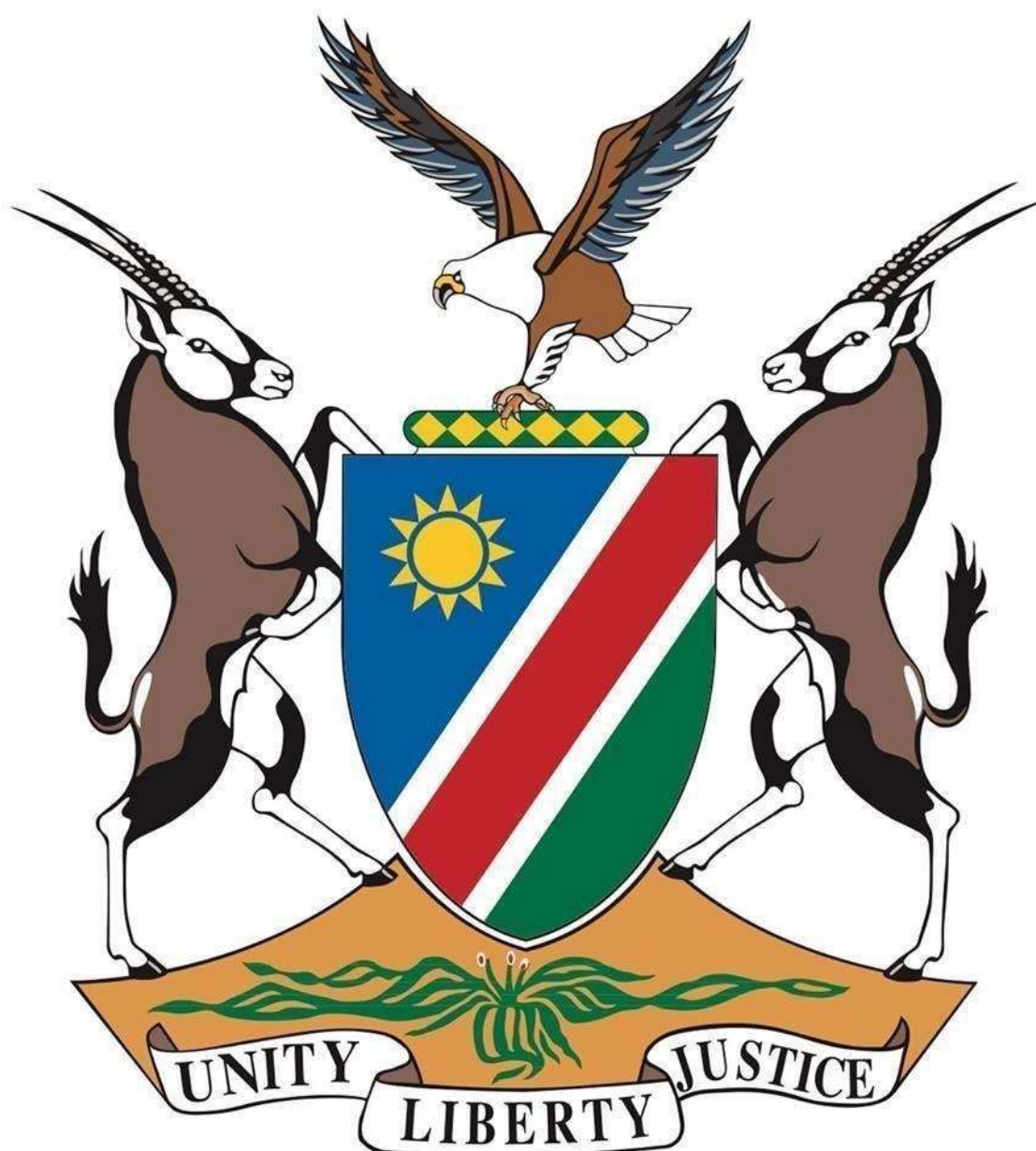


REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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

