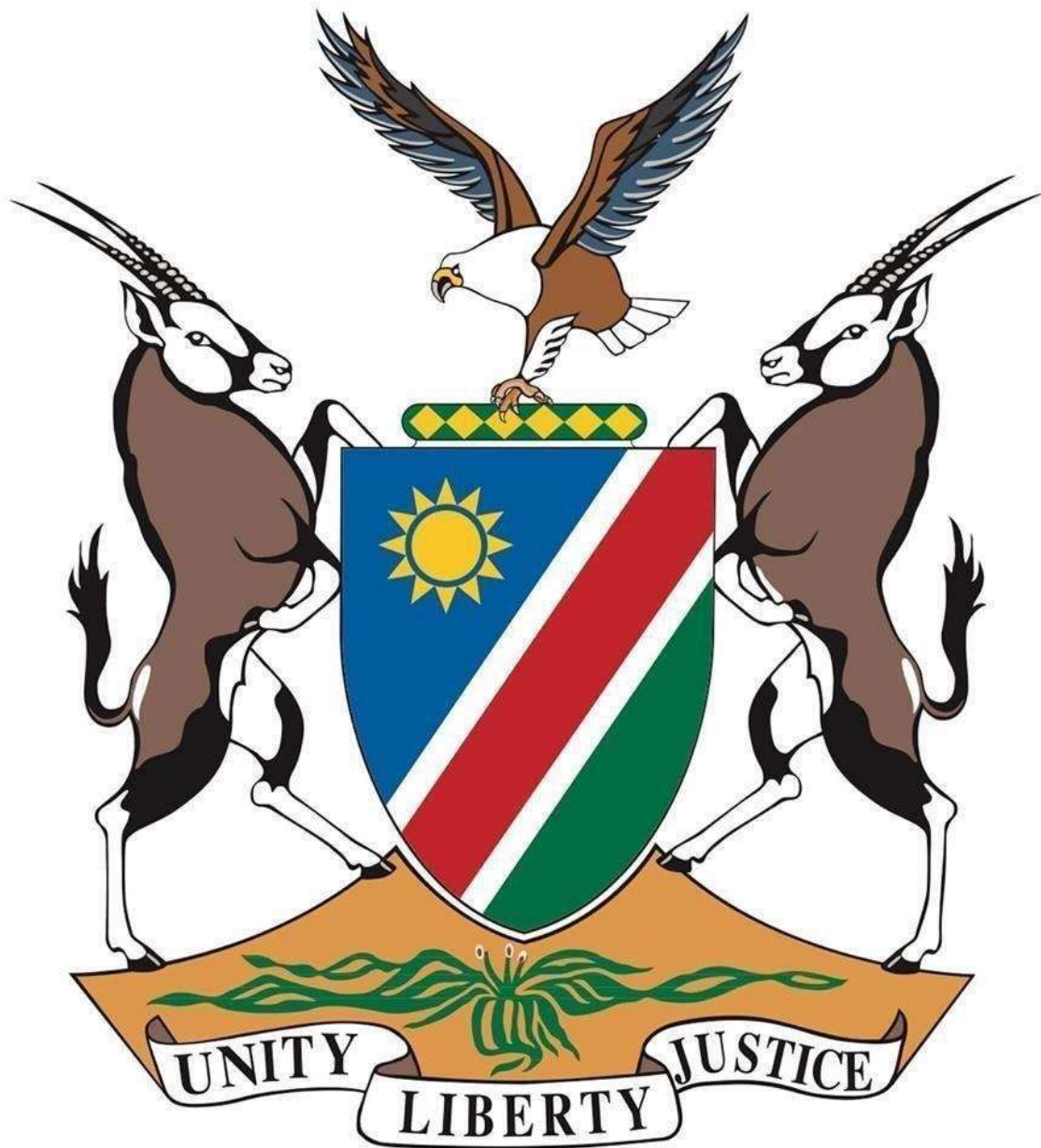


REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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

16 April 2021

WINDHOEK
**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce one hundred and forty-five (145) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from one thousand two hundred and fifty-three (1 253) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 12% positivity rate. The gender distribution of the reported cases is eighty-seven (87) females and fifty-eight (58) males. The age range is from five (5) months to seventy-one (71) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

