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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce five hundred and forty (**540**) new positive cases from two thousand one hundred and seventy-four (**2 174**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours reporting cycle, which represents **24.8%** positivity ratio. The sex distribution is three hundred and six (**306**) females and two hundred and thirty-four (**234**) males. The age ranges from one (**1**) month to ninety-three (**93**) years.

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases &Reinfections, 15 December 2021

Regions	New cases	Districts	New cases	New re-infections	Total
Khomas	283	Windhoek	283	32	315
Otjozondjupa	89	Otjiwarongo	51	1	52
		Okahandja	29	0	29
		Grootfontein	6	0	6
		Okakarara	3	0	3
Kharas	64	Luderitz	32	12	44
		Karasburg	20	0	20
		Keetmanshoop	12	0	12
Hardap	29	Rehoboth	17	6	23
		Mariental	12	1	13
Ohangwena	27	Eenhana	24	3	27
		Engela	3	0	3
Kunene	24	Outjo	18	2	20
		Opuwo	6	0	6
Erongo	12	Swakopmund	8	1	9
		Walvis Bay	2	1	3
		Omaruru	2	0	2
Oshana	8	Oshakati	8	0	8
Oshikoto	3	Omuthiya	2	0	2
		Tsumeb	1	0	1
Omusati	1	Outapi	1	0	1
Total	540		540	59	599

2. We are reporting cases from ten (10) out of fourteen (14) regions with Khomas region reporting the high number of new cases, totalling two hundred and eighty-three (283), making up 52.3% of the total confirmed cases. We are also reporting a total of fifty- nine (59) re-infections from different regions.
3. Among the confirmed cases are thirty-eight (38) learners, thirty-one (31) health care workers from different institutions, eleven (11) students, and seven (7) teachers. Sixteen (16) cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and forty-four (44) cases are fully vaccinated. A total of four hundred and eighty (480) who constitutes 88.88% are unvaccinated.

4. We are reporting forty-one (**41**) new recoveries from six (6) regions.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 15 December 2021

Region	Number
Kavango East	15
Erongo	14
Kharas	4
Zambezi	3
Oshana	3
Oshikoto	2
Total	41

5. The number of active cases are four thousand nine hundred and thirteen (**4 913**). Hospitalized cases continue to increase, as there are now one hundred and fifty-two (**152**) across twelve (12) regions, of which thirteen (13) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU). One (1) of the hospitalized cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and twenty-three (23) of the hospitalized cases are fully vaccinated. One (1) case in ICU have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and one (1) case in ICU is fully vaccinated.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 15 December 2021

Region	Hospitalized cases		Vaccinated		ICU		Vaccinated	
	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose
Khomas	69	54	1	8	11	9	1	1
Erongo	29	17	0	3	1	1	0	0
Kunene	11	9	0	8	0	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omusati	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kharas	6	7	0	2	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	5	4	0	2	0	0	0	0
Oshana	3	5	0	0	1	0	0	0
Oshikoto	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	152	110	1	23	13	10	1	1

6. We report one (1) COVID-19 related death from Swakopmund of a 43-years old male who died at a health facility on 12 December 2021. The deceased case was not vaccinated.
7. By 14 December 2021, a total of **392 499** people have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, representing **26.1%** of the target population including six hundred and eight (**608**) children aged 12-17 years. A total of **96 892** have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which is administered as one dose, while **233 706** adults had received two doses of other vaccines. Therefore, **330 598** have completed the vaccination, translating to **22.0%** of the target population. Eight hundred and eighty-seven (**887**) people have received 3rd doses of Sinopharm. Details of vaccinations are presented in tables 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 below:

Table 4: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 15 December 2021

	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik V		Pfizer		J&J		Grand total 1st dose
Region	New	All	New	All	New	All	New	All	New	All	
Erongo	11	15 739	7	13 143	0	3	16	796	72	8 468	38 149
Hardap	30	12 344	4	5 578	0	0	17	44	136	5 514	23 480
Kharas	16	10 149	3	4 584	0	0	0	119	43	5 071	19 923
Kavango East	31	10 099	12	7 034	0	0	92	516	140	8 105	25 754
Kavango West	71	5 396	0	4 508	0	0	57	369	51	8 655	18 928
Khomas	0	41 496	0	29 426	0	94	0	3 329	0	18 233	92 578
Kunene	14	11 536	2	5 425	0	0	28	30	26	7 148	24 139
Ohangwena	48	15 635	13	5 279	0	2	58	71	202	5 457	26 444
Omaheke	0	8 233	0	5 004	0	0	0	85	24	4 740	18 062
Omusati	0	13 193	0	7 206	0	0	0	191	0	4 881	25 471
Oshana	38	12 262	0	4 776	0	29	14	102	49	4 050	21 219
Oshikoto	24	11 980	1	3 712	0	0	12	16	189	5 218	20 926
Otjozondjupa	10	12 300	2	8 447	0	0	7	128	106	8 664	29 539
Zambezi	0	3 605	0	937	0	0	0	49	16	2 688	7 279
Total	293	183 967	44	105 059	0	128	301	5 845	1 054	96 892	391 891

