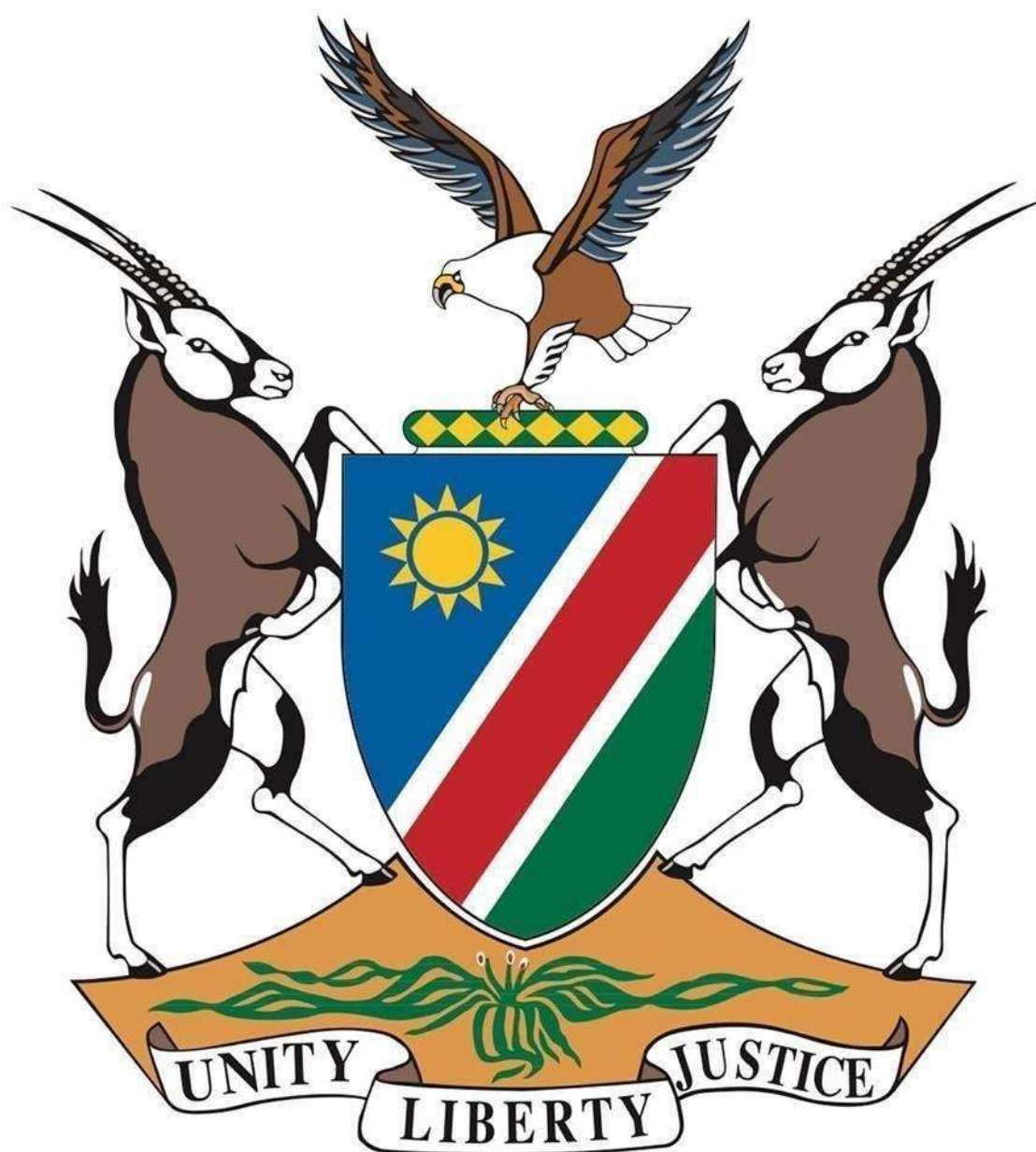


REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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

29 March 2021

WINDHOEK
**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce two hundred and ninety-one (291) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three (1733) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 17% positivity rate. The gender distribution of the reported cases is one hundred and sixty-one (162) females and one hundred and twenty-nine (129) males. The age range is from three (3) months to ninety-five (95) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 29 March 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Hardap	56	Mariental	31
		Rehoboth	25
Kunene	45	Opuwo	44
		Khorixas	1
Khomas	35	Windhoek	35
Otjozondjupa	32	Otjiwarongo	13
		Grootfontein	10
		Okakarara	8
		Okahandja	1
Oshana	29	Oshakati	29
Oshikoto	25	Tsumeb	16
		Onandjokwe	7
		Omuthiya	2
Kavango East	18	Rundu	16
		Andara	2
Erongo	17	Walvis Bay	10
		Omaruru	4
		Swakopmund	3
Ohangwena	11	Engela	5
		Okongo	3
		Eenhana	3
Karas	11	Keetmanshoop	7
		Karasburg	3
		Lüderitz	1
Omusati	9	Outapi	5
		Tsandi	4
Zambezi	2	Katima Mulilo	2
Kavango West	1	Nankudu	1
Total	291		291

2. We report confirmed cases from all the regions. Among the confirmed cases are ninety-three (93) learners. Twenty-seven (27) and fifteen (15) are from Ehamba combined school and

Alpha combined school respectively all in Opuwo district and the rest are from different schools. Twelve (12) health care workers, eleven (11) teachers and eleven (5) students also tested positive.

3. We have recorded fifty-seven (57) new recoveries.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 29 March 2021

Region	Number
Kavango East	30
Kunene	10
Omusati	8
Khomas	7
Karas	2
Total	57

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at one thousand nine hundred and forty-five (1945). One hundred and sixty-three (163) are hospitalized, of which thirty-five (35) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 29 March 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	68	22
Erongo	19	6
Karas	15	1
Oshana	13	5
Hardap	7	0
Kavango East	6	1
Oshikoto	6	0
Kunene	6	0
Omusati	6	0
Zambezi	5	0
Ohangwena	5	0
Omaheke	4	0
Otjozondjupa	3	0
Total	163	35

5. We announce four (4) deaths from Rundu, Grootfontein, Windhoek and Onandjokwe districts.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 29 March 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Windhoek	Male	69	Yes	29/03/2021	COVID-19 Related Death
Rundu	Female	51	Yes	26/03/2021	COVID-19 Death
Onandjokwe	Male	74	Yes	26/03/2021	COVID-19 Death
Grootfontein	Female	45	Yes	25/03/2021	COVID-19 Death

We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

6. There were no COVID-19 vaccines administered during the weekend. Cumulatively, a total of eight hundred and eight-one (881) vaccine doses have been administered since the roll-out.

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccines administered, 29 March 2021

Region	Total doses administered since the roll-out
Khomas	729
Erongo	152
Total	881

7. *Table 6: Summary of the national update, 29 March 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	43 923
Newly confirmed	291
Recoveries	41 455
Recoveries rate	94%
Active cases	1 945
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccines doses administered	881
COVID-19 Deaths	414
COVID-19 Related Deaths	99
Total Deaths	513
Total samples tested	344 782
Active contacts	4 570
Cumulative number of people quarantined	41 012
Number of quarantined people discharged	39 200
Number of people in quarantines	1 812

Key message

We are still concerned about the upsurge in the number of confirmed cases and more so with people being admitted due to COVID-19 in severe and critical conditions. It is possibly due to the circulating variant, which tend to cause more serious disease than before. This calls for the nation to take extra precautions to continue preventing getting infected wherever possible.

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