Table 5: Summary of the update*

|                                         |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Cumulative confirmed cases              | 14 207  |
| Newly confirmed                         | 52      |
| Recoveries                              | 13 388  |
| Active cases                            | 667     |
| COVID-19 Death                          | 115     |
| COVID-19 Related Death                  | 34      |
| Total Deaths                            | 149     |
| Active contacts                         | 3 230   |
| Total samples tested                    | 153 097 |
| Cumulative number of people quarantined | 20 265  |
| Number of quarantined people discharged | 19 835  |
| Number of people in quarantines         | 430     |

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