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

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	30	Windhoek	30
Erongo	27	Swakopmund	13
		Walvis Bay	11
		Usakos	3
Otjozondjupa	20	Grootfontein	12
		Okahandja	7
		Otjiwarongo	1
Hardap	18	Rehoboth	10
		Mariental	7
		Aranos	1
Kavango East	12	Rundu	12
Ohangwena	11	Eenhana	11
Oshana	9	Oshakati	9
Kunene	6	Opuwo	3
		Khorixas	2
		Outjo	1
Oshikoto	5	Tsumeb	3
		Onandjokwe	1
		Omuthiya	1
Karas	4	Keetmashoop	2
		Karasburg	1
		Lüderitz	1
Omusati	3	Tsandi	2
		Okahao	1
Total	145		145

2. Among the confirmed cases are twenty-one (21) learners and eight (8) students from different schools. Five (5) health care workers and four (4) teachers also tested positive for COVID-19.

3. We have recorded seventy (70) new recoveries.

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

Region	Number
Otjozondjupa	37
Khomas	14
Karas	9
Oshana	7
Zambezi	3
Total	70

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at one thousand three hundred and twenty-eight (1 328). One hundred and thirty (130) are hospitalized, of which twenty-seven (27) are in ICU.

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

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	67	19
Erongo	20	5
Hardap	10	0
Oshana	8	2
Zambezi	5	0
Oshikoto	4	0
Karas	4	0
Ohangwena	3	0
Otjozondjupa	3	0
Kavango East	3	1
Omaheke	2	0
Omusati	1	0
Total	130	27

5. We continue losing lives due to this invisible enemy. We announce three deaths due to COVID-19, both in Windhoek district.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 16 April 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Windhoek	Male	63	Yes	25/03/2021	COVID-related Death
	Female	60	Yes	15/03/2021	COVID-19 Death
	Female	73	Yes	16/04/2021	COVID-19 Death

6. Yesterday, four hundred and six (406) COVID-19 vaccine doses were administered, of which two hundred and sixty-seven (267) were in Khomas and one hundred and thirty-nine (139) in Erongo region. Cumulatively, a total of three thousand nine hundred and ninety-three (3993) vaccine doses have been administered since the roll-out.

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccines administered, 16 April 2021

Region	Doses administered on 15/04/21	Total doses administered since the roll-out
Khomas	267	3008
Erongo	139	985
Total	406	3993

7. *Table 6: Summary of the national update, 16 April 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	46 330
Newly confirmed	145
Recoveries	44 392
Recovery rate	96%
Active cases	1 328
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccines doses administered	3993
COVID-19 Deaths	486
COVID-19 Related Deaths	113
Total Deaths	599
Total samples tested	368 930
Active contacts	3 968
Cumulative number of people quarantined	43 486
Number of quarantined people discharged	41 758
Number of people in quarantines	1 728

Key Message

- We are receiving reports of religious organizations that are not adhering to the national COVID-19 regulations. With the spread of COVID-19 throughout the country, we are encouraging all institutions to adhere to the safety measures:
 - Limit congregants to a maximum of 100 people per gathering
 - Mark areas to provide a visual for keeping at least 1metre apart. Ensure every other row of seating is blocked by markings and limiting the number of people who may sit in each area
 - Clean surfaces with disinfectant prior to any service or function
 - All church members are required by law to wear face masks throughout the service including preachers
 - Avail hand sanitizers to use before entering the worship space
 - Limit the sharing of hymnals or bulletins by distributing the pertinent information electronically prior to services.
 - Increase air circulation in the church by using air-conditioning or opening doors and windows.

- Discourage congregants from holding or shaking hands at any point during services, this includes the customary peace giving session in some churches where members hold hands.
 - Ask any ill congregants to stay home from service
- We are announcing to the general public that as of Monday, 19 April 2021, the vaccination campaign will be expanded to cover all regions. Therefore, we continue to encourage all eligible populations to be vaccinated at the nearest designated vaccination points in their communities.

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