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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce one hundred and fifty-seven (**157**) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from one thousand and seventy-five (**1 075**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours reporting cycle, which represents **15%** positivity ratio. The gender distribution is ninety- nine (99) females and fifty- eight (58) males. The age ranges from eight (8) months to eighty- three (83) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 01 August 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Zambezi	43	Katima Mulilo	43
Erongo	40	Walvis Bay	25
		Swakopmund	13
		Omaruru	2
Omusati	17	Okahao	10
		Outapi	7
Khomas	13	Windhoek	13
Otjozondjupa	10	Otjiwarongo	8
		Grootfontein	1
		Okahandja	1
Ohangwena	8	Okongo	6
		Engela	1
		Eenhana	1
Kunene	8	Opuwo	8
Kharas	6	Keetmanshoop	4
		Lüderitz	1
		Karasburg	1
Oshana	5	Oshakati	5
Kavango East	3	Rundu	3
Oshikoto	2	Tsumeb	1
		Omuthiya	1
Omaheke	2	Gobabis	2
Total	157		157

2. We are reporting cases from twelve (12) regions, with Zambezi region reporting the highest number of cases, accounting for 27%, followed by Erongo region with 25% of the total confirmed cases. Among the confirmed cases are thirty- one (31) learners, two (2) teachers, three (3) students and four (4) health care workers. Of all the confirmed cases,

six (6), representing 4% are reported to have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

3. We have recorded three hundred and six (306) new recoveries.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 01 August 2021

Region	Number
Oshana	89
Erongo	84
Omusati	64
Kharas	30
Kunene	20
Otjozondjupa	13
Hardap	6
Total	306

4. We now have twenty thousand one hundred and forty-eight (20 148) active cases. Four hundred and thirty-three (433) are hospitalized, of which eighty-four (84) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 01 August 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	145	44
Oshana	67	14
Kunene	43	0
Erongo	37	14
Kharas	24	1
Oshikoto	23	11
Ohangwena	23	0
Omusati	21	0
Kavango East	18	0
Otjozondjupa	15	0
Zambezi	8	0
Hardap	5	0
Omaheke	4	0
Total	433	84

5. We announce seven (7) deaths from three (3) districts.

Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 01 August 2021

District	Gender		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		Covid Death	C-R death		
Windhoek	2	2	4	4	0	0	4
Tsandi	1	1	2	2	0	0	2
Nankudu	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Total	3	4	7	7	0	0	7

Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 01 August 2021

Age group	No. of Deaths	Vaccination Status		
		1st dose	2nd dose	Indetermined
Under 1	0			
1-4	0			
5-9	0			
10-19	0	0	0	0
20-29	0	0	0	0
30-39	1	0	0	0
40-49	1	0	0	0
50-59	1	0	0	1
60-69	3	1	0	0
70-79	0	0	0	0
80-89	0	0	0	0
90+	1	0	0	0
Total	7	1	0	1

6. Windhoek reported the highest number of deaths with four (4) deaths, followed by Tsandi with two (2) and Nankudu with one (1).
7. All seven (7) deaths being reported today occurred in July 2021: two (2) occurred between 19-24 July, three (3) occurred between 25- 26 July, and two (2) occurred on the 31 July (within 24 hours reporting cycle).
8. As of the 1 August 2021, a total of **164 703** people have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, while **49 356** have received two doses and regarded as fully vaccinated, as depicted in Table 5 and 6 below:

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 01 August 2021

Region	#New persons vaccinated with 1 st doses of Sinopharm	Total persons who received 1 st doses of Sinopharm	#New persons vaccinated with 1 st dose of AstraZeneca (AZ)	Total persons vaccinated with 1 st doses of AZ	Total persons vaccinated with 1 st doses of Sinopharm and AZ
Erongo	0	7 536	0	9 327	16 863
Hardap	0	5 018	0	3 674	8 692
Kharas	0	4 378	0	2 769	7 147
Kavango East	0	4 160	0	4 435	8 595
Kavango West	0	1 350	0	2 173	3 523
Khomas	294	25 665	0	23 824	49 489
Kunene	0	4 228	0	3 526	7 754
Ohangwena	0	5 626	0	3 785	9 411
Omaheke	0	4 203	0	3 060	7 263
Omusati	0	5 518	0	5 183	10 701
Oshana	0	6 953	0	3 474	10 427
Oshikoto	185	5 273	0	2 820	8 093
Otjozondjupa	0	7 771	0	5 938	13 709
Zambezi	3	2 205	0	831	3 036
Total	482	89 884	0	74 819	164 703

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 2nd dose, 01 August 2021

Region	# of new persons who received 2 nd doses Sinopharm	Total persons who received 2 nd doses of Sinopharm	# of new persons who received 2 nd doses of AstraZeneca	Total persons who received 2 nd doses of AZ	Total 2 nd doses of Sinopharm and AZ
Erongo	0	3 466	0	396	3 862
Hardap	0	1 962	0	30	1 992
Kharas	0	2 245	0	353	2 598
Kavango East	0	1 787	0	962	2 749
Kavango West	0	720	0	97	817
Khomas	53	13 280	0	1 271	14 551
Kunene	0	1 790	0	86	1 876
Ohangwena	0	2 294	0	289	2 583
Omaheke	0	1 536	0	164	1 700
Omusati	0	2 482	0	600	3 082
Oshana	0	3 136	0	966	4 102
Oshikoto	17	2 395	0	339	2 734
Otjozondjupa	0	4 465	0	926	5 391
Zambezi	4	1 204	0	115	1 319
Total	74	42 762	0	6 594	49 356

9. *Table 7: Summary of the national update, 01 August 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	119 442
Newly confirmed	157
Recoveries	96 219
Recovery rate	81%
Active cases	20 148
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses administered	164 703
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses administered	49 356
COVID-19 Deaths	2 797
COVID-19 Related Deaths	267
Total Deaths	3 064
Total samples tested	616 179
Active contacts	2 941
Cumulative number of people quarantined	69 154
Number of quarantined people discharged	65 923
Number of people in quarantines	3 231

10. **Key message**

- The numbers of new infections and the positivity ratio are much lower than has been the case during the previous reporting cycles. However, it is still too early to read much in them. Although there has been significant relaxation in the measures, the public is urged to continue to intensify public health measures as before. The responsibility for compliance has shifted to individuals and communities. Let us not plant seeds for the next wave.
- On Saturday, Khomas, Oshikoto and Zambezi conducted vaccination campaign. The rest of the regions did not conduct vaccination campaign as indicated with a zero in the respective columns in Table 4a and Table 4b.

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