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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 three hundred and ninety-five (**395**) new positive cases from one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four (**1 934**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hour reporting cycle, which represents **20.4%** positivity ratio. The sex distribution is two hundred and four (**204**) females and one hundred and ninety-one (**191**) males. The age ranges from one (**1**) year to one hundred and eight (**108**) years.

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases & Reinfections, 04 January 2022

Region	New cases	District	New cases	New reinfections	Total
Khomas	77	Windhoek	77	7	84
Ohangwena	46	Eenhana	26	0	26
		Engela	20	0	20
Erongo	40	Swakopmund	23	3	26
		Walvis Bay	17	0	17
Kavango East	39	Rundu	32	4	36
		Nyangana	7	0	7
Oshana	34	Oshakati	34	2	36
Oshikoto	32	Tsumeb	32	0	32
Kharas	29	Karasburg	15	3	18
		Luderitz	13	3	16
		Keetmanshoop	1	0	1
Kunene	29	Outjo	17	0	17
		Opuwo	8	0	8
		Khorixas	4	1	5
Otjozondjupa	17	Otjiwarongo	14	1	15
		Okahandja	3	0	3
Kavango West	16	Ncamagoro	9	0	9
		Nkurenkuru	7	0	7
Omusati	13	Tsandi	6	0	6
		Outapi	4	0	4
		Okahao	2	0	2
		Oshikuku	1	0	1
Omaheke	13	Gobabis	13	1	14
Hardap	10	Mariental	10	0	10
Total	395		395	25	420

2. Khomas region recorded the highest number of cases (77), constituting 19.5% of the total cases, followed by Ohangwena region who reported forty (40) cases, accounting for 10.1%. We are also reporting twenty-five (25) new reinfections, with Khomas region recording the highest number of seven (7), making up 28.0% of all new reinfections.
3. Among the confirmed cases are thirty-five (35) learners, seventeen (17) health care workers, five (5) teachers and two (2) students from different institutions of higher learning. Two (2) cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, sixty-one (61) cases are fully vaccinated and eleven (11) of the vaccinated cases did not specify the number of doses received. Three hundred and eighteen (318) cases are not vaccinated, accounting for 80.5% of the new cases.
4. We are reporting seven hundred and forty-four (**744**) new recoveries from ten (10) regions.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 04 January 2022

Region	Number
Kunene	239
Oshikoto	216
Omusati	100
Otjozondjupa	59
Kharas	57
Ohangwena	30
Erongo	25
Hardap	11
Khomas	4
Oshana	3
Total	744

5. The number of active cases are now fourteen thousand six hundred and sixty-eight (**14 668**). Three hundred and forty-four (**344**) cases are currently hospitalized across all the regions, of which twenty-six (**26**) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Four (**4**) of the hospitalized cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, while thirty-four (**34**) are fully vaccinated. Two (**2**) cases in ICU are fully vaccinated, while the remaining 24 (92.3%) are not vaccinated.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 04 January 2022

Region	Hospitalized cases		Vaccinated		ICU		Vaccinated	
	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose
Khomas	90	85	1	10	13	22	0	2
Oshana	66	61	1	3	3	2	0	0
Omusati	49	47	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kunene	26	33	0	10	0	0	0	0
Erongo	25	29	0	5	4	3	0	0
Ohangwena	19	11	1	1	0	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	17	14	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kharas	13	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	7	11	0	2	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	6	11	1	1	6	8	0	0
Kavango West	4	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hardap	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	344	334	4	34	26	35	0	2

6. We are reporting eighteen (18) deaths from nine (9) districts.

Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 04 January 2022

District	Sex		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		COVID death	C-R death		
Oshakati	3	1	4	4	0	0	4
Oshikuku	1	1+1*	3	3	0	1	3
Okahao	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Engela	1+1*	2	4	4	0	1	3
Eenhana	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Tsandi	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Outapi	1	1	2	2	0	0	2
Otjiwarongo	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Khorixas	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Total	10	8	18	18	0	2	17

*Home death

Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 04 January 2022

Age group	No. of Deaths	Vaccination Status	
		One dose	Two doses
Under 1	0	Not applicable	Npt applicable
5-12	0	Not applicable	Not applicable
12-13	0	0	0
14-17	0	0	0
17-29	0	0	0
30-39	1	0	0
40-49	3	0	0
50-59	1	0	0
60-69	5	0	1
70-79	2	0	1
80-89	5	0	0
90+	1	0	0
Total	18	0	2

