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WINDHOEK
**Check Against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. I am happy to report that we have increased our testing capacity and will endeavour to release the results within a relatively short period of time. The NIP has expanded its capacity and has now the following test sites: Windhoek, Oshakati, Keetmanshoop and Walvis Bay. Other laboratories that came on board are Pathcare, NAMDEB and UNAM who are already doing the tests. Two more other laboratories are being prepared to be able to do Covid-19 tests.
2. Today, we have received a total of **1 197** results from NIP, Pathcare and NAMDEB laboratories over the past twenty-four hours. Out of these, a total of **150** samples tested positive for COVID-19. They are distributed as follow:

Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases

Region	Town	Number
Erongo	Walvis Bay	62
	Swakopmund	40
Khomas	Windhoek	42
Omaheke	Gobabisi	2
Ohangwena	Eenhana	1
Oshana	Oshakati	1
Otjozondjupa	Okahandja	1
Hardap	Rehoboth	1
Total		150

2. Gender distribution comprises of one hundred (100) males and fifty (50) females. Ages range from 7 to 84 years.
3. Of the 42 cases reported from Windhoek, their ages range from 10 to 84 years. Twenty-eight are females and fourteen are males. Out of the 42, twenty-two are contacts to confirmed cases while twenty indicated no known contact. Among those who had contacts to confirmed cases, twelve presented with COVID-19 related symptoms.
4. Out of twenty cases reported from Windhoek with no known contact to confirmed cases, fifteen presented with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Four cases with no contacts were tested as precautionary measure prior surgical procedures while one case who reported no contact, have travelled from Walvis Bay on 29th July 2020.
5. Four cases are health care workers, two are teachers and four are from other professional category.
6. These cases come from different locations in Windhoek such as: Goreagab and Otjomuise recorded (4) each, Dorado Park, Khomasdal and Wanaheda recorded (3) each, Cimbebacia, Golgota, Grysblock and Hakahana with 2 cases each while Ausspanplantz, Donkerhoek, Elisenheim, Freedom Square, Green Well, Havana,

Okuryangava, Rocky Crest, Wambo location, Windhoek North, Pioneerspark and Windhoek Correctional facility, recorded one case each. The residential addresses of five were not indicated.

7. Today we report the first cases from Omaheke. Now all the 14 regions in the country have recorded COVID-19 confirmed cases. The two cases from Omaheke region are both males aged 26 and 35 years respectively. They are both contacts of confirmed cases.
8. One came in contact with the deceased who died due to COVID-19. He was traced as a contact and was quarantined in Gobabis on the 30th July 2020. He was then tested on the 31st July 2020 and the result came out positive on the 6th August 2020.
9. The second case is a UNAM student who was identified as a contact with a confirmed case, when they attended the church event together. He was also traced as he was in Gobabis area by that time and was quarantined also on the 30th July 2020, was tested on the 31st July 2020. The result came out positive on the 6th August 2020.
10. The Okahandja case is that of a 47-years old female, a contact to a confirmed case. She was tested on the 3rd August 2020.
11. The case from Rehoboth is that of a 44-years old male, a resident of Rehoboth, working in Windhoek. He presented to the screening centre on the 4th August 2020 because he was a contact of a confirmed case at his workplace.
12. The case from Eenhana, Ohangwena Region, is that of a seven years male, a contact to a confirmed case, who had been in quarantine. His initial result came out negative however the repeat test prior discharge came out positive.
13. The case from Oshana region is that of a 32-years old male, an Angolan national who resides in Soweto, Windhoek. He travelled from Windhoek on the 17th July 2020, heading to Oshikango. He was intercepted by the law enforcement officers just after Ondangwa and was quarantined on the 19th July 2020. He was tested on the 31st July 2020.
14. Today I am announcing twelve new recoveries, seven from Walvis Bay and five from Windhoek.
15. On a sad note, one of the cases we recorded among the new cases had already passed away. This is an 84-year-old female, known with multiple co-morbidities who was admitted to a local hospital in Windhoek for a surgical condition. She also presented with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and was tested on the 1st August 2020. On the 2nd August, her clinical condition deteriorated and she passed on. Her COVID-19 result came out POSITIVE last night the 6th August 2020. She had been in Windhoek four about four months.

16. I express our deepest condolences to the family during the time of mourning.

17. *Table 2: Summary*

Cumulative confirmed cases	2 802
Newly confirmed	150
Recoveries	575
Active cases	2 211
Deaths	16
Total samples tested	32 369
Active contacts	3 644
Cumulative number of people quarantined	6 815
Number of quarantined people discharged	5 049
Number of people in quarantines	1 766

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