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WINDHOEK
**Check Against Delivery*

Good afternoon fellow Namibians.

1. Before I give today's COVID-19 update, I would like to make the following observation: I am disturbed by the recent infodemic videos which are being circulated via social media and which purport that there are people who are being labelled as COVID-19 cases and yet they have not been tested and confirmed as such. No one would be reported as a COVID-19 case without being tested and confirmed by the laboratory investigations. I caution the public to shy away from this type of practices and to stop sharing and circulation further this false information.
2. Today, we have received a total of **1 393** results from NIP, Pathcare and NAMDEB 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	42
	Swakopmund	36
Khomas	Windhoek	19
Oshana	Oshakati	9
Ohangwena	Engela	1
	Eenhana	1
Kavango East	Rundu	1
Kavango West	Nankudu	1
Omusati	Okahao	1
Oshikoto	Omuthiya	1
Total		112

3. The gender distribution comprises of sixty-seven males and forty-five females. The ages range from 1 to 73 years. Contact tracing is underway.
4. Of the 19 cases reported from Windhoek, the ages range from 23 to 61 years. Fourteen are females and five are males. Out of the 19, eight are contacts to confirmed cases while eleven indicated no known contact to confirmed cases. Among those who had contacts to confirmed cases, four presented with COVID-19 related symptoms.
5. Out of eleven cases reported from Windhoek with no known contact to confirmed cases, all presented with symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
6. These cases come from different locations in Windhoek such as Goreagab (4), Klein Kuppe (2), Wanahenda (2) and one each from Auasblick, Freedom Square, Nama

location, Hochland Park, Olympia, Ombili, Otjomuise, Shandumbala and Pioneerspark. Location of two cases were not indicated.

7. One case is originally from Oshana region, who came for surgical procedure at the local private hospital and she has travelled back to her place of origin, the team in Oshana is informed for both isolation and contact tracing.
8. Nine cases reported from Oshana region age range from 1 to 65 years old, among them are seven are males and two females. Of these eight are contacts of confirmed cases. Of the contacts, only one presented with COVID-19 related symptoms.
9. The case with no known contact, is originally from Omusati region, who was first attended to by a private practitioner in Outapi. When he did not improve, he came to Ongwediva and was seen at Ongwediva Medi Park with COVID-19 related symptoms on the 3rd August 2020 and again on the 4th August 2020 when he was admitted, and tested. The result came back positive on the 6th August 2020.
10. Of the two cases from Ohangwena Region, one is in Eenhana, and one is in Engela district. They are 57 and 37 years respectively, are males. The one in Engela travelled from Angola on the 30th July 2020, while the one in Eenhana is a contact to a confirmed case. Both reported no COVID-19 related symptoms.
11. The case from Kavango East Region, Rundu District is that of a 32 years old male, a contact to a confirmed case. He did not report COVID-19 related symptoms at the time of testing.
12. The case from Kavango West in Nankudu District, is that of a 45-years old male, a contact to a confirmed case with no COVID-19 related symptoms at the time of testing. With this case from Kavango West, it means that all the regions have now reported Covid-19 positive cases.
13. The case reported from Oshikoto Region in Omuthiya district is that of a 38-years old male, who travelled from Walvis Bay, Erongo Region and was quarantine at Omuthiya. He was tested on the 15th July 2020. He did not display COVID-19 related symptoms. The result only came out positive on the 5th August 2020.
14. A total of 7 cases has recovered; one in Engela, Ohangwena Region and six from Windhoek, Khomas Region.
15. The case that was reported from Okahao is that of an adult male and a member of the security cluster who travelled from Walvis Bay on the 20th July 2020.
16. On a sad note, I inform that we have recorded three more COVID-19 related deaths, 2 in Walvis Bay and 1 in Swakopmund.

- 16.1. The one who died in Walvis bay is a 70-year old male who presented at a district hospital on the 4th August 2020 with COVID-19 related symptoms. He was admitted as he was looking sick and distressed. He was tested and the results came out positive. The condition deteriorated rapidly and efforts to resuscitate him were not successful as he passed away within an hour after intubation on the 5th of August 2020. He had existing chronic medical conditions.
- 16.2. Another one is a 52-year-old female patient who was admitted on the 14th July 2020 in a private hospital. Her condition changed and she needed intensive care from the 15th July 2020 and had been on ventilation ever since. She had pre-existing medical chronic conditions. She was tested and her results for COVID-19 was positive. She died on the 5th August 2020.
- 16.3. The one from Swakopmund District is a 73-years old female who was admitted on the 2nd August 2020 in a private hospital in Swakopmund with COVID-19 related symptoms and tested on the 3rd August 2020. Her condition deteriorated and she died on the 4th August 2020. The result came out on the 5th August positive.

I express our sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

17. *Table 2: Summary*

Cumulative confirmed cases	2 652
Newly confirmed	112
Recoveries	563
Active cases	2 074
Deaths	15
Total samples tested	31 172
Active contacts	3 497
Cumulative number of people quarantined	6 756
Number of quarantined people discharged	5 026
Number of people in quarantines	1 730

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