

**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.**

**31 December 2021**

**WINDHOEK**

*\*Check against Delivery*

1. We announce eight hundred and sixty-five (**865**) new positive cases from two thousand seven hundred and ninety-five (**2 795**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours reporting cycle, which represents **30.9%** positivity ratio. The sex distribution is four hundred and fifty-eight (**458**) females and four hundred and seven (**407**) males. The age ranges from eight (**8**) days to ninety-six (**96**) years.

*Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases & Reinfections, 31 December 2021*

Regions	New cases	Districts	New cases	New re-infections	Total
Erongo	168	Swakopmund	100	5	<b>105</b>
		Walvis Bay	45	4	<b>49</b>
		Omaruru	21	2	<b>23</b>
		Usakos	2	1	<b>3</b>
Khomas	138	Windhoek	138	8	<b>146</b>
Otjozondjupa	119	Otjiwarongo	63	6	<b>69</b>
		Grootfontein	28	0	<b>28</b>
		Okahandja	17	0	<b>17</b>
		Okakarara	11	0	<b>11</b>
Kharas	94	Luderitz	36	5	<b>41</b>
		Karasburg	31	2	<b>33</b>
		Keetmanshoop	27	1	<b>28</b>
Kunene	66	Opuwo	41	1	<b>42</b>
		Outjo	23	1	<b>24</b>
		Khorixas	2	0	<b>2</b>
Oshana	63	Oshakati	63	4	<b>67</b>
Zambezi	56	Katima Mulilo	56	4	<b>60</b>
Ohangwena	38	Engela	22	0	<b>22</b>
		Eenhana	10	1	<b>11</b>
		Okongo	6	0	<b>6</b>
Oshikoto	38	Tsumeb	25	1	<b>26</b>
		Omuthiya	9	3	<b>12</b>
		Onandjokwe	4	0	<b>4</b>
Omaheke	33	Gobabis	33	1	<b>34</b>
Omusati	17	Outapi	15	0	<b>15</b>
		Tsandi	1	0	<b>1</b>
		Okahao	1	0	<b>1</b>
Hardap	16	Rehoboth	13	1	<b>14</b>
		Mariental	2	2	<b>4</b>
		Aranos	1	1	<b>2</b>
Kavango West	13	Nkurenkuru	13	2	<b>15</b>
Kavango East	6	Rundu	6	0	<b>6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>865</b>		<b>865</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>921</b>

2. Erongo region records the highest number of one hundred and sixty-eight (168), making up 19.4%, followed by Khomas region with one hundred and thirty-eight (138), constituting 15.9% and Otjozondjupa region with one hundred and nineteen (119), constituting 13.7%. We are also reporting fifty-six (56) new reinfections with Khomas region recording the highest of eight (8), making up 14.2% of all new reinfections.
3. Among the confirmed cases are seventy-six (76) learners, twelve (12) teachers, fourteen (14) students and thirty-two (32) health care workers from different institutions. Nineteen

(19) cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, one hundred and five (105) cases are fully vaccinated, seven (7) received a booster dose and eighteen (18) vaccinated cases did not specify the number of doses received. Seven hundred and sixteen (716), accounting for 82.7% of the new cases are unvaccinated.

4. We are reporting eight hundred and eighty-seven (**887**) new recoveries from ten (10) regions.

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

Region	Number
Khomas	461
Kunene	515
Oshikoto	89
Oshana	60
Otjozondjupa	49
Ohangwena	44
Zambezi	17
Hardap	9
Omusati	4
Kavango East	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>887</b>

5. The number of active cases is fourteen thousand nine hundred and twenty-five (**14 925**). Hospitalized cases are currently three hundred and twenty-three (**323**) across all regions, of which thirty-five (**35**) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Eight (**8**) of the hospitalized cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine while thirty-four (**34**) are fully vaccinated. One case in ICU received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine while three (**3**) cases in ICU are fully vaccinated. The remainder of 31 (88.5%) are not vaccinated.

