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WINDHOEK
**Check Against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. A number of 527 results were received over the past twenty-four hours. We have recorded 69 new Covid-19 positive cases according to the following distribution:

Table: New Covid-19 positive cases

Region	Town	Number
Erongo	Walvis Bay	57
	Swakopmund	1
	Usakos	1
Khomas	Windhoek	8
Hardap	Mariental	1
Ohangwena	Engela	1
Total		69

Of this number, thirty-eight are males and thirty-one are females. Ages range from 6 to 77 years. Contact tracing has been initiated.

2. A case from Usakos is that of a 57-years female and a contact to a confirmed case. No symptoms consistent with COVID-19 have been observed.
3. The Windhoek cases are as follow:
 - 3.1. A 57-years old male and a contact to a confirmed case. He was tested on the 25th July 2020.
 - 3.2. A 24-years old female and a staff member of TELECOM. She presented with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and was tested on the 25th July 2020. She indicated that she did not have contact with a confirmed case but the person from the same household who is a contact of a confirmed case also tested positive.
 - 3.3. A 33-years old male from Suiderhof Military Base presented with COVID-19 related symptoms and was tested on the 25th July 2020. No known contact with a confirmed case.
 - 3.4. A 27-years old female who presented with COVID-19 related symptoms. No known contact with a confirmed case and no travel history.
 - 3.5. A 52-years old female with no contact to a known case. She presented with COVID-19 related symptoms.
 - 3.6. A 34-years old male and a staff member at the local market with no known contact to a confirmed case. He presented with COVID-19 related symptoms.
 - 3.7. A 55-years old male who presented with COVID-19 related symptoms. He has no known contact with a confirmed case.
 - 3.8. A 47-years old male and a contact to a confirmed case. He did not display COVID-19 related symptoms.
 - 3.9. It is very much concerning that a growing number of positive cases do not have known contacts with positive cases.

4. The Mariental case is that of a 34-years old female who works at a local filling station. She has no known contact to a confirmed case and does not have COVID-19 related symptoms and no travel history. She was tested as part of active cases search whereby the team randomly tested staff members at the filling station where trucks refuel.
5. The Engela case is that of a 30-years old female who traveled from Walvis Bay on the 15th July 2020. She had been in quarantine since the day of arrival, after she was reported by the community members to the authority. She actually intended to attend a wedding but she was quarantined before that. We commend the community members for this patriotic duty.
6. On a sad note, today I am reporting a COVID-19 related death from Walvis Bay. A 44-years old female presented to Walvis Bay State Hospital on 21st July 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. She had other chronic medical conditions. She was tested while on admission and the results came out positive. Her condition gradually deteriorated and we lost her on the 28th July 2020. I express our profound condolences to the bereaved family.

7. *Table 2: Summary*

Cumulative confirmed cases	1 986
Newly confirmed	69
Recoveries	104
Active cases	1 873
Deaths	9
Total samples tested	24 852
Active contacts	3 174
Cumulative number of people quarantined	6 174
Number of quarantined people discharged	4 715
Number of people in quarantines	1 459

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