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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA

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1. We announce one hundred and four (**104**) positive cases from one thousand four hundred and fifty-four (**1 454**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hour reporting cycle, which represents **7.2%** positivity ratio. Out of the total confirmed cases, ninety-nine (99) are new cases and five (5) are reinfections. The sex distribution of the total confirmed cases is fifty-four (54) males, of which 51 are new cases, and fifty (50) females, of which 48 are new cases. The age range of the cases is from ten (10) months to one hundred and one (101) years.

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases & reinfections, 27 January 2022

Region	New cases	District	New cases	Reinfections	Total
Omusati	16	Oshikuku	6	0	6
		Tsandi	6	0	6
		Outapi	4	0	4
Ohangwena	14	Engela	9	0	9
		Eenhana	3	0	3
		Okongo	2	0	2
Kharas	13	Luderitz	8	0	8
		Karasburg	3	0	3
		Keetmanshoop	2	0	2
Kavango East	12	Rundu	12	1	13
Erongo	12	Walvis Bay	7	1	8
		Swakopmund	3	0	3
		Usakos	2	0	2
Khomas	10	Windhoek	10	2	12
Otjozondjupa	8	Grootfontein	4	0	4
		Okakarara	3	0	3
		Okahandja	1	0	1
Omaheke	4	Gobabis	4	0	5
Kunene	3	Opuwo	2	0	2
		Outjo	1	0	1
Oshana	2	Oshakati	2	0	2
Zambezi	2	Katima Mulilo	2	0	2
Oshikoto	2	Omuthiya	1	0	1
		Tsumeb	1	1	2
Hardap	1	Mariental	1	0	1
Total	99		99	5	104

2. We are reporting cases from 13 regions, with Omusati region recording more cases (16), constituting 15.4% of the total cases, followed by Ohangwena region with fourteen (14) cases accounting for 13.5%.
3. Among the confirmed cases are thirteen (13) learners from different schools, five (5) teachers, two (2) students and five (5) health care workers. Three (3) cases have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, fourteen (14) cases are fully vaccinated and two (2) did not specify the number of doses received. Eighty-five (85) cases are not vaccinated, accounting for **81.7%** of the total confirmed cases.

4. Two hundred and twenty-seven (**227**) cases from eight (8) regions have recovered.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 27 January 2022

Region	Number
Oshana	134
Otjozondjupa	32
Omusati	24
Kunene	22
Zambezi	10
Ohangwena	2
Omaheke	2
Kavango East	1
Total	227

5. The number of active cases is eight thousand two hundred and three (**8 203**). One hundred and forty (**140**) cases are currently hospitalized across twelve (12) regions, except ||Kharas and Kavango West regions. Two (**2**) of the hospitalized cases have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, seventeen (**17**) are fully vaccinated, while one hundred and twenty-three (**123**) are not vaccinated constituting **87.9%** of all hospitalized cases. Sixteen (**16**) cases are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of which two (**2**) are fully vaccinated.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 27 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	28	27	0	0	6	6	0	1
Omusati	19	19	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	16	21	1	0	1	0	0	0
Oshana	16	16	0	0	3	2	0	0
Erongo	15	15	1	8	2	2	0	1
Kunene	15	14	0	6	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	13	13	0	0	1	1	0	0
Oshikoto	5	7	0	0	3	5	0	0
Otjozondjupa	5	7	0	3	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hardap	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	140	149	2	17	16	16	0	2

6. We are reporting fifteen (15) deaths from seven (7) districts.

Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 27 January 2022

District	Sex		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		COVID death	C-R death		
Oshikuku	3*	1*	4	4	0	4	3
Oshakati	1	2	3	3	0	0	3
Opuwo	1+1*	1*	3	3	0	2	2
Engela	1+1*	0	2	2	0	1	2
Tsandi	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Outapi	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Gobabis	0	1*	1	1	0	1	1
Total	8	7	15	15	0	8	12

Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 27 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	0	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
5-11	1	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
12-13	0	0	0	0
14-17	0	0	0	0
18-29	0	0	0	0
30-39	0	0	0	0
40-49	2	0	0	0
50-59	0	0	0	0
60-69	1	0	0	0
70-79	1	0	0	0
80-89	6	0	0	0
90+	4	0	0	0
Total	15	0	0	0

7. Two (2) deaths occurred between 07-08 January 2021, eleven (11) deaths occurred between 20-25 January 2021 and two (2) occurred on 26 January 2021. Eight (8) deaths occurred at home, four (4) from Oshikuku district, two (2) each from Opuwo & Engela district and one (1) at Gobabis district. None of the deceased cases was vaccinated.
8. By 26 January 2022, a total of **416 549** people aged 18 years and older have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, representing **28.3%** of the target population (1 471 973). A total of **112 872** have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, while **244 151** adults have received two doses of other vaccine types. Therefore, **357 023** adults have completed their vaccination, translating to **24.3%** of the target population.
9. Three thousand seven hundred and fourteen (**3 714**) children aged 12-17 years have received one dose of the Pfizer vaccine, representing **1.2%** of the target population (307 298). Of these, eight hundred and seventy-eight (**878**) are fully vaccinated. Therefore, the cumulative number of people vaccinated with the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine for both adults and children is **420 263** of which **357 901** are fully vaccinated, translating to **20.1%** of the total target population (1 779 271).

10. Fifteen thousand three hundred and forty (**15 340**) 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, 27 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	9	16017	0	13179	0	3	3	1157	40	9525	39881
Hardap	7	12737	0	5587	0	0	6	546	44	7101	25971
Kharas	22	10381	0	4594	0	0	10	266	74	6062	21303
Kavango East	3	10734	0	7075	0	0	32	1443	55	10891	30143
Kavango West	10	5898	0	4525	0	0	11	827	5	9681	20931
Khomas	13	42045	0	29514	0	94	14	4397	104	20746	96796
Kunene	3	11724	0	5432	0	0	1	128	20	8101	25385
Ohangwena	0	15845	0	5293	0	2	0	127	0	6048	27315
Omaheke	0	8331	0	5008	0	0	0	248	0	5414	19001
Omusati	5	13571	0	7217	0	0	6	298	25	5588	26674
Oshana	16	12 516	0	4782	0	29	3	261	0	4636	22224
Oshikoto	1	12174	0	3718	0	0	0	85	18	6068	22045
Otjozondjupa	5	12463	0	8457	0	0	1	310	53	10075	31305
Zambezi	0	3630	0	939	0	0	0	70	0	2936	7575
Total	94	188066	0	105320	0	128	87	10163	438	112872	416549

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 2nd dose, 27 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	7	13835	0	11355	0	5	9	615	25810
Hardap	21	10792	0	4239	0	0	29	378	15409
Kharas	25	8421	0	3166	0	0	20	199	11786
Kavango East	12	7629	0	3789	0	0	8	611	12029
Kavango West	11	4668	0	2970	0	0	3	294	7932
Khomas	19	35886	0	24578	0	63	43	2973	63500
Kunene	13	8765	0	4034	0	0	7	67	12866
Ohangwena	0	13141	0	4139	0	0	0	27	17307
Omaheke	0	6030	0	3042	0	0	0	143	9215
Omusati	17	11835	0	5853	0	0	8	228	17916
Oshana	5	11143	0	3848	0	8	5	185	15184
Oshikoto	4	10593	0	3079	0	0	1	34	13706
Otjozondjupa	2	10859	0	6476	0	0	3	215	17550
Zambezi	0	3177	0	739	0	0	0	25	3941
Total	136	156774	0	81307	0	76	136	5994	244151

Table 7: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 3rd dose, 27 January 2022

