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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow citizens. Today, we are announcing one hundred and ninety (190) new COVID-19 confirmed cases that were identified from one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six (1 826) results. This represents a 10% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is ninety-nine (99) females and ninety-one (91) males. The age range is from one (1) year to seventy-six (76) years. The new COVID-19 cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	107	Windhoek	107
Kunene	24	Opuwo	19
		Khorixas	4
		Outjo	1
Erongo	19	Usakos	6
		Swakopmund	5
		Walvis Bay	5
		Omaruru	3
Oshana	16	Oshakati	16
Oshikoto	7	Omuthiya	4
		Onandjokwe	3
Otjozondjupa	6	Otjiwarongo	5
		Okakarara	1
Omaheke	3	Gobabis	3
Omusati	3	Outapi	1
		Tsandi	1
		Oshikuku	1
Karas	2	Lüderitz	2
Kavango-East	2	Rundu	2
Hardap	1	Rehoboth	1
Total	190		190

2. Windhoek district cases constitute 56% of the total reported cases nationwide. Among the reported cases are seven (7) learners and five teachers from different schools across the country and five (5) students from institutions of higher learning of whom three (3) are from UNAM and two (2) are from other institutions. Nine (9) are employees from enclosed settings in Windhoek district.
3. We continue reporting a high number of infections among health care workers. A total of fourteen (14) additional health care workers have tested positive for COVID-19. These health care workers are distributed across the country with Khomas region reporting three (3), five (5) each for Kunene and Oshana and one each for Erongo and Oshikoto regions. As announced yesterday plans for investigations into this occurrence are underway.

4. As we continue fighting the spread of COVID-19 infection, we urge all citizens to observe the 3 W's to reduce the risk of COVID-19. Wear a mask, Wash your hands, Watch your distance. We encourage all health care workers to utilize their PPE as set in the guidelines for COVID-19 prevention in the health care facility setting.
5. Today we are reporting one hundred and fifty-three (153) new recoveries, with Khomas region once again reporting the highest number of recoveries.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Khomas	98
Hardap	30
Otjozondjupa	25
Total	153

6. The total number of active cases currently stands at 1 723. Ten (10) active cases are in severe to critical condition of whom nine (9) are in Khomas and one (1) is in Erongo.
7. Sadly, we are announcing three hospital deaths from Windhoek district.

Table 3: Summary of deaths

Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of death	Classification
Male	77	Yes	09.12.2020	COVID-19 Death
Female	60	Yes	11.12.2020	COVID-19 Related Death
Male	80	Yes	13.12.2020	COVID-19 Death

We express sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

8. *Table 4: Summary of the update*

Cumulative confirmed cases	16 726
Newly confirmed	190
Recoveries	14 837
Active cases	1 723
COVID-19 Death	122
COVID-19 Related Death	41
Total Deaths	163
Active contacts	3 767
Total samples tested	177 749
Cumulative number of people quarantined	21 514
Number of quarantined people discharged	20 750
Number of people in quarantines	764

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