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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow citizens. Today, one hundred and eighty-seven (187) new COVID-19 confirmed cases were identified from nine hundred and twenty-eight (928) results. This represents a 20% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is ninety-four (94) males and ninety-three (93) females. The age range is from two (2) years 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	131	Windhoek	131
Karas	21	Karasburg	11
		Lüderitz	10
Oshana	18	Oshakati	18
Erongo	7	Usakos	4
		Swakopmund	3
Omusati	4	Tsandi	3
		Oshikuku	1
Oshikoto	3	Onandjokwe	3
Ohangwena	3	Engela	3
Total	187		187

2. Windhoek district cases constitute 70% of the total reported cases nationwide. Among the reported cases are eleven (11) learners from different schools and six (6) students from institutions of higher learning. Twenty-two (22) additional health care workers have tested positive for COVID-19. These health care workers are distributed across the country with Windhoek district reporting eleven (11) cases, five (5) from Karasburg district, four (4) from Oshakati district and two (2) from Lüderitz district.
3. We re-emphasize the importance of observing COVID-19 prevention measures and regulations if we are to see an end to this COVID-19 pandemic.
4. Today we are reporting one hundred and forty-four (144) new recoveries, of which 91% of these are from Windhoek district. This brings the total number of recoveries to 14,981.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Khomas	131
Kunene	11
Omusati	2
Total	144

5. The total number of active cases currently stands at 1 765. It is worrisome that we are reporting twenty-eight (28) active cases who are currently in severe to critical conditions, of whom twenty-six (26) are in Khomas region and two (2) are in Erongo region.

Table 3: Distribution of severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Khomas	20	6	26
Erongo	0	2	2
Total	20	8	28

6. We are announcing a COVID-19 death from Walvis Bay district. A 59-year-old male with known comorbidities presented to a local health facility with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. He passed away on the 12th of December 2020. We express sincere condolences to the bereaved family.

7. *Table 4: Summary of the update*

Cumulative confirmed cases	16 913
Newly confirmed	187
Recoveries	14 981
Active cases	1 765
COVID-19 Death	123
COVID-19 Related Death	41
Total Deaths	164
Active contacts	3 830
Total samples tested	178 677
Cumulative number of people quarantined	21 678
Number of quarantined people discharged	20 833
Number of people in quarantines	845

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