

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.**

21 September 2021

WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce thirty-five **(35)** new COVID-19 confirmed cases from five hundred and thirty-six **(536)** results in the last twenty-four (24) hours reporting cycle, which represents 7% positivity ratio. The sex distribution is eighteen **(18)** males and seventeen **(17)** females. The age range is from two **(2)** weeks to one hundred and two **(102)** years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 21 September 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Ohangwena	9	Engela	7
		Okongo	1
		Eenhana	1
Oshikoto	6	Onandjokwe	5
		Omuthiya	1
Kavango East	5	Rundu	5
Kharas	5	Luderitz	3
		Keetmanshoop	2
Khomas	4	Windhoek	4
Omusati	2	Tsandi	2
Oshana	2	Oshakati	2
Hardap	1	Rehoboth	1
Otjozondjupa	1	Okahandja	1
Total	35		35

2. Of the confirmed cases, thirteen (13) are learners, of which five (5) are from Kapombo Combined School in Engela district and the rest are from different schools. Three (3) teachers and two (2) healthcare worker are among the positive cases. Among the confirmed cases one (1) is fully vaccinated.
3. We have recorded seventy (70) new recoveries from eight regions:

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 21 September 2021

Region	Number
Omusati	29
Oshikoto	22
Ohangwena	6
Khomas	5
Erongo	4
Kavango West	2
Kavango East	1
Zambezi	1
Total	70

4. The number of active cases are now one thousand two hundred and sixty-seven **(1 267)**. Ninety-three **(93)** are hospitalized, of which seventeen **(17)** are in ICU.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 21 September 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases		Intensive Care Unit	
	Current	Previous	Current	Previous
Erongo	14	14	5	5
Omusati	14	13	0	0
Khomas	13	14	4	3
Ohangwena	12	11	0	0
Oshana	10	15	6	5
Kunene	7	7	0	0
Kavango East	6	7	0	0
Kharas	5	5	0	0
Oshikoto	4	4	2	2
Zambezi	4	4	0	0
Kavango West	2	2	0	0
Otjozondjupa	2	1	0	0
Hardap	0	1	0	0
Omaheke	0	1	0	0
Total	93	99	17	15

5. We are reporting six (6) deaths from four (4) districts

Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 21 September 2021

District	Sex		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		Covid death	C-R death		
Onandjokwe	0	2	2	1	1	0	2
Rundu	0	*1+1	2	2	0	1	2
Eenhana	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Windhoek	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Total	0	6	6	5	1	1	6

*Home death

Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 21 September 2021

Age group	No. of Deaths	Vaccination Status	
		1st dose	2nd dose
Under 1	0		
1-4	0		
5-9	0		
10-19	0	0	0
20-29	0	0	0
30-39	2	0	0
40-49	0	0	0
50-59	1	0	0
60-69	0	0	0
70-79	0	0	0
80-89	1	0	0
90+	2	0	0
Total	6	0	0

6. Four (4) deaths occurred between 17-19 September 2021 and two occurred between 20-21 September 2021 which is within the 24-hours reporting period.
7. By 20 September 2021, a total of **248 269** people have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, of which **1 736** have received the Janssen & Johnson vaccine, which is only administered one dose, while **159 233** had received two doses. Therefore, **160 969** have completed the vaccination, as depicted on tables 5 and 6 below.

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 21 September 2021

	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik		Janssen&Johnson		Grand total 1 st dose
Region	New 1 st dose	Total 1 st dose	New 1 st dose	Total 1 st dose	New 1 st dose	Total 1 st dose	New 1 st dose	Total 1 st dose	
Erongo	118	14 141	46	12 239	0	0	317	377	26 757
Hardap	58	11 117	57	4 682	0	0	51	51	15 850
Kharas	99	7 652	1	3 405	0	0	25	25	11 082
Kavango East	55	7 628	28	5 230	0	0	0	0	12 858
Kavango West	55	3 104	18	2 804	0	0	0	0	5 908
Khomas	177	37 542	50	27 943	10	20	342	948	66 453
Kunene	0	9 149	0	4 676	0	0	0	0	13 825
Ohangwena	268	11 713	10	4 411	0	0	0	0	16 124
Omaheke	35	7 116	16	4 360	0	0	20	20	11 496
Omusati	104	10 362	55	6 203	0	0	16	16	16 581
Oshana	166	10 488	40	4 467	0	0	34	39	14 994
Oshikoto	183	9 997	9	3 402	0	0	23	23	13 422
Otjozondjupa	59	11 129	50	7 514	0	0	79	223	18 866
Zambezi	8	3 162	4	877	0	0	5	14	4 053
Total	1 385	154 300	384	92 213	10	20	912	1 736	248 269

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 2nd dose, 21 September 2021

	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik		Grand Total vaccinated with 2 nd dose
Region	New 2 nd dose	All 2 nd dose	New 2 nd dose	All 2 nd dose	New 2 nd dose	All 2 nd doses	
Erongo	243	9 966	79	7 884	0	0	17 850
Hardap	325	6 773	47	2 898	0	0	9 671
Kharas	82	5 362	17	2 144	0	0	7 506
Kavango East	62	3 942	97	2 395	0	0	6 337
Kavango West	79	2 158	18	2 065	0	0	4 223
Khomas	269	26 410	132	18 317	0	0	44 727
Kunene	0	4 856	0	2 444	0	0	7 300
Ohangwena	175	7 440	35	2 699	0	0	10 139
Omaheke	34	4 115	15	1 888	0	0	6 003
Omusati	105	7 237	63	3 610	0	0	10 847
Oshana	133	7 456	20	2 780	0	0	10 236
Oshikoto	158	6 799	40	1 958	0	0	8 757
Otjozondjupa	64	8 210	77	4 497	0	0	12 707
Zambezi	21	2 307	10	623	0	0	2 930
Total	1 750	103 031	650	56 202	0	0	159 233

8. *Table 7: Summary of the national update, 21 September 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	127 035
Newly confirmed	35
Recoveries	122 278
Recovery rate	96%
Active cases	1 267
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses	248 269
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses	159 233
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine completed	160 969
COVID-19 Deaths	3 192
COVID-19 Related Deaths	286
Total Deaths	3 478
Total samples tested	690 744
Active contacts	972
Cumulative number of people quarantined	77 254
Number of quarantined people discharged	76 251
Number of people in quarantines	1 003

9. **Key Message**

- There was an error in the cumulative number of confirmed cases yesterday which was recorded as 127 900, the correct figure was 127 000.
- There have been enquiries regarding vaccination and blood transfusion. An individual who has been vaccinated can donate blood. Vaccines do not contain transmissible viruses. Blood donated by individuals who have received a Covid-19 vaccine is not associated with a risk for Covid-19 infection. The SARS-Covid-19 is not transmissible by blood.
- Transfused blood collected from donors who were previously vaccinated with Covid-19 vaccines poses no harm to patients. Blood donated by individuals who have received a Covid-19 vaccine is not associated with a risk to a transfusion recipient of Covid-19 infection. The transfusion recipient is not protected from Covid-19 infection. Such individual still needs to be vaccinated.

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