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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 1 075 results from the laboratories. Of these, 83 samples tested positive for COVID-19. Sixty-four (64) are males and nineteen (19) are females. The youngest is three (3) months and the oldest is seventy- three (73) years old. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Oshana	32	Oshakati	32
Hardap	22	Mariental	22
Khomas	16	Windhoek	16
Erongo	5	Swakopmund	3
		Walvis Bay	2
Otjozondjupa	3	Okahandja	2
		Otjiwarongo	1
Karas	1	Karasburg	1
Ohangwena	1	Engela	1
Zambezi	1	Katima Mulilo	1
Omaheke	1	Gobabis	1
Omusati	1	Outapi	1
Total	83		83

2. Cases in crowded settings continue to increase. We observe this in Walvis Bay, Windhoek, Okahandja, Onandjokwe, Eenhana and now in Mariental and Oshakati districts. We advise the sectors responsible to limit contact of people living in closed setting with the rest of the community. Let's consider keeping care takers within the facilities, wherever possible. This is more critical in environment where we have more vulnerable populations like old age home.
3. Today we are reporting 180 new recoveries. This brings the total recoveries to 8 749.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Oshana	97
Khomas	74
Erongo	7
Ohangwena	2
Total	180

4. The total number of active cases now stands at **2,049**. Of the active cases, fifteen (15) are in severe or critical condition.

Table 3: Distribution of severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	1	3	4
Khomas	2	9	11
Total	3	12	15

5. Today we are reporting one death from Gobabis district. A 49-year old male, who is known to have comorbidities, presented himself to a health care facility on the 10 September 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. The patient was treated symptomatically and discharged home. The patient however died at home on the 17 September 2020. A posthumous swab was taken on the 21 September 2020 and the result came out positive. This is classified as a COVID death.

Table 4: Summary of the update

Cumulative confirmed cases	10 918
Newly confirmed	83
Recoveries	8 749
Active cases	2 049
Active contacts	9 381
COVID-19 deaths	94
COVID-19 related deaths	26
Total deaths	120
Total samples tested	94 974
Cumulative number of people quarantined	13 984
Number of quarantined people discharged	12 858
Number of people in quarantines	1 126

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