



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

NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 128			
Outbreak Name	<i>COVID-19 outbreak</i>	Country affected	<i>Namibia</i>
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (24/07/2020)

- ⊙ 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 2020).

Total	Today
Tested 21778	Tested 1183
Confirmed 1687	Confirmed 69
Active 1608	Active 1608
Recovered 72	Recovered 0
Death 7	Death 0

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

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 24 July 2020

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers
Erongo	<i>1557</i>	<i>1506</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>12</i>
Hardap	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
//Kharas	<i>27</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
Khomas	<i>65</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>8</i>
Kunene	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Ohangwena	<i>8</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Omusati	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Oshana	<i>7</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Oshikoto	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Otjozondjupa	<i>7</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Zambezi	<i>6</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Total	<i>1687</i>	<i>1608</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>23</i>

- ⊙ Eleven (11) of the 14 regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **1557 (92.3%)** followed by Khomas **65 (3.9%)**.

- ⊙ Today (24/07/2020), Kunene and Oshikoto regions have recorded their first COVID-19 cases.
- ⊙ To-date, **23** Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19, with **1** new confirmations today (24/07/2020).
- ⊙ Cumulatively, **1619 (96.0%)** cases are local transmissions while **68 (4.0%)** are imported.
- ⊙ Up to **1020** confirmed cases in Erongo region are still to be placed in isolation facilities.
- ⊙ More male cases **961 (57.0%)** were recorded compared to female cases **726 (43.0%)**

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

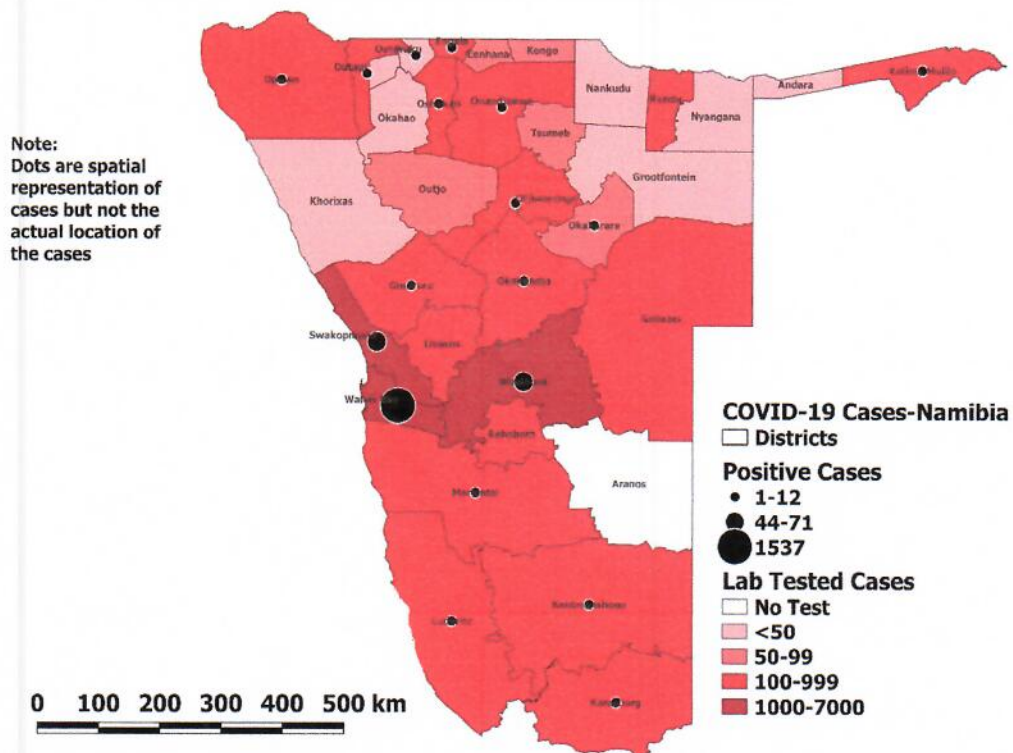


Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 24 July 2020

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories 24 July 2020

Variables	Laboratory			Total
	NIP	Path care	South Africa	
Total sample received by the Laboratory	17492	4404	-	21896
Total sample tested	15302	4207	-	19509
Total sample re-tested	2080	189	-	2269
Total positive results	1175	511	1	1687
Total negative results	14127	3696	-	17823
Total sample discarded	68	8	-	76
Invalid results	1	0	-	1
Total pending results	41	0	-	41
Suspected cases in 24 hours	728	455	-	1183

- ⊙ The most affected ages are within 20 and 49 years **1303 (77.2%)**.
- ⊙ Those aged 60 and above constitute **43 (2.5%)** of those affected.

- ⊙ To date, **21778** tests have been conducted by NIP & Path-Care laboratories (including **2269** re-tests).
- ⊙ Since the beginning of the outbreak, **4274** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **133** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours.
- ⊙ Cumulatively, **1355** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **767** out of **2620** active contacts were monitored today.

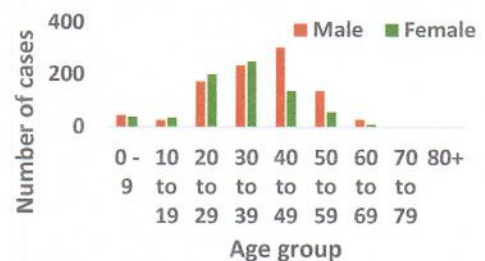


Figure 2: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases 24 July 2020

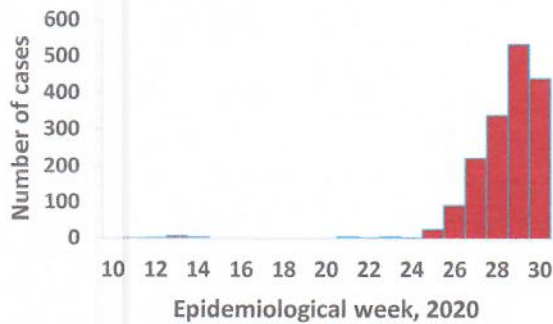


Figure 3: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 24 July 2020

Namibia has recorded **1687** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **534 (31.7%)** 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, **1185** calls were answered including **6** alerts.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 24 July 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	466	466	0
Hardap	4	271	258	13
Kavango	0	140	100	40
Khomas	0	1434	1227	207
//Kharas	0	706	533	173
Kunene	0	119	111	8
Ohangwena	0	328	308	20
Omaheke	0	136	127	9
Omusati	1	138	121	17
Oshana	2	134	110	24
Oshikoto	6	105	86	19
Otjozondjupa	0	453	411	42
Zambezi	1	529	463	66
Total	14	4959	4216	638

- Since March 2020, **4959** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **638** people are currently in quarantine with **14** new admissions in the past 24 hours.
- Since March 2020, **117** 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 24 July 2020

Destination	Country of departure						
	RSA	Zimbabwe	Botswana	Angola	DRC	Zambia	Total
//Kharas	39	0	1	9	0	0	49
Khomas	62	0	3	9	0	3	77
Omusati	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Oshana	4	0	0	2	0	0	6
Otjozondjupa	4	0	3	0	0	2	10
Kavango	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Hardap	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Kunene	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Omaheke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Zambezi	0	0	5	0	0	1	6
Erongo	3	0	11	1	0	22	37
Total	121	0	23	24	0	29	197

- A total of **197** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **39.1%** were heading to Khomas, **24.9%** to //Kharas while **18.8%** were heading to Erongo 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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