7. All the reported deaths are COVID-19 deaths, of which nine (9) deaths occurred between 28-31 December 2021, seven (7) occurred between 1-2 January 2022 and two (2) occurred on 3 January 2022. Two deaths occurred at home, with one (1) death each from Engela and Oshikuku districts. Only two (2) of the deceased are fully vaccinated but had existing comorbidities. The remaining sixteen (16) cases were not vaccinated, making up 88.8% of the total reported deaths.
8. By 3 January 2022, a total of **405 734** people have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, representing **27.2%** of the target population of persons aged 18 years and above. A total of **105 697** have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which is administered as one dose, while **238 875** adults had received two doses of other vaccine types. Therefore, **344 627** persons have completed the vaccination, translating to **23.0%** of the target population.
9. A cumulative number of one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine (**1 989**) children aged 12-17 years have received at least one dose of the Pfizer vaccine, representing **0.6%** of the target population of three hundred and seven thousand two hundred and ninety-eight (307 298) for children aged 12-17 years. Of these, eighty-nine (**89**) are fully vaccinated.

10. Six thousand two hundred and twenty-five (**6 225**) people have received a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccines. Details of vaccinations are presented in tables 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 below.

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 04 January 2022

Region	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik V		Pfizer		J&J		Grand total 1st dose
	New	All	New	All	New	All	New	All	New	All	
Erongo	14	15865	1	13178	0	3	21	989	22	8992	39027
Hardap	8	12534	0	5587	0	0	14	352	45	6405	24878
Kharas	3	10259	0	4594	0	0	1	160	16	5522	20535
Kavango East	0	10613	0	7075	0	0	0	1183	0	10230	29101
Kavango West	0	5710	0	4525	0	0	0	698	0	9375	20308
Khomas	9	41731	0	29514	0	94	39	3884	55	19284	94507
Kunene	2	11587	0	5432	0	0	2	61	15	7434	24514
Ohangwena	0	15742	0	5293	0	2	0	118	0	5888	27043
Omaheke	0	8313	0	5008	0	0	5	149	4	5236	18706
Omusati	6	13409	0	7217	0	0	1	251	16	5346	26223
Oshana	5	12371	0	4782	0	29	0	189	6	4345	21716
Oshikoto	4	12093	0	3718	0	0	0	64	8	5572	21447
Otjozondjupa	0	12366	0	8457	0	0	0	214	0	9200	30237
Zambezi	0	3623	0	939	0	0	0	62	2	2868	7492
Total	51	186216	1	105319	0	128	83	8374	189	105697	405734

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 2nd dose, 04 January 2022

Region	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik V		Pfizer		Grand total 2nd dose
	New 2 nd dose	All 2 nd dose	New 2 nd dose	All 2 nd dose	New 2 nd dose	All 2 nd doses	New 2 nd dose	All 2 nd dose	
Erongo	10	13658	1	11350	0	5	10	372	25385
Hardap	12	10554	0	4239	0	0	9	109	14902
Kharas	7	8243	0	3166	0	0	0	90	11499
Kavango East	0	7320	0	3789	0	0	0	308	11417
Kavango West	0	4409	0	2970	0	0	0	138	7517
Khomas	18	35482	0	24578	0	63	43	2134	62257
Kunene	5	8569	0	4034	0	0	2	5	12608
Ohangwena	0	12957	0	4139	0	0	0	15	17111
Omaheke	3	5954	0	3041	0	0	5	55	9050
Omusati	21	11603	0	5853	0	0	0	85	17541
Oshana	12	10937	0	3848	0	8	1	65	14858
Oshikoto	3	10424	0	3079	0	0	3	11	13514
Otjozondjupa	0	10738	0	6476	0	0	0	100	17314
Zambezi	4	3147	0	739	0	0	0	16	3902
Total	95	153995	1	81301	0	76	73	3503	238875

Table 7: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 3rd dose, 04 January 2022

