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1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. We have recorded seventy-two (72) new Covid-19 cases. Seventy-one (71) are Namibians and one (1) is a South African national. Sixty-eight (68) are from Walvis Bay, one from Swakopmund, Erongo region, one from Engela, Ohangwena region, one from Keetmanshoop, Karas region and one from Oshakati, Oshana region. Forty-one (41) are males and 31 are females. The youngest is one year old and oldest one is 58 years. They are all clinically stable. Contact tracing is ongoing.
2. The one reported from Keetmanshoop is a South African female cross border truck driver who travelled from Cape Town on 8th July 2020 and arrived in Namibia through Noordoewer border post on the same day. She was screened at Keetmanshoop-Grunau B1 roadblock and proceeded to Oranjemund to offload at Nam Depot. She drove straight through, did not get off the truck at point of offload and returned on the 10 July 2020 from Oranjemund. A specimen was collected from her at Keetmanshoop-Grunau B1 roadblock on the 10th July 2020. She had no Covid-19 related symptoms. She left Namibia on the 11th July 2020 at 08:00 through Noordoewer back to SA. The result came out last evening positive.
3. The one in Oshakati, travelled from Walvis Bay on the 22nd June 2020 and got quarantined in Oshakati. A specimen was collected on the 3rd July 2020. No Covid-19 related symptoms were detected.
4. The one from Engela, was visited by an acquaintance from Walvis Bay in June 2020, who went back on 17 June 2020. At that time he had no symptoms consistent with Covid-19. Upon return, he developed Covid-19 symptoms, was tested and the result came out positive. He informed her about his result. She then reported herself at the health facility on the 1st July 2020, was tested and advised to self-quarantine till the results are received, since she was already beyond 14 days. She did not have symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
5. We have recorded one recovery. That is Case No 17 from Keetmanshoop. A total of 1024 results were received of which 861 are from NIP and 163 from PathCare. Out of NIP results, 44 first time tested positive, while 85 known cases tested positive again. Eleven known cases tested negative for the first time while one has recorded a second negative. Of the 163 results from PathCare, 28 first time tested positive.

6. *Overall situation*

Confirmed cases	785
Newly confirmed	72
Recoveries	26
Active cases	758

Deaths	1
Total samples tested	13 999
Active contacts	1 142
Cumulative number of people quarantined	4 420
Number of quarantined people discharged	3 661
Number of people in quarantine	759

7. On the 10th July 2020, I announced the first death due to Covid-19 in Namibia. A death due to Covid-19 is defined as a death resulting from a clinically compatible illness, in a probable or confirmed Covid-19 case. There should be no period of complete recovery from Covid-19 between illness and death. A death due to Covid-19 may not be attributed to another diseases, for example cancer and should be counted independently of pre-existing condition. A person who died due to Covid-19 is buried by the State and not by the family.

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