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WINDHOEK
**Check Against Delivery*

1. Good evening fellow Namibians. We have received a total of **766** results from NIP and Pathcare laboratories over the past twenty four hours. Out of these, a total of 70 samples tested positive for Covid-19. They are distributed as follow:

Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases

| Region | Town | Number |
|--------------|------------|-----------|
| Erongo | Walvis Bay | 43 |
| | Swakopmund | 12 |
| Khomas | Windhoek | 13 |
| Ohangwena | Engela | 1 |
| Kharas | Luderitz | 1 |
| Total | | 70 |

2. Gender distribution comprises of forty males and thirty females. Ages range from 1 to 58 years. Contact tracing has been initiated.
3. Of the 13 cases reported from Windhoek, their ages range from 22 to 58 years, 9 females and four males. Five are health care workers, and 2 are architects. Of these, nine are contacts to confirmed cases. Three of the contacts presented symptoms consistent with COVID-19 at the time of testing. Among the contacts, only two were in quarantine.
4. Four cases who reported not to have been in contact with confirmed cases, two were tested because they presented with symptoms consistent with COVID-19, while two were tested as a precautionary measure prior surgical procedures, although one has exhibited COVID-19 related symptoms at the time swabbing.
5. The Engela case is that of a 4-year old girl who travelled from Walvis Bay on the 24th July 2020, with other four children from the same household. They were all quarantined and swabbed on the 27th July 2020. She does not have COVID-19 related symptoms.
6. The case reported from Luderitz is that of a 51-years old male, a truck driver from Walvis Bay, who went to deliver the load in Luderitz on the 27th July 2020. He was swabbed on the same day, before he returned back to Walvis Bay. The Kharas regional team has communicated to Erongo team on this truck driver.
7. With implementation of the new de-isolation protocol, we expect to see a radical increase in number of recoveries. We have recorded sixteen (16) new recoveries and they had been discharged. They are:

8. *Table 2: Number of recoveries*

| Region | District | Case Number |
|--------|------------|--|
| Erongo | Walvis Bay | 245, 358, 394, 456, 459, 492, 515, 541 and 550 |
| Khomas | Windhoek | 27, 50, 55, 277, 824, 1076. One case is being verified |

9. *Table 2: Summary*

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| Cumulative confirmed cases | 2 294 |
| Newly confirmed | 70 |
| Recoveries | 187 |
| Active cases | 2 096 |
| Deaths | 11 |
| Total samples tested | 27 718 |
| Active contacts | 3 554 |
| Cumulative number of people quarantined | 6 552 |
| Number of quarantined people discharged | 4 880 |
| Number of people in quarantines | 1 672 |

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