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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow citizens. Today, two hundred and sixty-seven (267) new COVID-19 confirmed cases were identified from one thousand seven hundred and twenty-three (1 723) results received from the laboratories. This represents a 15% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is one hundred and thirty-six (136) Males and one hundred and thirty-one (131) females. The age range is from three (3) months to eighty (80) years. The new COVID-19 cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	190	Windhoek	190
Karas	20	Lüderitz	13
		Karasburg	6
		Keetmanshoop	1
Otjozondjupa	15	Otjiwarongo	9
		Okahandja	3
		Grootfontein	3
Kunene	14	Khorixas	14
Erongo	9	Swakopmund	6
		Omaruru	2
		Walvis bay	1
Hardap	6	Mariental	3
		Rehoboth	2
		Aranos	1
Oshana	5	Oshakati	5
Oshikoto	4	Tsumeb	4
Kavango East	2	Rundu	2
Omaheke	2	Gobabis	2
Total	267		267

2. One hundred and ninety (190) of these cases are from Windhoek district only, which represent 71%. The Windhoek district cases are sporadically distributed across different suburbs.
3. We have recorded twenty-five (25) health care workers who contracted Covid-19. Fifteen (15) are from Windhoek district, five (5) are from Karasburg district, two (2) are from Khorixas district, one (1) each from Grootfontein, Swakopmund and Gobabis districts. This is very concerning as we have seen a significant number of eighty-three (83) Health care worker getting infected with COVID-19 during the past 7 days. The Ministry will investigate the circumstances and take appropriate action.
4. Today we are reporting one hundred and two (102) new recoveries, with Khomas region reporting the highest number of recoveries. This brings the total number of recoveries to 14 684.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Khomas	75
Erongo	25
Omusati	2
Total	102

5. The total number of active cases currently stands at 1 689. Fifteen (15) active cases are in severe to critical condition. Fourteen (14) are in Khomas and one (1) is in Erongo.

Table 3: Distribution of severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Khomas	11	3	14
Erongo	0	1	1
Total	11	4	15

6. *Table 4: Summary of the update*

Cumulative confirmed cases	16 536
Newly confirmed	267
Recoveries	14 684
Active cases	1 689
COVID-19 Death	120
COVID-19 Related Death	40
Total Deaths	160
Active contacts	3 662
Total samples tested	175 923
Cumulative number of people quarantined	21 404
Number of quarantined people discharged	20 708
Number of people in quarantines	696

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