

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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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce three hundred and sixty-three (363) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from one thousand eighty hundred and seventy-five (1 875) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 19% positivity ratio. The gender distribution is two hundred and three (203) females and one hundred and sixty (160) males. The age ranges from ten (10) months to ninety-eight (98) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 31 July 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Ohangwena	81	Engela	57
		Eenhana	17
		Okongo	7
Otjozondjupa	46	Grootfontein	24
		Otjiwarongo	13
		Okakarara	7
		Okahandja	2
Khomas	40	Windhoek	40
Erongo	36	Walvis Bay	16
		Omaruru	12
		Swakopmund	8
Omusati	35	Okahao	15
		Outapi	8
		Tsandi	7
Kharas	26	Keetmanshoop	12
		Lüderitz	12
		Karasburg	2
Oshikoto	23	Onandjokwe	11
		Tsumeb	6
		Omuthiya	6
Kunene	20	Opuwo	18
		Khorixas	2
Zambezi	18	Katima Mulilo	18
Oshana	10	Oshakati	10
Omaheke	10	Gobabis	10
Kavango West	8	Nankudu	8
Hardap	6	Mariental	5
		Rehoboth	1
Kavango East	4	Rundu	3
		Andara	1
Total	363		363

2. We are reporting cases from fourteen (14) regions, with Ohangwena region reporting the highest number of cases, accounting for 22% of the total confirmed cases. Among the confirmed cases are forty-five (45) learners, and six (6) health care workers.
3. Of all confirmed cases, five (5), representing 1% are reported to have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
4. We have recorded six hundred and sixty-three (663) new recoveries.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 31 July 2021

Region	Number
Oshana	383
Khomas	182
Omusati	26
Otjozondjupa	23
Kharas	20
Kunene	18
Hardap	11
Total	663

5. We now have twenty thousand three hundred and four (20 304) active cases. Four hundred and forty-one (441) are hospitalized, of which eighty-five-five (85) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 31 July 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	145	44
Oshana	67	14
Kunene	44	0
Erongo	37	14
Kharas	30	2
Oshikoto	23	11
Ohangwena	23	0
Omusati	21	0
Kavango East	19	0
Otjozondjupa	15	0
Zambezi	8	0
Hardap	5	0
Omaheke	4	0
Total	441	85

6. We announce thirteen (13) deaths from seven (7) districts.

Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 31 July 2021

District	Gender		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		Covid Death	C-Related death		
Keetmanshoop	2	1	3	3	0	0	3
Engela	1	2	3	3	0	2	1
Grootfontein	2	0	2	2	0	2	1
Okahandja	1	1	2	2	0	0	1
Windhoek	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Lüderitz	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
Katima Mulilo	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Total	7	6	13	11	2	4	8

Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 31 July 2021

Age group	No. of Deaths	Vaccination Status		
		1st dose	2nd dose	Indetermined
Under 1	0			
1-4	0			
5-9	0			
10-19	0	0	0	0
20-29	0	0	0	0
30-39	2	0	0	0
40-49	1	0	0	0
50-59	5	0	0	0
60-69	0	0	0	0
70-79	2	0	0	0
80-89	2	0	0	0
90+	1	0	0	0
Total	13	0	0	0

7. Keetmanshoop and Engela districts reported the highest number of deaths with three (3) deaths each, followed by Okahandja with two (2) deaths, and Windhoek, Lüderitz, and Katima Mulilo districts with one (1) death each.
8. Four (4) of the deaths occurred at home: two (2) from Engela and two (2) from Grootfontein. None of the demised individuals is vaccinated.
9. All thirteen (13) deaths being reported occurred in July 2021: four (4) demised between 22-25 July, six (6) demised between 26-29 July, and three (3) demised between 30-31 July 2021, that is within 24 hours of this report.

10. In total, **164 221** people have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, while **49 274** have received two doses as depicted in table 5 and 6 below:

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 31 July 2021

Region	#New persons vaccinated with 1 st doses of Sinopharm	Total persons who received 1 st doses of Sinopharm	#New persons vaccinated with 1 st dose of AstraZeneca (AZ)	Total persons vaccinated with 1 st doses of AZ	Total persons vaccinated with 1 st doses of Sinopharm and AZ
Erongo	253	7 536	0	9 327	16 863
Hardap	324	5 018	0	3 674	8 692
Kharas	69	4 378	0	2 769	7 147
Kavango East	0	4 160	0	4 435	8 595
Kavango West	0	1 350	0	2 173	3 523
Khomas	470	25 371	0	23 824	49 195
Kunene	0	4 228	0	3 526	7 754
Ohangwena	0	5 626	0	3 785	9 411
Omaheke	80	4 203	0	3 060	7 263
Omusati	0	5 518	0	5 183	10 701
Oshana	180	6 953	0	3 474	10 427
Oshikoto	120	5 088	1	2 820	7 908
Otjozondjupa	103	7 771	0	5 938	13 709
Zambezi	25	2 202	0	831	3 033
Total	1 624	89 402	1	74 819	164 221

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 2nd dose, 31 July 2021

Region	# new persons who received 2 nd dose 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 AZ	Total 2 nd doses of Sinopharm and AstraZeneca
Erongo	49	3 466	0	396	3 862
Hardap	63	1 962	0	30	1 992
Kharas	46	2 245	9	353	2 598
Kavango East	0	1 787	0	962	2 749
Kavango West	0	720	0	97	817
Khomas	77	13 227	0	1 271	14 498
Kunene	0	1 790	0	86	1 876
Ohangwena	0	2 294	0	289	2 583
Omaheke	27	1 536	0	164	1 700
Omusati	0	2 482	0	600	3 082
Oshana	65	3 136	0	966	4 102
Oshikoto	26	2 378	19	339	2 717
Otjozondjupa	65	4 465	0	926	5 391
Zambezi	14	1 192	0	115	1 307
Total	432	42 680	28	6 594	49 274

11. *Table 7: Summary of the national update, 31 July 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	119 285
Newly confirmed	363
Recoveries	95 913
Recovery rate	80%
Active cases	20 304
Cumulative 1 st doses of vaccine administered	164 221
Cumulative 2 nd doses of vaccine administered	49 274
COVID-19 Deaths	2 790
COVID-19 Related Deaths	267
Total Deaths	3 057
Total samples tested	615 104
Active contacts	2 959
Cumulative number of people quarantined	69 138
Number of quarantined people discharged	65 835
Number of people in quarantines	3 303

12. **Key message**

- We still record many home deaths. The dominant delta variant that causes severe illness progresses rapidly into critical stage which may be fatal. Therefore it is important to seek immediate professional medical help at the hospital.

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