



**Ministry of Health and Social Services
Republic of Namibia**

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 130			
Outbreak Name	<i>COVID-19 outbreak</i>	Country affected	<i>Namibia</i>
Date & Time of this report	<i>26.07.2020 21:00 hrs</i>	Investigation start Date	<i>13 March 2020</i>
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (26/07/2020)

- ⊙ The country is in Stage 4 of the State of Emergency (29 June 2020 -17 September 2020)
- ⊙ Walvis Bay, Swakopmund, and Arandis Local Authority Areas in Erongo region will remain in Stage 3 (from 07 July 2020 until 23h59 of 03 August

Dashboard information can be accessed at: <https://cutt.ly/Covid-19-situation-Namibia>

Total	Today
Tested 23198	Tested 455
Confirmed 1843	Confirmed 68
Active 1734	Active 1734
Recovered 101	Recovered 26
Death 8	Death 0

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 26 July 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers
Erongo	1699	1621	70	8	19
Hardap	7	3	4	0	0
//Kharas	29	24	5	0	1
Khomas	76	56	20	0	8
Kunene	1	1	0	0	0
Ohangwena	8	7	1	0	0
Omusati	2	2	0	0	0
Oshana	7	7	0	0	0
Oshikoto	1	1	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	7	7	0	0	0
Zambezi	6	5	1	0	2
Total	1843	1734	101	8	30

- ⊙ Today (26/07/2020), **26** recoveries have been recorded; Erongo (25) and Ohangwena (1) region.
- ⊙ To-date, **30** Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19.
- ⊙ Cumulatively, **1772 (96.1%)** cases are local transmissions while **71 (3.9%)** are imported.
- ⊙ Up to **1039** confirmed cases in Erongo region are still to be placed in isolation facilities.
- ⊙ More male cases **1063 (57.7%)** were recorded compared to female cases **780 (42.3%)**

- ⊙ Eleven (11) of the 14 regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **1699 (92.2%)** followed by Khomas **76 (4.1%)**.

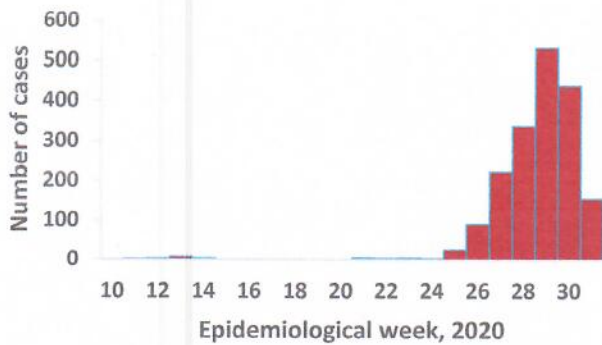


Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 26 July 2020

Namibia has recorded **1843** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **534 (29.1%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 29 (Figure 3).

- ⊙ A high number of cases were recorded in the past three weeks as a result of:
 - Spread of local transmission in Walvis Bay district
 - Enhanced Active Case Search and testing, averaging 300 tests daily in the past weeks.
- ⊙ Call centre continues operation for 24 hours daily. Today, **1345** calls were answered including **6** alerts.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 26 July 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	125	1381	705	676
Hardap	0	271	258	13
Kavango	0	140	100	40
Khomas	0	1434	1227	207
//Kharas	0	706	533	173
Kunene	4	161	114	47
Ohangwena	0	333	308	25
Omaheke	0	216	189	27
Omusati	0	140	122	18
Oshana	3	139	112	27
Oshikoto	0	105	86	19
Otjozondjupa	4	467	416	51
Zambezi	0	530	466	64
Total	136	6023	4636	1387

- ⊙ Since March 2020, **6023** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- ⊙ A total of **1387** people are currently in quarantine with **136** new admissions in the past 24 hours.
- ⊙ Since March 2020, **119** people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.

Table 4: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 26 July 2020

Destination	Country of departure						Total
	RSA	Zimbabwe	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	
//Kharas	43	0	0	0	0	0	43
Khomas	114	0	9	1	0	1	116
Omusati	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Oshana	8	0	1	0	0	0	9
Otjozondjupa	10	0	5	2	0	0	17
Kavango	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Ohangwena	9	0	0	1	0	0	10
Hardap	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kunene	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Omaheke	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Oshikoto	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Zambezi	21	0	0	0	0	0	21
Erongo	21	0	22	0	11	89	143
Total	240	0	37	4	11	90	373

- ⊙ A total of **373** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- ⊙ Of these trucks, **38.3%** were heading to Erongo, **31.1%** to Khomas while **11.5%** were heading to //Kharas region.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- ⊙ A high-level delegation team has been sent to Erongo region on 22 July 2020, to engage stakeholders on the impact of COVID-19 in the region.
- ⊙ National level continues to support the regions
- ⊙ Regions have enhanced social mobilization on COVID-19
- ⊙ Targeted testing in Walvis Bay is ongoing
- ⊙ Regions have intensified surveillance on travellers from Erongo region for early case detection

CHALLENGES

- ⊙ Inadequate Human resources in the regions
- ⊙ Inadequate ICU facilities and ICU equipment in the regions
- ⊙ Inadequate isolation units, at health facilities in the regions.
- ⊙ Inadequate PPE
- ⊙ Inadequate nasopharyngeal swabs and appropriate transport media.

RECOMMENDATIONS

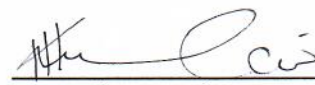
- ⊙ The Ministry to fast track the appointment of critical positions for the response in the regions
- ⊙ Provision of fully equipped ICU facilities in the regions.
- ⊙ Establish fully equipped isolation units at health facilities in the regions.
- ⊙ Logistics pillar to continue with the procurement and distribution of sufficient PPE to the regions to ensure that response is not interrupted.
- ⊙ NIP to continue sourcing for swabs and appropriate transport media.

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