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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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**WINDHOEK**

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1. Good afternoon fellow citizens. Today, three hundred and one (301) new COVID-19 confirmed cases were identified from two thousand and twelve (2012) results received from the laboratories. This represents a 15% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is one hundred and fifty-two (152) females and one hundred and forty-nine (149) males. The age range is from five (5) months to eighty-three (83) years. The new COVID-19 cases are distributed as follows:

*Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases*

| REGIONS      | NEW CASES  | DISTRICTS    | NEW CASES  |
|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Khomas       | 207        | Windhoek     | 207        |
| Erongo       | 33         | Walvis Bay   | 15         |
|              |            | Swakopmund   | 13         |
|              |            | Omaruru      | 4          |
|              |            | Usakos       | 1          |
| Karas        | 18         | Lüderitz     | 12         |
|              |            | Karasburg    | 3          |
|              |            | Keetmanshoop | 3          |
| Oshana       | 17         | Oshakati     | 17         |
| Otjozondjupa | 13         | Otjiwarongo  | 9          |
|              |            | Okahandja    | 3          |
|              |            | Okakarara    | 1          |
| Oshikoto     | 5          | Tsumeb       | 5          |
| Kunene       | 3          | Opuwo        | 2          |
|              |            | Khorixas     | 1          |
| Kavango East | 2          | Andara       | 1          |
|              |            | Rundu        | 1          |
| Omusati      | 2          | Outapi       | 2          |
| Omaheke      | 1          | Gobabis      | 1          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>301</b> |              | <b>301</b> |

2. Among the 301 positive cases identified, two hundred and seven (207) cases are from Windhoek district which is almost double the cases reported yesterday. This represents 69% of the total number of confirmed cases. This is just fifteen (15) cases less than the highest number of 316 cases, we reported on 23 August 2020, before we started with a downward trend. This is a clear indication of resurgence of cases, therefore doubling efforts is urgently required in curbing further transmission.

3. It is very concerning that Windhoek district continues reporting the highest numbers of newly confirmed cases in the country. As we edge closer to the Christmas holidays characterized by heavy traffic in and out the capital city to the rest of the country, we urge all citizens to observe COVID-19 prevention measures to curb further spread of the virus especially to the regions currently recording low numbers of new infections. We re-emphasize the need for all members of the public to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 by practicing social distancing, wearing masks, washing hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub, staying at home if feeling unwell and seeking medical care early if having a fever, cough and difficulty breathing. Public gatherings of more than 200 people are strictly prohibited. Avoid crowded places and close contact with anyone that has a fever or cough.
4. Today we are reporting twenty-three (23) new recoveries. This brings the total number of recoveries to 14 218.

*Table 2: New recoveries per region*

| <b>Region</b> | <b>Number</b> |
|---------------|---------------|
| Oshikoto      | 8             |
| Otjozondjupa  | 8             |
| Khomas        | 7             |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>23</b>     |

5. The total number of active cases currently stands at 1 394. Ten (10) active cases are in severe to critical condition of whom nine (9) are in Khomas region and one (1) is in Erongo region. Five (5) of the Khomas cases are under critical care.

*Table 3: Distribution of severity of cases per region*

| <b>Region</b> | <b>Severe</b> | <b>Critical</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Khomas        | 4             | 5               | 9            |
| Erongo        | 0             | 1               | 1            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>4</b>      | <b>6</b>        | <b>10</b>    |

6. We announce three hospital deaths, two are from Windhoek district and one is from Oshakati district.

*Table 4: Summary of deaths*

| <b>District</b> | <b>Sex</b> | <b>Age</b> | <b>Comorbidities</b> | <b>Date of Death</b> | <b>Classification</b>  |
|-----------------|------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Windhoek        | Female     | 87         | Yes                  | 30.11.20             | COVID-19 Related Death |
| Windhoek        | Male       | 36         | Yes                  | 02.12.20             | COVID-19 Related Death |
| Oshakati        | Male       | 73         | Yes                  | 09.12.20             | COVID-19 Related Death |

We express sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

*Table 5: Summary of the update*

|                                         |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Cumulative confirmed cases              | 15 773  |
| Newly confirmed                         | 301     |
| Recoveries                              | 14 218  |
| Active cases                            | 1394    |
| COVID-19 Death                          | 118     |
| COVID-19 Related Death                  | 40      |
| Total Deaths                            | 158     |
| Active contacts                         | 3 217   |
| Total samples tested                    | 170 817 |
| Cumulative number of people quarantined | 21 162  |
| Number of quarantined people discharged | 20 480  |
| Number of people in quarantines         | 682     |

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