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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. Today, we have received a total number of 894 results. Forty-three (53) of the samples tested positive for COVID-19. The gender ratio is thirty-seven (37) males to sixteen (16) females. The age range is from seven (7) to sixty-eight (68) years. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	40	Windhoek	40
Hardap	5	Rehoboth	3
		Mariental	2
Otjozondjupa	4	Otjiwarongo	3
		Okahandja	1
Erongo	2	Swakopmund	1
		Walvis Bay	1
Zambezi	1	Katima Mulilo	1
Kavango East	1	Rundu	1
Total	53		53

2. Of the forty cases reported from Windhoek, twenty-three (23) are reported from correctional facilities. We advise that the congestion in the correctional facilities receive due attention from management.
3. Today we are reporting 96 new recoveries. This brings the total recoveries to 9 913.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Kavango East	88
Kavango West	4
Ohangwena	2
Karas	2
Total	96

4. The total number of active cases now stands at **1,947**. Of the active cases, five (5) are in severe to critically sick conditions.

Table 3: Distribution of severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	0	2	2
Khomas	1	2	3
Total	1	4	5

5. On a sad note, today we are announcing one death from Windhoek District: A 58-year-old male who is known to suffer from comorbidities presented to a health care facility on 23 September 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. He was admitted and swabbed on the same day. The results came out positive. The condition of the patient worsened and he passed away on 9 October 2020. This is a COVID-19 death. We express our sincere condolences to the bereaved family.

Table 4: Summary of the update

Cumulative confirmed cases	11 989
Newly confirmed	53
Recoveries	9 913
Active cases	1 947
COVID-19 deaths	100
COVID-19 related deaths	29
Total deaths	129
Active contacts	7 685
Total samples tested	110 723
Cumulative number of people quarantined	15 781
Number of quarantined people discharged	14 791
Number of people in quarantines	990

6. Social distancing, wearing of masks, hand washing and sanitizing are important tools in preventing the transmission of Covid-19. I urge service providers in hair saloons, in public transport, in public offices to practice and everybody the above measures. The magic number for public gatherings remains 50. Let us remember that the Public and Environmental Health Act which is currently in force, prescribes stiff penalties for non compliance. Let us therefore comply, irrespective of the circumstance.

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