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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Today, a total number of **1 214** results were received from the laboratories. Of these, **176** samples tested positive for COVID-19. Ninety-five (95) are females while eighty-one (81) are males. The youngest is 2 months and the oldest 70 years old.
2. The cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases

REGIONS	New cases	DISTRICTS	New cases
Erongo	13	Walvis Bay	4
		Swakopmund	9
Khomas	126	Windhoek	126
Hardap	10	Mariental	7
		Rehoboth	3
Oshana	9	Oshakati	9
Oshikoto	8	Onandjokwe	8
Omusati	2	Tsandi	2
Ohangwena	2	Engela	2
Otjozondjupa	2	Otjiwarongo	1
		Grootfontein	1
Zambezi	2	Katima mulilo	2
Omaheke	1	Gobabis	1
Kunene	1	Khorixas	1
TOTAL	176		176

3. Number of new cases remains high although the figure today seems lower than what we recorded in the last 5 days.
4. Cumulatively, we have now **6,030** confirmed cases.
5. Today we record 54 new recoveries, 49 from Khomas Region, three (3) from Zambezi, and two (2) from Ohangwena Region
6. This gives us a cumulative number of recoveries of **2,563**
7. This leaves us with total number of **3 411** active cases.

8. Of the active cases, twelve cases are in severe to critically sick conditions. They are distributed as follows:

Table 2: Distribution of Severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	3	3	6
Khomas	1	5	6
Total	4	8	12

9. It is with sadness that we announce four more COVID-19 related deaths, two from **Windhoek**, Khomas Region one each from **Swakopmund**, Erongo Region, and from **Keetmanshoop** in //Karas Region. Their details are as follows:
- 9.1. A 38 year old male from **Windhoek**, who presented to a local health care facility on the 10th of August 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. He was swabbed on presentation and his results returned on positive on the 12th of August 2020. He has been admitted to a local facility in a critical condition, he then deteriorated and died on the 23rd of August 2020.
- 9.2. A 54 year old male from **Windhoek**, known with multiple comorbidities. He presented to a local health care facility on the 3rd of August 2020. He was swabbed for COVID-19 the same day and admitted in a severe state. His results came back positive on the 4th of August 2020. Patient deteriorated and passed away on the 22nd of August 2020.
- 9.3. A 47 year old male from **Swakopmund**, with no known comorbidities. He presented to a local health facility on the 9th of August 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19, he was swabbed and results returned as positive on the 11th of August 2020. Patient was in a critical condition and referred to Windhoek for further management on the 22nd of August 2020. Patient unfortunately died on the same day.
- 9.4. A 62 year old female from **Keetmanshoop**, with no known comorbidities. She presented with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 on the 22nd of August 2020, she was in a severe condition. She was swabbed on presentation and results returned as positive on the 23rd of August 2020. Patient unfortunately deteriorated and passed away on the 23rd of August 2020.

10. We extend our sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

11. We noted with concern the increasing number of COVID-19 related deaths in recent days. Out of the 56 total deaths recorded, 46 were recorded in August. This translates into two deaths every day on average.
12. It is important to note that of these deaths, 47 (88%) have known comorbidities.
13. Therefore, it is critical that we really observe the precautionary measure, to protect our vulnerable population.

14. Table 3: Summary

Cumulative confirmed cases	6,030
Newly confirmed	176
Recoveries	2,563
Active cases	3,411
Deaths	56
Total samples tested	51,605
Active contacts	6,218
Cumulative number of people quarantined	9,111
Number of quarantined people discharged	7,856
Number of people in quarantines	1,255

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