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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. You might have noticed that the laboratories had been working around the clock to ensure that all samples are tested and have now cleared the backlog, as I announced last week. This is now time for the staff members to recuperate and recover from the fatigue caused by long working hours. Therefore, they are now moving slow especially during the weekend. As such, the results received today are mere 147. Of these, 88 samples tested positive for COVID-19. Fifty-three (53) are males and thirty-five (35) are females. The youngest is four (4) years and the oldest is sixty (60) years old. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Oshikoto	38	Onandjokwe	38
Khomas	24	Windhoek	24
Kavango East	11	Rundu	11
Oshana	7	Oshakati	7
Erongo	3	Swakopmund	3
Karas	2	Keetmanshoop	2
Otjozondjupa	1	Okahandja	1
Omaheke	1	Gobabis	1
Omusati	1	Okahao	1
Total	88		88

2. All positive results received from Onandjokwe district, are again for the Secondary School where a number of learners tested positive before. It is likely that there has been an active transmission for a while which was not noticed. Usually, young adults are generally asymptomatic or get mild symptoms. More results are still awaited.
3. As for Rundu district, we have a situations of the overcrowded places. All confirmed cases came from police holding cells. It is advised that inmates are tested for Covid-19 before they are transported to other places for court hearing or related activities.
4. Today we are reporting 11 new recoveries. This brings the total recoveries to 8 787.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Khomas	5
Karas	3
Omaheke	1
Ohangwena	1
Hardap	1
Total	11

4. The total number of active cases now stands at **2 213**. Of the active cases, fifteen (15) are in severe or critical conditions.

Table 3: Distribution of severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	1	3	4
Khomas	3	8	11
Total	4	11	15

5. Sadly, we are announcing one COVID-19 death from Windhoek district. A 54 years old female, known with multiple co-morbidities, presented to a health care facility on the 6 August 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. She was admitted on the same day and was swabbed on the 27 August 2020. The result came out positive on the 29 August 2020. The patient's condition deteriorated and she died on the 26 September 2020. We express our sincere condolences to the bereaved family.

Table 4: Summary of the update

Cumulative confirmed cases	11 121
Newly confirmed	88
Recoveries	8 787
Active cases	2 213
COVID-19 deaths	95
COVID-19 related deaths	26
Total deaths	121
Active contacts	9 459
Total samples tested	96 041
Cumulative number of people quarantined	14 198
Number of quarantined people discharged	13 064
Number of people in quarantines	1 134

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