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

Region	Hospitalized cases		Vaccinated		ICU		Vaccinated	
	Current	Previous	1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	Current	Previous	1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose
Khomas	91	90	3	14	24	22	0	2
Oshana	58	52	1	0	3	3	1	1
Omusati	38	28	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kunene	30	32	0	10	0	0	0	0
Erongo	22	29	0	3	1	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	18	12	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	13	10	0	2	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	11	11	3	3	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	10	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	10	9	1	1	7	0	0	0
Hardap	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kharas	5	5	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kavango West	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

6. We are reporting twelve (12) deaths from eight (8) districts:

Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 31 December 2021

District	Sex		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		Covid death	C-R death		
Windhoek	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Gobabis	0	1*	1	1	0	1	1
Onandjokwe	1	2	3	3	0	0	3
Okongo	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Engela	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Tsumeb	2	0	2	2	0	0	0
Oshakati	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Oshikuku	2	0	2	1	1	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>

\*Home death

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

Age group	No. of Deaths	Vaccination Status	
		1st dose	2nd dose
Under 1	0		
1-4	0		
5-9	0		
10-19	0	0	0
20-29	0	0	0
30-39	0	0	0
40-49	0	0	0
50-59	4	0	0
60-69	3	0	0
70-79	0	0	0
80-89	1	0	0
90+	4	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

7. Among the reported deaths are eleven (11) COVID-19 deaths and one (1) COVID-19 related death. One (1) death occurred on 21.12.2021, two (2) occurred on 25.12.2021, eight (8) occurred between 26-30 December and one (1) occurred on 31.12.21 which is within the 24 hours reporting cycle. One death occurred at home from Gobabis district. None of the deceased was vaccinated.
8. By 30 December 2021, a total of **405 095** people have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, representing **26.9%** of the target population including one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (**1 915**) children aged 12-17 years. A total of **105 345** have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which is administered as one dose, while **238 515** adults had received two doses of other vaccines. Therefore, **343 860** have completed the vaccination, translating to **22.9%** of the target population. Five thousand nine hundred and two (**5 902**) 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:

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

Region	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik V		Pfizer		J&J		Grand total 1st dose
	New	All	New	All	New	All	New	All	New	All	
Erongo	4	15 851	0	13 177	0	3	14	968	24	8 970	<b>38 969</b>
Hardap	13	12 519	0	5 587	0	0	20	309	47	6 337	<b>24 752</b>
Kharas	5	10 256	0	4 594	0	0	4	159	0	5 506	<b>20 515</b>
Kavango East	8	10 611	0	7 075	0	0	4	1 178	8	10 230	<b>29 094</b>
Kavango West	0	5 671	0	4 525	0	0	0	692	0	9 333	<b>20 221</b>
Khomas	5	41 722	9	29 514	0	94	23	3 845	26	19 229	<b>94 404</b>
Kunene	3	11 584	1	5 432	0	0	20	58	40	7 413	<b>24 487</b>
Ohangwena	0	15 734	0	5 293	0	2	0	113	0	5 878	<b>27 020</b>
Omaheke	2	8 313	0	5 008	0	0	10	144	12	5 231	<b>18 696</b>
Omusati	0	13 377	0	7 216	0	0	0	246	0	5 282	<b>26 121</b>
Oshana	5	12 362	0	4 782	0	29	8	186	23	4 333	<b>21 692</b>
Oshikoto	7	12 086	0	3 718	0	0	8	64	19	5 558	<b>21 426</b>
Otjozondjupa	7	12 363	1	8 457	0	0	7	211	19	9 186	<b>30 217</b>
Zambezi	1	3 621	0	939	0	0	3	62	9	2 859	<b>7 481</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>186 070</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>105 317</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>8 235</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>105 345</b>	<b>405 095</b>

*Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, 31 December 2021*

Region	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik V		Pfizer		Grand total 2nd dose
	New 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	All 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	New 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	All 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	New 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	All 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses	New 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	All 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	
Erongo	12	13 648	0	11 349	0	5	21	362	<b>25 364</b>
Hardap	10	10 537	0	4 239	0	0	14	98	<b>14 874</b>
Kharas	8	8 236	0	3 166	0	0	3	90	<b>11 492</b>
Kavango East	7	7 311	0	3 789	0	0	4	307	<b>11 407</b>
Kavango West	0	4 382	0	2 970	0	0	0	100	<b>7 452</b>
Khomas	18	35 464	7	24 578	0	63	34	2 091	<b>62 196</b>
Kunene	31	8 564	16	4 033	0	0	1	3	<b>12 600</b>
Ohangwena	0	12 940	0	4 139	0	0	0	14	<b>17 093</b>
Omaheke	8	5 951	0	3 041	0	0	0	47	<b>9 039</b>
Omusati	0	11 532	0	5 853	0	0	0	85	<b>17 470</b>
Oshana	34	10 913	0	3 848	0	8	15	61	<b>14 830</b>
Oshikoto	16	10 413	2	3 079	0	0	4	8	<b>13 500</b>
Otjozondjupa	4	10 731	0	6 476	0	0	6	97	<b>17 304</b>
Zambezi	7	3 140	4	738	0	0	0	16	<b>3 894</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>153 762</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>81 298</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>3 379</b>	<b>238 515</b>