Region	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik V		Pfizer		Grand total 3rd 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	9	821	0	80	0	0	55	1907	2808
Hardap	56	686	0	0	0	0	45	696	1382
Kharas	28	302	0	24	0	0	10	148	474
Kavango East	8	206	0	2	0	0	4	133	341
Kavango West	4	91	0	0	0	0	8	104	195
Khomas	44	1566	0	355	0	0	97	3488	5409
Kunene	30	563	0	17	0	0	22	302	882
Ohangwena	0	105	0	2	0	0	0	2	109
Omaheke	0	67	0	3	0	0	0	24	94
Omusati	18	391	0	23	0	0	6	240	654
Oshana	17	619	0	57	0	0	14	373	1049
Oshikoto	10	434	0	39	0	0	0	140	613
Otjozondjupa	13	600	0	58	0	0	25	507	1165
Zambezi	0	102	0	5	0	0	0	58	165
Total	237	6553	0	665	0	0	286	8122	15340

Table 8: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines (12-17) Years, 1st dose, 27 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	1	115	2	234	349
Hardap	0	152	6	281	433
Kharas	4	29	8	43	72
Kavango East	42	340	117	622	962
Kavango West	0	146	2	255	401
Khomas	1	156	3	321	477
Kunene	30	119	37	190	309
Ohangwena	0	49	0	52	101
Omaheke	0	24	0	41	65
Omusati	0	80	1	60	140
Oshana	0	43	1	93	136
Oshikoto	1	18	0	36	54
Otjozondjupa	0	92	3	117	209
Zambezi	0	3	0	3	6
Total	79	1366	180	2348	3714

Table 9: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines (12-17) Years, 2nd dose, 27 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	46	1	119	165
Hardap	7	65	12	71	136
Kharas	0	1	0	6	7
Kavango East	5	37	1	52	89
Kavango West	0	5	4	17	22
Khomas	5	84	8	191	275
Kunene	0	0	0	5	5
Ohangwena	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	0	8	0	27	35
Omusati	0	4	0	9	13
Oshana	0	9	1	29	38
Oshikoto	0	4	3	11	15
Otjozondjupa	1	17	4	58	75
Zambezi	0	2	0	1	3
Total	18	282	34	596	878

11. Table 10: Summary of the national update, 27 January 2022

Cumulative newly confirmed individuals	155 722
Newly confirmed individuals	99
New reinfections	5
Cumulative cases including reinfections	157 732
Recoveries	145 552
Recovery rate	93.5%
Active cases	8 203
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st dose	420 263
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd dose	245 029
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine completed	357 901
COVID-19 Deaths	3 639
COVID-19 Related Deaths	323
Total Deaths	3 962
Total samples tested	916 464
Active contacts	1 805
Cumulative number of people quarantined	86 874
Number of quarantined people discharged	86 678
Number of people in quarantines	196

12. **Key message:**

- We have made significant strides in efforts to unnerve the fourth wave as evidenced by the consistent decline in number of cases albeit number of deaths remains disquieting. The public is cautioned that the decline in the number of confirmed cases does not necessary mean we are off the hook as yet. This should however motivate us to adhere to set public health measures, anticipating to conquer this invisible enemy.

- The key preventive measures remains correctly wearing of face masks, frequently hand sanitizing with alcohol based, keeping a distance, avoid crowded places and get vaccinated.
- Our vaccination coverage remains dire at 20.1% for the fully vaccinated, yet the vaccine intervention remains the prominent prevention measures among other measures which avert severe infections and death. A big proportion of people advancing to severe condition and those dying are unvaccinated, especially older persons, let's protect this vulnerable population by having them vaccinated.
- It is a matter of grave concern that more than half of the deaths reported today occurred at home. In addition, none of them is vaccinated against the disease that has caused the death. Let us all accept the reality of today, namely, seek early treatment when feeling unwell and get vaccinated as we have the tools prevent these deaths.

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