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WINDHOEK

**Check Against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. We have received a total of **737** results from NIP and Pathcare laboratories over the past twenty four hours. Out of these, a total of 112 samples tested positive for COVID-19. They are distributed as follow:

Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases

Region	Town	Number
Erongo	Walvis Bay	92
	Swakopmund	2
Khomas	Windhoek	14
Otjozondjupa	Otjiwarongo	1
	Okahandja	1
Karas	Karasburg	1
Hardap	Mariental	1
Total		112

2. Gender distribution comprises of Seventy-nine (79) males and Thirty-three (33) females. Ages range from 9 months to 70 years. Contact tracing has been initiated.
3. Of the 14 cases reported today from Windhoek, their age range from 14 to 59 years, eight (8) females and six (6) males. One of them is a health care worker. Of these, six are contacts to confirmed cases and two of the contacts presented with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 at the time of swabbing.
4. Of the eight cases who reported not to have been in contact with confirmed cases, seven of them presented with symptoms consistent with COVID-19, while one had no COVID-19 related symptoms, he was swabbed as part of routine checkup from work.
5. Otjiwarongo case is that of a 24 years old female, travelled from Walvis Bay on the 27 July 2020, hitch-hiked in the truck. He reported to had had COVID-19 related symptoms beginning of July2020, which have cleared already.
6. This is another evidence of non-compliance as people sneak out of the restricted area and put others at risk of infection. Truck drivers are cautioned to stop carrying passengers.
7. Okahandja case is that of a 33 years old male, from Osona Military Base with no known contact to a confirmed case. He was tested as he presented with symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
8. Karasburg case is that of a 44 years old female, travelled from South Africa on 16 July 2020. She was tested prior to discharge from quarantine, and the result came out positive.

9. Mariental case is a 24 years old male truck driver came back from South Africa on 20 July 2020. On 28 July 2020, he presented at the screening facility in Mariental with COVID-19 related symptoms. He was swabbed the same day and the results came back on 01 August 2020, positive.
10. We have recorded a number of recoveries as a result of implementing the new protocol, however, the team is still verifying and we will update the nation tomorrow on this figure. For today, we remain with 187, which we reported yesterday, on record.
11. On a sad note, today we are again reporting a COVID-19 related death, as we have lost another son of the soil, from Windhoek. This is a 49 years old male, who was admitted on 28 July 2020 in the Windhoek Central Hospital, for an urgent surgical intervention. He was swabbed and operated on the same day. He then developed surgical complications. His results came back positive. He had chronic condition, which was being ruled out. His condition gradually deteriorated and he passed away on 02 August 2020. Our sincere condolences to the bereaved family.

12. Table 2: Summary

Cumulative confirmed cases	2 406
Newly confirmed	112
Recoveries	187
Active cases	2 207
Deaths	12
Total samples tested	28 514
Active contacts	3 425
Cumulative number of people quarantined	6 613
Number of quarantined people discharged	4 940
Number of people in quarantines	1 673

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