

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.**

16 March 2021

WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce forty-two (42) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from seven hundred and eighty-four (784) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 5% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is twenty-three (23) females and nineteen (19) males. The age range is from (2) years to seventy-one (71) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 16 March 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Karas	13	Luderitz	13
Khomas	11	Windhoek	11
Kavango East	5	Rundu	4
		Nyangana	1
Hardap	5	Mariental	5
Erongo	3	Walvis Bay	3
Zambezi	3	Katima Mulilo	3
Kunene	1	Khorixas	1
Omaheke	1	Gobabis	1
Total	42		42

2. Among the confirmed cases are ten (10) learners from different schools representing 24%. Five (5) healthcare workers, two (2) teachers and two (2) students.
3. We have recorded two hundred and seventy-nine (279) new recoveries. The recovery rate stands at 94%.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 16 March 2021

Region	Number
Ohangwena	123
Khomas	70
Kavango East	41
Erongo	27
Karas	9
Hardap	5
Oshana	4
Total	279

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at two thousand one hundred and ninety (2190). One hundred and eighty-seven (187) are hospitalized, of which twenty-eighty (28) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 16 March 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	72	17
Erongo	19	4
Karas	19	1
Oshana	15	5
Omusati	15	0
Zambezi	8	0
Kavango East	8	0
Oshikoto	7	1
Hardap	7	0
Otjozondjupa	6	0
Ohangwena	5	0
Omaheke	3	0
Kunene	3	0
Total	187	28

5. We announce nine (9) deaths from Keetmanshoop, Khorixas, Mariental, Windhoek and Walvis Bay districts.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 16 March 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Keetmanshoop	Female	62	Yes	14.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
	Male	49	Yes	14.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
Khorixas	Female	63	Yes	13.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
Mariental	Female	54	Yes	08.03.2021	COVID-19 Related Death
	Male	61	Yes	10.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
	Female	86	Yes	07.03.2.21	COVID-19 Death
Windhoek	Male	67	No	15.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
Usakos	Male	54	Yes	15.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
Walvis Bay	Male	91	Yes	27.02.2021	COVID-19 Death

We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

6. *Table 5: Summary of the national update, 16 March 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	41 466
Newly confirmed	42
Recoveries	38 793
Active cases	2 190
COVID-19 Deaths	379
COVID-19 Related Deaths	95
Total Deaths	474
Total samples tested	324 946
Active contacts	3 998
Cumulative number of people quarantined	38 494
Number of quarantined people discharged	36 900
Number of people in quarantines	1 594

7. Today we have recorded few number of positive cases, but so has the number of the tests carried out. Therefore, we should not read much from today's results in terms of positive trend. What is of great concern is the high number of deaths. As we need to strengthen preventive measures, we must also embrace the Covid-19 vaccination opportunities to strengthen our defence.

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