Region	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik V		Pfizer		Grand total 3 rd dose
	New 3 rd dose	All 3 rd dose	New 3 rd dose	All 3 rd dose	New 3 rd dose	All 3 rd doses	New 3 rd dose	All 3 rd dose	
Erongo	10	411	0	80	0	0	28	763	1254
Hardap	11	196	0	0	0	0	27	299	495
Kharas	2	150	0	24	0	0	6	46	220
Kavango East	0	115	0	2	0	0	0	51	168
Kavango West	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	18	72
Khomas	30	734	0	355	0	0	63	1240	2329
Kunene	3	69	0	17	0	0	0	1	87
Ohangwena	0	50	0	2	0	0	0	1	53
Omaheke	6	30	0	3	0	0	2	7	40
Omusati	6	156	0	23	0	0	0	61	240
Oshana	16	337	0	57	0	0	0	121	515
Oshikoto	1	189	0	32	0	0	0	13	234
Otjozondjupa	0	250	0	58	0	0	0	155	463
Zambezi	1	33	0	5	0	0	0	17	55
Total	86	2774	0	658	0	0	126	2793	6225

Table 8: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines (12-17) Years, 1st dose, 04 January 2022

PFIZER FOR CHILDREN 1 st DOSE (12-17) Years					
Region	New (12-13 yrs)	All 1 st dose (12-13 yrs)	New (14-17 yrs)	All 1 st dose (14-17 yrs)	GRAND TOTAL 1 st DOSES (12-17 yrs)
Erongo	4	86	6	159	245
Hardap	6	93	2	151	244
Kharas	0	10	0	11	21
Kavango East	0	203	0	319	522
Kavango West	0	102	0	181	283
Khomas	5	62	7	118	180
Kunene	0	23	1	4	27
Ohangwena	0	46	0	47	93
Omaheke	0	13	0	11	24
Omusati	0	76	0	45	121
Oshana	0	28	0	61	89
Oshikoto	0	9	0	21	30
Otjozondjupa	0	42	0	64	106
Zambezi	0	2	0	2	4
Total	15	795	16	1 194	1 989

Table 9: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines (12-17) Years, 2nd dose, 04 January 2022

PFIZER FOR CHILDREN 2 nd DOSE (12-17) Years					
Region	New (12-13 yrs)	All 2 nd dose (12-13 yrs)	New (14-17 yrs)	All 2 nd Dose (14-17 yrs)	GRAND TOTAL 2 nd DOSE (12-17) Years
Erongo	0	0	0	0	0
Hardap	0	0	0	0	0
Kharas	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango West	4	4	9	9	13
Khomas	25	25	42	42	67
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	0	0	0	0	0
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	0	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	0	0	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	3	3	6	6	9
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	0
Total	32	32	57	57	89

11. Table 10: Summary of the national update, 04 January 2022

Cumulative newly confirmed individuals	150 540
Newly confirmed individuals	395
New reinfections	25
Cumulative cases including reinfections	152 293
Recoveries	133 938
Recovery rate	89%
Active cases	14 668
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses	405 734
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses	238 930
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine completed	344 627
COVID-19 Deaths	3 356
COVID-19 Related Deaths	316
Total Deaths	3 672
Total samples tested	878 949
Active contacts	2 652
Cumulative number of people quarantined	85 409
Number of quarantined people discharged	84 722
Number of people in quarantines	687

12. **Key Messages**

- It is very concerning that we are observing increasing number of daily reported deaths occurring across Namibia, some of which are home deaths. We strongly urge the public to seek emergency medical attention when experiencing difficulty breathing, chest or upper abdominal pain, fainting or sudden dizziness, changes in vision, confusion, any sudden or severe pain, difficulty when speaking, coughing blood and

severe or persistent vomiting or diarrhea. Let us not wait until the situation is beyond remission. Additionally, we call for all bereaved families to adhere to the COVID-19 burial regulations as they are laying their loved ones to rest.

- Our numbers for vaccinated children are still very low. We encourage parents and care givers to take their children for vaccination at the nearest vaccination centre. Getting your children vaccinated will reduce their chances of developing severe COVID-19 outcomes which include hospitalization or death once they are infected with the COVID-19 virus.
- We announced the highest daily death toll of eighteen (18) since the beginning of the the third wave. It is distressing that sixteen (16) out of eighteen (18) deceased are not vaccinated against Covid-19. They all died of Covid-19. Most, if not all of these deaths could have been prevented through vaccination. Adults particularly are at high risk of death if they are not vaccinated. It costs less than one hundred Namibia Dollars (N\$100) to get vaccinated and stay out of the hospital. It costs hundreds of thousands of Namibia Dollars to be unvaccinated and ends up in ICU. Let common sense prevail!

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