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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA**

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1. We announce three hundred and forty-six (346) confirmed cases from one thousand eight hundred and fifteen (1 815) results in the last twenty-four (24) hour reporting cycle, which represents 19.1% positivity ratio. Out of the total confirmed cases, three hundred and twenty-one (321) are new cases and twenty-five (25) cases are reinfections. The sex distribution of the total confirmed cases is one hundred and seventy-five (175) males, of which 163 are new cases, and one hundred and seventy-one (171) females, of which 158 are new cases. The age range of the cases is from three (3) days to one hundred and nine (109) years.

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases & reinfections, 12 January 2022

Region	New cases	District	New cases	Reinfections	Total
Erongo	61	Swakopmund	30	9	39
		Walvis Bay	22	1	23
		Usakos	8	1	9
		Omaruru	1	0	1
Khomas	61	Windhoek	61	7	68
Zambezi	33	Katima Mulilo	33	2	35
Oshikoto	31	Oandjokwe	20	0	20
		Tsumeb	10	0	10
		Omuthiya	1	0	1
Oshana	27	Oshakati	27	1	28
Kavango East	21	Rundu	14	0	14
		Nyangana	5	0	5
		Andara	2	0	2
Otjozondjupa	20	Okakarara	11	0	11
		Otjiwarongo	6	2	8
		Okahandja	2	1	3
		Grootfontein	1	0	1
Hardap	18	Rehoboth	18	0	18
Kharas	17	Luderitz	16	0	16
		Karasburg	1	0	1
Ohangwena	13	Eenhana	8	0	8
		Okongo	4	0	4
		Engela	1	0	1
Omusati	7	Oshikuku	3	0	3
		Tsandi	2	0	2
		Okahao	1	0	1
		Outapi	1	0	1
Kunene	7	Outjo	6	1	7
		Opuwo	1	0	1
Kavango West	5	Nkurenkuru	5	0	5
	321		321	25	346

2. We are reporting cases from 13 regions, with Erongo region recording the highest number of cases (72) of which eleven (11) are reinfections, constituting 20.8% of the total cases, followed by Khomas region with sixty-eight (68) cases of which seven (7) are reinfections, accounting for 19.7% of the total reported cases.
3. Among the confirmed cases are thirty (30) learners, eleven (11) health care workers, two (2) students and one (1) teacher.

4. Seven (7) cases have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, thirty-two (32) cases are fully vaccinated of which two (2) have received a booster dose, and six (6) of the vaccinated cases did not specify the number of doses received. Three hundred and one (301) cases are not vaccinated, accounting for **87.0%** of the total confirmed cases.
5. We are reporting one hundred and thirty (**130**) new recoveries from seven (7) regions.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 12 January 2022

Region	Number
Ohangwena	64
Khomas	29
Kavango East	14
Zambezi	13
Kunene	4
Oshana	4
Kavango West	2
Total	130

6. The number of active cases is ten thousand six hundred and twelve (**10 612**). Three hundred and fourteen (**314**) cases are hospitalized. Six (**6**) of the them have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, twenty-nine (**29**) are fully vaccinated, while two hundred and seventy-nine (**279**) are not vaccinated constituting **88.6%** of all hospitalized cases. Twenty-six (**26**) cases are in (ICU), of which one (1) case is fully vaccinated and twenty-five (**25**) cases are not vaccinated representing **96.2%** of all cases in ICU.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 12 January 2022

Region	Hospitalized cases		Vaccinated		ICU		Vaccinated	
	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose
Oshana	56	65	0	3	4	2	0	0
Khomas	54	61	2	4	8	10	0	1
Omusati	38	49	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	32	32	1	1	0	0	0	0
Erongo	23	35	1	6	1	2	0	0
Oshikoto	22	25	1	1	12	12	0	0
Kunene	18	22	0	6	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	18	21	0	2	1	1	0	0
Otjozondjupa	13	15	0	1	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	13	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kharas	10	10	1	4	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango West	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hardap	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	314	363	6	29	26	27	0	1