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Table 7: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 3<sup>rd</sup> dose, 31 December 2021

Region	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik V		Pfizer		Grand total 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose
	New 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose	All 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose	New 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose	All 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose	New 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose	All 3 <sup>rd</sup> doses	New 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose	All 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose	
Erongo	14	401	6	80	0	0	51	735	<b>1 216</b>
Hardap	10	181	0	0	0	0	79	257	<b>438</b>
Kharas	5	148	0	24	0	0	5	40	<b>212</b>
Kavango East	3	114	0	2	0	0	4	48	<b>164</b>
Kavango West	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	15	<b>67</b>
Khomas	19	704	33	355	0	0	50	1 177	<b>2 236</b>
Kunene	13	66	6	17	0	0	0	0	<b>83</b>
Ohangwena	0	48	0	2	0	0	0	1	<b>51</b>
Omaheke	1	22	0	3	0	0	1	5	<b>30</b>
Omusati	0	141	0	20	0	0	0	61	<b>222</b>
Oshana	27	312	0	57	0	0	19	117	<b>486</b>
Oshikoto	4	184	3	29	0	0	0	13	<b>226</b>
Otjozondjupa	17	222	0	58	0	0	13	139	<b>419</b>
Zambezi	7	32	0	3	0	0	4	17	<b>52</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>2 627</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>2 625</b>	<b>5 902</b>

Table 8: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 1<sup>st</sup> dose, 31 December 2021

PFIZER FOR CHILDREN 1 <sup>st</sup> DOSE (12-17) Years					
Region	New (12-13 yrs)	All 1 <sup>st</sup> dose (12-13 yrs)	New (14-17 yrs)	All 1 <sup>st</sup> dose (14-17 yrs)	GRAND TOTAL 1 <sup>st</sup> DOSES (12-17 yrs)
Erongo	4	82	8	153	<b>235</b>
Hardap	11	76	5	136	<b>212</b>
Kharas	1	10	0	11	<b>21</b>
Kavango East	0	201	3	319	<b>520</b>
Kavango West	0	100	0	179	<b>279</b>
Khomas	5	57	6	111	<b>168</b>
Kunene	18	23	0	3	<b>26</b>
Ohangwena	0	45	0	43	<b>88</b>
Omaheke	0	13	0	11	<b>24</b>
Omusati	0	76	0	41	<b>117</b>
Oshana	0	27	4	60	<b>87</b>
Oshikoto	3	9	4	21	<b>30</b>
Otjozondjupa	3	42	0	62	<b>104</b>
Zambezi	2	2	0	2	<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1 152</b>	<b>1 915</b>

Table 9: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, 31 December 2021

<b>PFIZER FOR CHILDREN 2<sup>nd</sup> DOSE (12-17) Years</b>					
<b>Region</b>	<b>New (12-13 yrs)</b>	<b>All 2<sup>nd</sup> dose (12-13 yrs)</b>	<b>New (14-17 yrs)</b>	<b>All 2<sup>nd</sup> Dose (14-17 yrs)</b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL 2<sup>nd</sup> DOSE (12-17) Years</b>
Erongo	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Hardap	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Kharas	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Kavango East	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Kavango West	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Khomas	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Kunene	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Ohangwena	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Omaheke	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Omusati	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Oshana	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Oshikoto	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Otjozondjupa	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

9. Table 10: Summary of the national update, 31 December 2021

Cumulative newly confirmed individuals	<b>148 839</b>
Newly confirmed individuals	<b>865</b>
New Re-infections	56
Cumulative cases including re-infections	150 510
Recoveries	131 927
Recovery rate	89%
Active cases	<b>14 925</b>
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 <sup>st</sup> doses	405 095
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses	238 515
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine completed	<b>343 860</b>
COVID-19 Deaths	3 330
COVID-19 Related Deaths	315
Total Deaths	<b>3 645</b>
Total samples tested	872 058
Active contacts	<b>2 869</b>
Cumulative number of people quarantined	85 003
Number of quarantined people discharged	84 175
Number of people in quarantines	828

10. **Key message**

- It is distressing that all 22 deaths of the past two days are of individuals who have not been vaccinated. Some, if not all of these deaths could have been prevented, had the individuals been vaccinated. Let us change our attitude towards Covid-19 vaccination and save lives!

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