

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

**UPDATE BY DR. KALUMBI SHANGULA, MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL
SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

15 March 2021

WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce two hundred and twenty-four (224) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from one thousand six hundred and thirty-four (1 634) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 14% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is one hundred and twenty (120) females and one hundred and four (104) males. The age range is from five (5) months to eighty-one (81) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 15 March 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Erongo	35	Walvis Bay	22
		Usakos	5
		Swakopmund	4
		Omaruru	4
Omusati	32	Tsandi	28
		Outapi	2
		Oshikuku	2
Oshikoto	31	Tsumeb	18
		Onandjokwe	13
Ohangwena	23	Engela	10
		Eenhana	5
		Okongo	8
Khomas	22	Windhoek	22
Zambezi	16	Katima Mulilo	16
Oshana	16	Oshakati	16
Kunene	12	Khorixas	9
		Opuwo	3
Otjozondjupa	11	Okahandja	6
		Grootfontein	3
		Otjiwarongo	2
Kavango East	9	Rundu	8
		Nyangana	1
Hardap	9	Rehoboth	8
		Mariental	1
Karas	7	Keetmanshoop	5
		Lüderitz	2
Omaheke	1	Gobabis	1
Total	224		224

2. Among the confirmed cases are seventy-eight (78) learners. Twenty-three (23) are from Onesi Senior Secondary School (SSS) in Tsandi district, ten (10) are from Ongha SSS in Engela district and the rest are from different schools. Nine (9) healthcare workers, eight (8) teachers and nine (9) students also tested positive for COVID-19 infection.
3. We have recorded forty-four (44) new recoveries. The recovery rate stands at 93%.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 15 March 2021

Region	Number
Karas	21
Kavango East	12
Otjozondjupa	6
Kavango West	4
Omusati	1
Total	44

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at two thousand four hundred and thirty-seven (2 437). One hundred and eighty-seven (187) are hospitalized, of which twenty-five (25) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 15 March 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	76	16
Erongo	19	4
Karas	17	1
Omusati	13	0
Oshana	12	3
Zambezi	9	0
Oshikoto	8	1
Kavango East	8	0
Hardap	7	0
Ohangwena	6	0
Otjozondjupa	6	0
Omaheke	3	0
Kunene	3	0
Total	187	25

5. We announce seven (7) Covid-19 deaths from Otjiwarongo, Windhoek and Oshakati.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 15 March 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Otjiwarongo	Female	68	Yes	11.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
	Female	67	Yes	12.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
	Male	44	No	15.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
Windhoek	Male	60	Yes	13.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
	Female	67	Yes	12.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
	Male	78	No	15.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
Oshakati	Female	90	No	14.03.2021	COVID-19 Death

We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

6. *Table 5: Summary of the national update, 15 March 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	41 424
Newly confirmed	224
Recoveries	38 514
Active cases	2 437
COVID-19 Deaths	371
COVID-19 Related Deaths	94
Total Deaths	465
Total samples tested	324 162
Active contacts	3 989
Cumulative number of people quarantined	38 378
Number of quarantined people discharged	36 602
Number of people in quarantines	1 776

7. I congratulate the Namibian Social Workers on the World Social Workers Day 2021. The Social Workers are an important component of our Covid-19 response, responsible for psychosocial support especially to patients, bereaved families and learners in isolation facilities. We value their services and wish them strength on this day in order to continue to serves the Namibian people.

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