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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Today we announce one thousand five hundred and eighteen (1 518) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from three thousand seven hundred and ninety-four (3 794) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 40% positivity ratio. The positives are made up of eight hundred and thirty-six (836) females and six hundred and eighty-two (682) males. The age range is from one (1) month to ninety-one (91) years.
2. *Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 20 June 2021*

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	927	Windhoek	927
Erongo	256	Walvis Bay	107
		Swakopmund	82
		Usakos	55
		Omaruru	12
Hardap	122	Rehoboth	81
		Mariental	28
		Aranos	13
Otjozondjupa	42	Otjiwarongo	37
		Okakarara	2
		Grootfontein	2
		Okahandja	1
Oshikoto	41	Tsumeb	33
		Omuthiya	8
Kavango East	33	Rundu	12
		Andara	11
		Nyangana	10
Kunene	28	Khorixas	16
		Outjo	11
		Opuwo	1
Kharas	16	Keetmanshoop	14
		Karasburg	1
		Lüderitz	1
Oshana	15	Oshakati	15
Omusati	15	Okahao	15
Ohangwena	13	Eenhana	13
Omaheke	7	Gobabis	7
Zambezi	3	Katima Mulilo	3
Total	1 518		1 518

3. Khomas region still report more cases representing 61% followed by Erongo with 17% of the total number of confirmed cases. Among the confirmed cases, one hundred and fifty-eight (158) are learners of which twenty-six (26) are from St Joseph High School, in Khomas region. Thirty-eight (38) students from different institutions of high learning, thirty-six (36) from education sector, of which thirty-four (34) are teachers and thirty-three (33) health workers, have tested positive for COVID-19.
4. Of all confirmed cases, only seventeen (17), which represent one percent (1%) are recorded to have been vaccinated, mostly the first dose, with one person have received two doses of Sinopharm.

5. We have recorded four hundred and twenty-seven (427) new recoveries.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 20 June 2021

Region	Number
Erongo	256
Kharas	95
Kunene	52
Zambezi	13
Otjozondjupa	11
Total	427

6. We now have thirteen thousand eight hundred and thirty-one (13 831) active cases. Five hundred and four (504) are hospitalized, of which seventy- six (76) are in Intensive Care Units (ICU).

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 20 June 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	237	45
Erongo	55	11
Oshana	53	16
Otjozondjupa	31	0
Kavango East	26	0
Kharas	24	1
Zambezi	17	0
Oshikoto	15	3
Hardap	11	0
Ohangwena	11	0
Omusati	10	0
Omaheke	8	0
Kunene	6	0
Total	504	76

7. We announce three (3) deaths, two (2) from Oshakati and one (1) from Windhoek.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 20 June 2021

District	Age	Sex	Comorbidi ties	Date of Death	Classification	Vaccination status
Oshakati	80	Female	Yes	19.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	59	Female	Yes	17.06.2021	COVID-19 Related Death	Not Vaccinated
Windhoek	41	Female	Yes	18.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Unknown

I would like to inform the public that reporting three deaths today, is simply because most of the staff members at different hospitals who prepare these reports have to take a break during the weekend. The reality is, we are still observing more deaths, and these will be reported during the course of the week.

8. Tables 5 and 6 below show the number of people vaccinated with Sinopharm and AstraZeneca vaccines.

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 1st vaccines administered, as of 20 June 2021

Region	#New persons vaccinated with 1 st dose of Sinopharm	Total persons who received 1 st dose of Sinopharm	#New persons vaccinated with 1 st dose of AstraZeneca (AZ)	Total persons vaccinated with 1 st dose of AZ	Total persons vaccinated with 1 st doses of Sinopharm and AZ
Erongo	0	3 435	0	7 625	11 060
Hardap	0	1 686	0	2 774	4 460
Kharas	0	2 016	0	2 024	4 040
Kavango East	0	2 242	0	3 694	5 936
Kavango West	0	830	0	1 987	2 817
Khomas	0	15 131	0	21 108	36 239
Kunene	0	1 976	0	2 773	4 749
Ohangwena	0	2 520	0	2 512	5 032
Omaheke	32	2 157	56	2 200	4 357
Omusati	0	2 442	0	3 382	5 824
Oshana	0	3 053	0	2 483	5 536
Oshikoto	0	1 818	0	1 880	3 698
Otjozondjupa	0	3 988	0	4 749	8 737
Zambezi	3	987	5	727	1 714
Total	35	42 013	61	59 918	104 199

Table 6: Number of 2nd doses administered as of 20 June 2021

Region	# of new persons who received 2 nd doses of Sinopharm	# of New persons who received 2 nd doses of AstraZeneca	Total 2 nd doses of Sinopharm and AstraZeneca
Erongo	0	0	1 739
Hardap	0	0	988
Kharas	0	0	919
Kavango East	0	0	1 418
Kavango West	0	0	628
Khomas	0	0	5 837
Kunene	0	0	1 252
Ohangwena	0	0	1 028
Omaheke	2	0	883
Omusati	0	0	801
Oshana	0	0	1 621
Oshikoto	0	0	591
Otjozondjupa	0	0	1 686
Zambezi	12	0	460
Total	14	0	19 865

9. *Table 7: Summary of the national update, 20 June 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	74 682
Newly confirmed	1 518
Recoveries	59 676
Recovery rate	80%
Active cases	13 831
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses administered	104 199
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses administered	19 865
COVID-19 Deaths	988
COVID-19 Related Deaths	176
Total Deaths	1 164
Total samples tested	494 309
Active contacts	4 929
Cumulative number of people quarantined	56 257
Number of quarantined people discharged	52 845
Number of people in quarantines	3 412

8. **Key messages**

- The efficacy of vaccines is expressed in terms of percentage. If the efficacy of AstraZeneca is 76%, it means that if you vaccinate 100 people, 76 will be protected while 24 will not be protected. Therefore, among the people whom are vaccinated there will be those who will still be infected by Covid-19 even if they are fully vaccinated. However, the 76 people will be protected. It is better to protect 76 people from Covid-19 than not to protect all 100 people.
- There have been questions related to the possible incentives which we have announced recently. Some people are of the view that those who are vaccinated will be paid money. This is not true. The possible incentives is a proposal by some of our stakeholders in the private sector. It is not a government proposal. This proposal is aimed to primarily improve access to the vaccination sites. There are no concrete suggestions as yet. The public will be informed if this proposal will be put in action. So far there nothing concrete as yet.

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