7. We are reporting twenty-two (22) deaths from seven (7) districts.

Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 12 January 2022

District	Sex		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		COVID19 death	C-R death		
Onandjokwe	2	5	7	7	0	0	4
Oshikuku	2*	3*	5	5	0	5	0
Oshakati	3	0	3	2	1	0	3
Windhoek	0	3	3	3	0	0	3
Swakopmund	1	1	2	2	0	0	2
Okahao	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Katima Mulilo	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Total	9	13	22	21	1	5	13

*Home death

Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 12 January 2022

Age group	No. of Deaths	Vaccination Status		
		One dose	Fully vaccinated	Three doses
Under 1	0	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
1-4	2	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
5-11	0	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
12-13	0	0	0	0
14-17	0	0	0	0
18-29	1	0	0	0
30-39	0	0	0	0
40-49	1	0	0	0
50-59	3	0	0	0
60-69	1	0	0	0
70-79	4	0	0	0
80-89	7	0	0	0
90+	3	0	0	0
Total	22	0	0	0

8. We are reporting twenty-one (21) COVID-19 deaths and one (1) COVID-19 related death, of which three (3) deaths occurred between 19-31 December 2021, sixteen (16) deaths occurred between 01-10 January 2022 and three (3) deaths occurred on 11 January 2022, that is within the 24 hour reporting cycle. Five (5) of the deceased cases, all from Oshikuku district, died at home. **All the deceased cases were not vaccinated.**
9. By 12 January 2022, a total of **409 264** people aged 18 years and above have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, representing **27.8%** of the target adult population (1 471 973). A total of **107 838** have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, while **241 022** adults have received two doses of other vaccine types. Therefore, **348 860** adults have completed their vaccination, translating to **23.7%** of the target population.
10. A total number of two thousand five hundred and thirty-seven (**2 537**) children aged 12-17 years have received at least one dose of the Pfizer vaccine, representing **0.8%** of the target population (307 298). Of these, four hundred and forty-two (442) are fully vaccinated. Therefore, cumulative number of people vaccinated with the first dose for both adults and children is **411 801**, of which **349 302** are fully vaccinated, translating to 19.6% of the total target population (1 779 271).

11. Eight thousand eight hundred and sixteen (**8 816**) people have received a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose. Details of vaccinations are presented in tables 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 below.

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 12 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	1	15902	0	13179	0	3	10	1046	15	9108	39238
Hardap	12	12595	0	5587	0	0	2	488	36	6637	25307
Kharas	14	10321	0	4594	0	0	1	204	39	5718	20837
Kavango East	3	10650	0	7075	0	0	4	1231	34	10397	29353
Kavango West	5	5792	0	4525	0	0	0	770	0	9548	20635
Khomas	14	41814	0	29514	0	94	8	4134	54	19635	95191
Kunene	31	11637	0	5432	0	0	8	75	117	7594	24738
Ohangwena	0	15780	0	5293	0	2	0	118	0	5938	27131
Omaheke	2	8318	0	5008	0	0	0	185	8	5287	18798
Omusati	7	13455	0	7217	0	0	0	261	5	5404	26337
Oshana	18	12428	0	4782	0	29	2	222	9	4432	21893
Oshikoto	2	12119	0	3718	0	0	0	73	43	5774	21684
Otjozondjupa	6	12392	0	8457	0	0	12	283	56	9478	30610
Zambezi	0	3623	0	939	0	0	0	62	1	2888	7512
Total	115	186826	0	105320	0	128	47	9151	417	107838	409264

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 2nd dose, 12 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	13	13743	0	11355	0	5	5	466	25569
Hardap	12	10639	0	4239	0	0	10	223	15101
Kharas	9	8309	0	3166	0	0	3	122	11597
Kavango East	12	7427	0	3789	0	0	19	387	11603
Kavango West	28	4544	0	2970	0	0	12	208	7722
Khomas	19	35653	0	24578	0	63	56	2545	62839
Kunene	30	8624	0	4034	0	0	14	20	12678
Ohangwena	0	13042	0	4139	0	0	0	16	17197
Omaheke	4	5985	0	3041	0	0	7	103	9129
Omusati	15	11704	0	5853	0	0	11	136	17693
Oshana	22	11035	0	3848	0	8	5	108	14999
Oshikoto	7	10474	0	3079	0	0	0	14	13567
Otjozondjupa	7	10794	0	6476	0	0	11	143	17413
Zambezi	0	3160	0	739	0	0	0	16	3915
Total	178	155133	0	81306	0	76	153	4507	241022

