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UPDATE BY DR. KALUMBI SHANGULA, MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.

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WINDHOEK
**Check Against Delivery*

1. Good evening fellow Namibians. As indicated before, local laboratory testing capacity for COVID-19 is increasing. Today, we received a total number of **782** results from NIP, UNAM (School of Medicine), Pathcare and NAMDEB laboratories. Out of these, a total of **50** samples tested positive for COVID-19. They are distributed as follow:

Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases

Region	Town	Number
Erongo	Walvis Bay	10
	Swakopmund	6
Khomas	Windhoek	32
Otjozondjupa	Otjiwarongo	1
	Okakarara	1
Total		50

2. In terms of gender distribution there are thirty (30) males and twenty (20) females. They range from 5 to 66 years in age.
3. Of the 32 cases reported today from Windhoek, twenty are males and twelve are females. They come from different localities. Khomasdal reported 8 cases, while Elisenheim, Green Well, Otjomuise and Rocky Crest recorded 2 cases each. The suburbs of Cimbebia Grysblock, Ausspanplantz, Klein Kuppe, Pioneerspark, Suiderhof, Shandumbala, Brakwater, Hockland Park, Okahandja Park and Osona

recorded one case each. There are five cases where no location was indicated. Among the cases in Windhoek, four are health care workers.

4. Thirteen are contacts to confirmed cases, while fourteen indicated no known contact. Among those with contact to confirmed cases, seven presented with COVID-19 related symptoms. Information on four of the cases were not clearly indicated.
5. The fourteen cases from Windhoek who indicated no known contact to confirmed cases, presented with symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
6. The case reported from Okakarara is that of a 31-years old, who traveled from Moscow, Russia. He arrived in Namibia on 18 July 2020 and was quarantined. His initial results came out negative. Since he was in contact with a confirmed case while in quarantine, his quarantine period was extended and he was re-tested for the second time. The result came out positive. He does not have COVID-19 related symptoms.
7. The case from Otjiwarongo is that of a 47 years old Namibian, a contact to a confirmed case. He presented with COVID-19 related symptoms.
8. The Ministry wishes to record that the situation in Windhoek is becoming increasingly worrisome, as

the number of positive cases is growing exponentially. The public is once again urged and cautioned to comply with the regulations. We continue to call for greater personal responsibility. We have no other choice, all Namibians, from all walks of life, must lend a hand to curb and suppress the spread.

9. On a positive note, 65 cases have recovered and discharged home yesterday, fifty-two (52) from Walvis Bay and thirteen (13) from Windhoek

10. *Table 2: Summary*

Cumulative confirmed cases	2 852
Newly confirmed	50
Recoveries	640
Active cases	2 196
Deaths	16
Total samples tested	33 151
Active contacts	3 796
Cumulative number of people quarantined	6 904
Number of quarantined people discharged	5 161
Number of people in quarantines	1 743

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