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**WINDHOEK**

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1. Good evening fellow Namibians. Today, a total number of **456** results were received from NIP and Pathcare. The number is smaller compared to daily testing because more negative results are still awaited. Of these, **177** samples tested positive for COVID-19.
2. Hundred and two (102) are males and seventy-five (75) are females. The youngest is 1 year old, while the oldest is 82 years old. The cases are spread as follows:

*Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases*

<b>Region</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>Number</b>
Erongo	Walvis Bay	77
	Swakopmund	18
	Usakos	2
Khomas	Windhoek	67
Oshana	Oshakati	8
Hardap	Mariental	2
	Rehoboth	1
Oshikoto	Onandjokwe	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>177</b>

3. High numbers of cases are still being reported from Walvis Bay and Windhoek.
4. The eight cases reported from **Oshakati** are as follow:
  - 4.1. A 27 years old female from Okashandja and a contact to a confirmed case. She was tested on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020 as she had symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
  - 4.2. A 37 years old male from Okashandja and a contact to a confirmed case. He was tested on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020 as part of active case search.
  - 4.3. A 39 years old male from Ekuku and a contact to a confirmed case. He was tested on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020 as he had symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
  - 4.4. A 41 years old male from Oshakati West, with no known contact to a confirmed case. He was tested on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020 as he presented with COVID-19 related symptoms.
  - 4.5. A 53 years old male from Ongwediva and a contact to a confirmed case. He was tested on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020 as part of active case search.
  - 4.6. A 50 years old female from Ongwediva and a contact to a confirmed case. She was tested on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020 as part of active case search.
  - 4.7. A 46 years old female and a contact to a confirmed case. She was tested on the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020 as part of active case search.
  - 4.8. A 7 years old female and a contact to a confirmed case. She was tested on the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020 as part of active case search.
5. The two cases reported from **Onandjokwe** are as follow:
  - 5.1. A 77 years old female from Onayena and a contact to a confirmed case. She was tested on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 as she presented with COVID-19 related symptoms.

- 5.2. A 34 years old male from Onguta with no known contact to a confirmed case. He was tested as he presented with symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
  
6. The two cases reported from **Usakos** were tested as a limited targeted testing, following the positive result of the health care worker at the clinic. Random testing of people who were seen at the health facility was done, as they were not sure who was in contact with the health care worker. They are as follow:
  - 6.1. A 42 years old male from Tubuses with no known contact to a confirmed case. He was tested on the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020 as part of active case search.
  - 6.2. A 26 years old female with no known contact to a confirmed case. She was tested on the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020 as part of active case search.
  
7. The two cases reported from **Mariental** are as follow:
  - 7.1. A 21 years old female with no contact to a confirmed case. She was tested on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 as she presented with COVID-19 related symptoms.
  - 7.2. A 30 years old male teacher with no contact to a confirmed case. He was tested on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2020 as he presented with COVID-19 related symptoms.
  
8. The case reported from **Rehoboth** is that of a 29 years old female with no known contact to a confirmed case. She was tested on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 as she presented with COVID-19 related symptoms.
  
9. Today we are announcing a total number of 120 case that have recovered and discharged home. Eighty-nine (89) are from Walvis Bay, and thirty-one (31) are from Windhoek.
  
10. Of the active cases, seven cases are critically sick and 14 are in severely sick conditions.
  
11. Regrettably, we have lost three lives in COVID-19 related deaths. One from Swakopmund, one from Walvis Bay, and one from Windhoek. These are:
  - 11.1. **From Swakopmund:** A 64 years old female who is known to have multiple co-morbidities. She was admitted on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and was tested on the same day. Her clinical condition deteriorated and she died on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Result came out on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020 positive.
  - 11.2. **From Walvis Bay:** A 40 years old male with no known co-morbidities. He was admitted at Walvis Bay State hospital on the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. He passed away on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Specimen was collected from the body on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020 as per the protocol. The result came out positive on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020.
  - 11.3. **From Windhoek:** A 70 years old female with no known co-morbidities who presented on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020 to a local clinic in Windhoek, with fever, chills, and night sweats. She was treated as an outpatient on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020. She died at home on the 11<sup>th</sup>

August 2020. A specimen was collected from the body prior to a post-mortem on the same day. The result came out positive on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

12. We express our sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

13. **Table 2: Summary**

Cumulative confirmed cases	3 406
Newly confirmed	177
Recoveries	835
Active cases	2 549
Deaths	22
Total samples tested	36 743
Active contacts	4 164
Cumulative number of people quarantined	7 446
Number of quarantined people discharged	5 781
Number of people in quarantines	1 665

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