Table 7: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 3rd dose, 12 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	11	497	0	80	0	0	74	1077	1654
Hardap	26	312	0	0	0	0	24	438	750
Kharas	11	190	0	24	0	0	4	79	293
Kavango East	2	137	0	2	0	0	9	86	225
Kavango West	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	32	89
Khomas	68	998	0	355	0	0	133	2044	3397
Kunene	41	142	0	17	0	0	24	32	191
Ohangwena	0	64	0	2	0	0	0	1	67
Omaheke	3	34	0	3	0	0	0	11	48
Omusati	6	219	0	23	0	0	5	94	336
Oshana	18	443	0	57	0	0	12	178	678
Oshikoto	10	261	0	33	0	0	7	35	329
Otjozondjupa	17	366	0	58	0	0	21	272	696
Zambezi	0	41	0	5	0	0	0	17	63
Total	213	3761	0	659	0	0	313	4396	8816

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

PFIZER FOR CHILDREN 1st 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	1	99	5	193	292
Hardap	0	129	1	225	354
Kharas	0	14	0	31	45
Kavango East	0	212	0	324	536
Kavango West	0	134	0	227	361
Khomas	3	112	18	204	316
Kunene	20	44	7	12	56
Ohangwena	0	48	0	51	99
Omaheke	2	16	5	16	32
Omusati	0	79	0	46	125
Oshana	0	39	1	78	117
Oshikoto	1	12	2	28	40
Otjozondjupa	5	69	6	91	160
Zambezi	0	2	0	2	4
Total	32	1009	45	1528	2537

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

PFIZER FOR CHILDREN 2nd DOSE (12-17) Years					
Region	New (12-13 yrs)	All 2nd dose (12-13 yrs)	New (14-17 yrs)	All 2nd Dose (14-17 yrs)	GRAND TOTAL 2nd DOSE (12-17) Years
Erongo	0	31	4	88	119
Hardap	2	22	2	32	54
Kharas	0	1	0	4	5
Kavango East	6	12	7	18	30
Kavango West	0	4	0	9	13
Khomas	0	38	0	87	125
Kunene	0	0	0	1	1
Ohangwena	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	1	7	1	22	29
Omusati	0	3	0	3	6
Oshana	1	4	1	7	11
Oshikoto	0	3	0	3	6
Otjozondjupa	1	10	6	33	43
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	0
Total	11	135	21	307	442

12. Table 10: Summary of the national update, 12 January 2022

Cumulative newly confirmed individuals	153 611
Newly confirmed individuals	321
New reinfections	25
Cumulative cases including reinfections	155 512
Recoveries	141 103
Recovery rate	92.0%
Active cases	10 612
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st dose	411 801
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd dose	241 464
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine completed	349 302
COVID-19 Deaths	3 465
COVID-19 Related Deaths	318
Total Deaths	3 783
Total samples tested	895 450
Active contacts	2 027
Cumulative number of people quarantined	86 058
Number of quarantined people discharged	85 418
Number of people in quarantines	640

13. **Key Messages**

- We have adjusted the target group for vaccination for 18 years and above from 1 501 041 to 1 471 973, based on the NSA population census 2021 median level estimates.
- We continue emphasizing the importance of getting vaccinated. The vaccines that we currently have in Namibia are safe, effective and have been authorized for public use. Vaccination saves lives! Vaccines reduce the chances of an infected person developing severe COVID-19 outcomes such as hospitalization and death. Let us be pro active in protecting our lives and the lives of those around us. A healthy nation is a productive nation. Do not procrastinate. Get vaccinated now!

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