30 March 2021

WINDHOEK
**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce one hundred and twenty-eight (128) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from nine hundred and sixty-nine (969) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 13% positivity rate. The gender distribution of the reported cases is sixty-five (65) males and sixty-three (63) females. The age range is from two (2) years to seventy-one (71) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 30 March 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Kunene	54	Opuwo	53
		Outjo	1
Khomas	38	Windhoek	38
Zambezi	8	Katima Mulilo	8
Karas	7	Lüderitz	5
		Karasburg	2
Hardap	4	Mariental	4
Oshana	4	Oshakati	4
Erongo	4	Walvis Bay	2
		Swakopmund	2
Oshikoto	3	Onandjokwe	2
		Tsumeb	1
Ohangwena	2	Engela	1
		Eenhana	1
Omusati	2	Outapi	1
		Okahao	1
Otjozondjupa	1	Grootfontein	1
Kavango East	1	Rundu	1
Total	128		128

2. Among the confirmed cases are sixty-two (62) learners. Forty-four (44) are from Ehomba Combined School in Opuwo district and eight (8) are from Bukalo Senior Secondary School in Katima Mulilo district and the rest are from different schools. Three (3) students and one teacher also tested positive.

3. We have recorded two hundred and twenty-one (221) new recoveries.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 30 March 2021

Region	Number
Hardap	99
Erongo	40
Khomas	28
Kavango East	19
Kunene	13
Zambezi	9
Ohangwena	7
Kavango West	3
Karas	2
Omusati	1
Total	221

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at one thousand eight hundred and forty-five (1845). One hundred and sixty-two (162) are hospitalized, of which thirty-four (34) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 30 March 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	75	22
Erongo	20	6
Karas	12	1
Oshana	13	5
Hardap	7	0
Kavango East	3	0
Oshikoto	7	0
Kunene	2	0
Omusati	5	0
Zambezi	5	0
Ohangwena	6	0
Omaheke	4	0
Otjozondjupa	3	0
Total	162	34

5. We announce seven (7) COVID-19 deaths, from Walvis Bay, Windhoek, Outjo, Omaruru and Rundu districts.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 30 March 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Walvis Bay	Male	67	Yes	27/03/2021	COVID-19 Death
Outjo	Male	42	Yes	27/03/2021	COVID-19 Death
Omaruru	Female	73	Yes	28/03/2021	COVID-19 Death
Windhoek	Male	69	Yes	29/03/2021	COVID-19 Death
Windhoek	Male	44	Yes	29/03/2021	COVID-19 Death
Walvis Bay	Male	45	No	29/03/2021	COVID-19 Death
Rundu	Male	60	Yes	30/03/2021	COVID-19 Death

We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

6. In the last 24 hours, three hundred and thirty-four (334) COVID-19 vaccine doses were administered, of which two hundred and forty-two (242) were in Khomas and ninety-two (92) in Erongo region. Cumulatively, a total of one thousand two hundred and fifteen (1215) vaccine doses have been administered since the roll-out.

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccines administered, 30 March 2021

Region	Doses administered in last 24 hours	Total doses administered since the roll-out
Khomas	242	971
Erongo	92	244
Total	334	1215

7. *Table 6: Summary of the national update, 30 March 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	44 051
Newly confirmed	128
Recoveries	41 676
Recovery rate	95%
Active cases	1 845
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccines doses administered	1215
COVID-19 Deaths	421
COVID-19 Related Deaths	99
Total Deaths	520
Total samples tested	345 751
Active contacts	4 466
Cumulative number of people quarantined	41 073
Number of quarantined people discharged	39 407
Number of people in quarantines	1 666

8. Key message

- It is concerning that; we keep reporting COVID-19 deaths almost on a daily basis. We continue emphasizing to the general public to exercise caution when in public places particularly enclosed settings such as bars and churches to avoid being infected or spreading the virus to other individuals.
- We urge members of the public to desist from seeking medical attention only when the clinical situation is critical. Visit the nearest health facility or call a doctor if you have these symptoms of COVID-19: Problems breathing, constant pain or pressure in your chest and sudden confusion.
- Wear a mask before entering the emergency department; this is necessary to protect yourself, healthcare personnel and other patients.

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