

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.**

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1. We announce ninety **(90)** new COVID-19 confirmed cases from one thousand two hundred and eleven **(1 211)** results in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents **7.4%** positivity ratio. The sex distribution is sixty-four **(64)** females and twenty-six **(26)** males. The age range is from one **(1)** month to one hundred and fourteen **(114)** years old. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 31 August 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Omusati	19	Tsandi	14
		Oshikuku	3
		Outapi	2
Kharas	15	Luderitz	7
		Keetmanshoop	6
		Karasburg	2
Oshikoto	13	Onandjokwe	7
		Tsumeb	6
Zambezi	12	Katima Mulilo	12
Khomas	10	Windhoek	10
Ohangwena	7	Engela	7
Otjozondjupa	7	Otjiwarongo	3
		Okakarara	2
		Okahandja	2
Oshana	4	Oshakati	4
Erongo	2	Walvis Bay	1
		Usakos	1
Kunene	1	Outjo	1
Total	90		90

2. Of the confirmed cases, twenty-one (21) are learners from different schools, three (3) teachers and one (1) health care worker.
3. Of the confirmed cases, two (2) have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccines and three (3) have received two doses.
4. We have recorded five hundred and fifty (550) new recoveries and they are distributed as follows:

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 31 August 2021

Region	Number
Omusati	172
Omaheke	168
Kharas	100
Kavango West	16
Khomas	31
Oshana	21
Kunene	21
Hardap	12
Kavango East	10
Total	550

5. Active cases are two thousand two hundred and ninety-one (2 291). One hundred and seventy (170) are hospitalized, of which twenty-four (24) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 31 August 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases		Intensive Care Unit	
	Current	Previous	Current	Previous
Khomas	27	51	7	13
Oshana	25	26	7	7
Omusati	24	23	0	0
Erongo	24	23	7	9
Ohangwena	20	13	0	0
Oshikoto	14	11	3	7
Kunene	12	18	0	0
Kharas	8	8	0	0
Otjozondjupa	6	7	0	0
Kavango East	6	5	0	1
Omaheke	3	5	0	0
Hardap	1	5	0	0
Total	170	196	24	37

6. We are reporting eleven (11) COVID-19 deaths from eight districts.

Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 31 August 2021

District	Sex		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		Covid death	C-R death		
Khomas	1	2	3	3	0	0	3
Rundu	1	1	2	2	0	0	1
Swakopmund	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Oshakati	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Outapi	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Okongo	1*	0	1	1	0	1	1
Opuwo	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Khorixas	0	1*	1	1	0	1	0
Total	5	6	11	11	0	2	8

**Home death*

Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 31 August 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	1	0	0
40-49	1	0	0
50-59	2	0	0
60-69	3	0	0
70-79	3	0	0
80-89	1	0	0
90+	0	0	0
Total	11	0	0

7. Two deaths, one each from Khorixas and Okongo district occurred at home.
8. Seven (7) deaths occurred between 20-27 August 2021, two deaths (2) occurred between 28-29 August 2021, and two (2) occurred on 30 August 2021, within 24 hours reporting cycle. None of the deceased cases was vaccinated.
9. By the 30 August 2021, a total of **213 438** people have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, while **115 624** had received two doses, as depicted on tables 5 and 6 below:

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 30 August 2021

Region	New persons vaccinated with 1 st doses of Sinopharm	Total persons who received 1 st doses of Sinopharm	New persons vaccinated with 1 st dose of AstraZeneca (AZ)	Total persons vaccinated with 1 st doses of AZ	All persons vaccinated with 1 st doses of Sinopharm and AZ
Erongo	76	11 968	56	10 895	22 863
Hardap	59	9 851	36	3 854	13 705
Kharas	76	6 279	14	3 007	9 286
Kavango East	83	6 201	21	5 081	11 282
Kavango West	34	2 452	13	2 551	5 003
Khomas	200	33 029	105	25 505	58 534
Kunene	52	7 279	37	3 789	11 068
Ohangwena	115	9 540	9	3 989	13 529
Omaheke	56	5 666	16	3 767	9 433
Omusati	0	8 452	0	5 572	14 024
Oshana	88	9 111	27	4 149	13 260
Oshikoto	63	8 128	6	3 060	11 188
Otjozondjupa	51	9 897	38	6 734	16 631
Zambezi	35	2 787	3	845	3 632
Total	988	130 640	381	82 798	213 438

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 2nd dose, 30 August 2021

Region	# of new persons who received 2 nd doses of Sinopharm	Total persons who received 2 nd doses of Sinopharm	# of new persons who received 2 nd doses of AstraZeneca	Total persons who received 2 nd doses of AstraZeneca	Total 2 nd doses of Sinopharm and AstraZeneca
Erongo	148	6 441	76	5 788	12 229
Hardap	128	4 013	63	1 835	5 848
Kharas	111	3 992	31	1 536	5 528
Kavango East	84	2 929	10	2 100	5 029
Kavango West	39	1 294	25	1 500	2 794
Khomas	357	20 921	219	14 910	35 831
Kunene	130	3 235	122	1 432	4 667
Ohangwena	340	4 825	76	1 660	6 485
Omaheke	105	3 036	24	1 115	4 191
Omusati	0	4 664	0	2 297	6 961
Oshana	243	5 590	56	2 425	8 015
Oshikoto	137	4 649	29	1 201	5 850
Otjozondjupa	118	6 615	65	3 159	9 774
Zambezi	28	1 967	7	455	2 422
Total	1 968	74 171	803	41 413	115 624

10. *Table 7: Summary of the national update, 31 August 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	125 136
Newly confirmed	90
Recoveries	119 448
Recovery rate	95.4%
Active cases	2 291
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses	213 438
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses	115 624
COVID-19 Deaths	3 107
COVID-19 Related Deaths	279
Total Deaths	3 386
Total samples tested	661 329
Active contacts	1 636
Cumulative number of people quarantined	74 829
Number of quarantined people discharged	73 264
Number of people in quarantines	1 565

11. **Key Message**

- We continue to observe the progressive decline in number of cases and admissions, which is a great achievement. However, number of people getting tested is also declining. We need to keep our testing up, as we have enhanced the laboratory capacity. More testing will help us to understand the real situation.
- The data also show that most of the people getting infected and those who are dying are not vaccinated, especially the older people. Therefore, we encourage all eligible people to get vaccinated.

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