

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



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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 compatriots. Today, a total number of **818** results were received from NIP and Pathcare. Of these, **97** samples tested positive for COVID-19. Fifty-six (56) are males and forty-one (41) are females. The youngest is 1 year old, while the oldest is 84 years. The cases are spread across the country:

Region	Town	Number
Erongo (44)	Walvis Bay	32
	Swakopmund	11
	Usakos	1
Khomas	Windhoek	35
Oshana	Oshakati	9
Oshikoto	Onandjokwe	3
Kharas (3)	Keetmanshoop	2
	Karasburg	1
Otjozondjupa	Okahandja	1
Omaheke	Gobabis	1
Zambezi	Katima Mulilo	1
Total		97

2. The cases from **Windhoek**, come from different localities such as: Soweto (4), two cases each recorded from Cimbebasia, Ausblick, Eros, Khomasdal, Olympia and Klein Kuppe. Nineteen cases come from other localities in Windhoek, one case per area.
3. Of the nine cases from **Oshakati**, five are contacts to confirmed cases. One of them is a health care worker.

4. Of the three cases at **Onandjokwe**, two reported to have been in contact with confirmed cases in Windhoek.
5. The two cases at **Keetmashoop** involve male cross border truck drivers. One is a Namibian, while the other is a South African national, who has since returned to South Africa. This means one less active case in Namibia.
6. The case reported from **Karasburg** is a 73 years female who travelled from South Africa on 29 July 2020. She had been quarantined since arrival.
7. The positive case from **Okahandja** is a 50 years old male with no known contact to a confirmed case. He was swabbed as part of active case search.
8. The case at **Gobabis** is a 44 years old female with no known contact to a confirmed case, presented with symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
9. From **Usakos** is a 32 years old female health care worker. She was swabbed as part of active case search.
10. From **Zambezi** is a 29-years-old Namibian male student, who travelled from Zambia on 30 July 2020. He was quarantined.
- 10.1. There is also a 26 years old Namibian cross-border truck driver, who tested positive in Botswana on his way from Harare. He is in isolation in Katima Mulilo. He is not listed as part of Namibia's tally as he is already counted in Botswana.

11. This evening, we report, sixty-four (64) recoveries, who were discharged home yesterday. Forty-one (41) from Walvis Bay, twenty-one (21) from Windhoek and two from Engela.

Compatriots,

12. With a heavy heart, I announce this evening that the pandemic has claimed more three lives, two (2) at **Windhoek** and one (1) at **Walvis Bay**.

- 12.1. From **Walvis Bay** is an 84 years old female who was admitted at Walvis Bay State Hospital on 05 August 2020, with pre-existing chronic medical conditions. She had no COVID related 19symptoms. She passed away on 07 August 2020. The body was swabbed the next day. This in line with existing protocol that bodies of all deceased in Walvis Bay are to be swabbed to rule out COVID-19. The positive results were received on the day the test was conducted.

- 12.2. The deaths in **Windhoek are those of:**

- 12.3. A 50 year-old male with no known co-morbidities and no travel history outside of Windhoek. On 03 August 2020, he was swabbed after he reported COVID-19 related symptoms. The results were received on 08 August 2020. On the same day, he developed shortness of breath and was rushed to a local health facility. He demised shortly after arrival at the health facility.

- 12.4. Secondly, is a 56 years old male with multiple co-morbid conditions. He was informed about his COVID-19 positive result last evening. He then reported shortness of breath and collapsed thereafter. He demised at home.

13. I extend our sincere condolences to all bereaved families during this difficult time.

14. *Table 2: Summary*

Cumulative confirmed cases	2 949
Newly confirmed	97
Recoveries	704
Active cases	2 226
Deaths	19
Total samples tested	33 985
Active contacts	3 812
Cumulative number of people quarantined	6 952
Number of quarantined people discharged	5 194
Number of people in quarantines	1 758

That COVID-19 cases are being reported virtually from all parts of the country, is a call to all Namibians to adhere to the regulations and the measures put in place. It is the only way to protect lives and livelihoods in our country. This message must be taken to heart by all.

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