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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce one hundred and fifty-four (**154**) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from one thousand one hundred and ninety-seven (**1 197**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours reporting cycle, which represents **13%** positivity ratio. The gender distribution is seventy-eight (**78**) males and seventy-six (**76**) females. The age ranges from five (**5**) months to one hundred and eleven (**111**) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

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

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Ohangwena	37	Eenhana	19
		Engela	13
		Okongo	5
Oshikoto	33	Tsumeb	13
		Onandjokwe	10
		Omuthiya	10
Omusati	18	Outapi	16
		Oshikuku	1
		Tsandi	1
Oshana	17	Oshakati	17
Erongo	16	Omaruru	8
		Walvis bay	4
		Swakopmund	4
Kunene	9	Opuwo	5
		Outjo	2
		Khorixas	2
Omaheke	7	Gobabis	7
Khomas	6	Windhoek	6
Otjozondjupa	6	Otjiwarongo	3
		Grootfontein	3
Kharas	3	Karasburg	3
Kavango West	2	Nankudu	2
Total	154		154

2. We are reporting cases from eleven (11) regions, with most cases from Ohangwena region accounting for 24%, followed by Oshikoto region with 21%. Among the confirmed cases are thirty-six (36) learners, six (6) teachers, two (2) students and five (5) health care workers.

3. Of the confirmed cases, 11 (7.1%) have received the first dose and 6 (4%) have received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccines.
4. We have recorded one thousand and seventy-four (1 074) new recoveries and they distributed as follows:

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

Region	Number
Khomas	955
Omusati	61
Oshana	48
Ohangwena	6
Hardap	3
Zambezi	1
Total	1 074

5. We now have two thousand nine hundred and seventeen (2 917) active cases. Two hundred and forty (240) are hospitalized, of which forty-nine (49) are in ICU.

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

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases		Intensive Care Unit	
	Current	Previous	Current	Previous
Khomas	56	65	24	26
Oshana	38	39	9	8
Kunene	31	30	0	0
Erongo	24	23	11	12
Omusati	18	17	0	0
Kharas	16	16	1	1
Ohangwena	15	18	0	1
Otjozondjupa	13	17	0	0
Oshikoto	11	14	4	4
Kavango East	7	7	0	0
Omaheke	6	6	0	0
Zambezi	3	5	0	0
Kavango West	2	2	0	0
Total	240	259	49	52

6. We announce three (3) deaths from three (3) districts with one (1) death each

Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 16 August 2021

District	Gender		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		Covid death	COVID-19 Related death		
Eenhana	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Okongo	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Onandjokwe	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Total	2	1	3	3	0	1	1

7. *Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 16 August 2021*

Age group	No. of Deaths	Vaccination Status		
		1st dose	2nd dose	Indetermined
Under 1	1			
1-4	0			
5-9	0			
10-19	0	0	0	0
20-29	0	0	0	0
30-39	0	0	0	0
40-49	0	0	0	0
50-59	0	0	0	0
60-69	2	0	0	0
70-79	0	0	0	0
80-89	0	0	0	0
90+	0	0	0	0

8. One of the demised was reported as a home death from Okongo district. None of the deceased have been vaccinated.
9. Of the reported deaths, one (1) occurred on 5 August and two (2) occurred between 10-14 August 2021. No death was recorded during the reporting cycle.
10. By 16 August 2021, a total of **187 892** people have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, while **80 664** had received two doses, as depicted on tables 5 and 6 below:

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 16 August 2021

Region	#New persons vaccinated with 1 st doses of Sinopharm	Total persons who received 1 st doses of Sinopharm	#New persons vaccinated with 1 st dose of AstraZeneca (AZ)	Total persons vaccinated with 1 st doses of AZ	Total persons vaccinated with 1 st doses of Sinopharm and AZ
Erongo	58	9 605	65	9 622	19 227
Hardap	213	7 140	2	3 681	10 821
Kharas	6	5 151	0	2 839	7 990
Kavango East	84	5 408	88	4 646	10 054
Kavango West	134	1 765	24	2 227	3 992
Khomas	0	29 505	0	23 900	53 405
Kunene	235	5 836	4	3 547	9 383
Ohangwena	311	7 853	14	3 805	11 658
Omaheke	0	5 182	0	3 265	8 447
Omusati	365	7 534	37	5 283	12 817
Oshana	139	8 101	92	3 756	11 857
Oshikoto	143	6 780	5	2 875	9 655
Otjozondjupa	0	9 051	0	6 230	15 281
Zambezi	0	2 474	0	831	3 305
Total	1 688	111 385	331	76 507	187 892

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 2nd dose, 16 August 2021

Region	# of new persons who received 2 nd doses of Sinopharm	Total persons who received 2 nd doses of Sinopharm	# of new persons who received 2 nd doses of AstraZeneca	Total persons who received 2 nd doses of AstraZeneca	Total 2 nd doses of Sinopharm and AstraZeneca
Erongo	10	4 518	97	4 360	8 878
Hardap	68	2 465	119	1 133	3 598
Kharas	4	2 945	15	957	3 902
Kavango East	23	2 153	100	1 710	3 863
Kavango West	31	914	338	853	1 767
Khomas	0	14 388	0	11 294	25 682
Kunene	33	2 178	210	712	2 890
Ohangwena	82	2 930	158	904	3 834
Omaheke	0	1 890	0	619	2 509
Omusati	104	3 315	237	1 474	4 789
Oshana	38	3 860	136	1 758	5 618
Oshikoto	3	3 216	12	820	4 036
Otjozondjupa	0	5 154	0	2 283	7 437
Zambezi	0	1 522	0	339	1 861
Total	396	51 448	1 422	29 216	80 664

11. *Table 7: Summary of the national update, 16 August 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	122 699
Newly confirmed	154
Recoveries	116 483
Recovery rate	95%
Active cases	2 917
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses	187 892
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses	80 664
COVID-19 Deaths	3 009
COVID-19 Related Deaths	279
Total Deaths	3 288
Total samples tested	638 995
Active contacts	1 965
Cumulative number of people quarantined	70 764
Number of quarantined people discharged	69 154
Number of people in quarantines	1 620

12. **Key message**

- We note that the northern regions are recording the highest number of new infections. These are the regions that are still reporting deaths. The same regions are having a low vaccines uptake. The association between the three variables are obvious. We there implore political, health, religious and traditional leadership to intensify awareness creation efforts to boost the vaccines uptake in order to reduce new infections and deaths in these regions.

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