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 2nd dose, 15 December 2021

	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik V		Pfizer		Grand total 2nd 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	New 2 nd dose	All 2 nd dose	
Erongo	11	13 498	22	11 287	0	5	17	174	24 964
Hardap	21	10 414	58	4 161	0	0	0	6	14 581
Kharas	5	8 118	24	3 161	0	0	0	45	11 324
Kavango East	56	6 791	4	3 556	0	0	10	52	10 399
Kavango West	25	4 214	0	2 965	0	0	0	21	7 200
Khomas	0	35 122	0	24 342	0	63	0	1 638	61 165
Kunene	4	8 442	24	3 966	0	0	0	0	12 408
Ohangwena	42	12 708	5	4 082	0	0	0	0	16 790
Omaheke	5	5 865	0	3 031	0	0	0	33	8 929
Omusati	0	11 286	0	5 819	0	0	0	4	17 109
Oshana	16	10 743	6	3 841	0	8	2	19	14 611
Oshikoto	53	10 264	18	3 046	0	0	0	0	13 310
Otjozondjupa	10	10 634	10	6 415	0	0	2	25	17 074
Zambezi	1	3 097	0	731	0	0	0	9	3 837
Total	249	151 196	171	80 403	0	76	31	2 026	233 701

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 3rd dose, 15 December 2021

	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik V		Pfizer		Grand total 3 rd dose
Region	New 3 rd dose	All 3 rd dose	New 3 rd dose	All 3 rd dose	New 3 rd dose	All 3 rd doses	New 3 rd dose	All 3 rd dose	
Erongo	30	157	0	0	0	0	0	0	157
Hardap	7	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
Kharas	11	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
Kavango East	17	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
Kavango West	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Khomas	0	194	0	0	0	0	0	0	194
Kunene	4	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Ohangwena	12	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Omaheke	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Omusati	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
Oshana	15	115	0	0	0	0	0	0	115
Oshikoto	24	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	93
Otjozondjupa	16	101	0	0	0	0	0	0	101
Zambezi	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Total	138	887	0	0	0	0	0	0	887

Table 7: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 1st dose, 15 December 2021

PFIZER FOR CHILDREN 1 st DOSE (12-17) Years					
Region	New (12-13 yrs)	All 1 st dose (12-13 yrs)	New (14-17 yrs)	All 1 st dose (14-17 yrs)	GRAND TOTAL 1 st DOSES (12-17 yrs)
Erongo	3	52	6	94	146
Hardap	7	11	5	9	20
Kharas	0	6	0	5	11
Kavango East	13	22	31	47	69
Kavango West	24	30	31	58	88
Khomas	0	7	0	12	19
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	22	22	36	36	58
Omaheke	0	0	0	0	0
Omusati	0	63	0	30	93
Oshana	3	20	2	28	48
Oshikoto	2	2	1	1	3
Otjozondjupa	3	29	3	24	53
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	0
Total	77	264	115	344	608

Table 8: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 2nd dose, 15 December 2021

PFIZER FOR CHILDREN 2 nd DOSE (12-17) Years					
Region	New (12-13 yrs)	All 2 nd dose (12-13 yrs)	New (14-17 yrs)	All 2 nd Dose (14-17 yrs)	GRAND TOTAL 2 nd DOSE (12-17) Years
Erongo	0	0	0	0	0
Hardap	0	0	0	0	0
Kharas	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango West	0	0	0	0	0
Khomas	0	0	0	0	0
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	0	0	0	0	0
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	0	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	0	0	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

8. Table 9: Summary of the national update, 15 December 2021

Cumulative confirmed individuals	134 694
Newly confirmed individuals	540
Total Re-infections (from 08/12/2021)	439
New Re-infections	59
Recoveries	126 247
Recovery rate	93.7%
Active cases	4 913
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses	392 499
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses	233 706
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine completed	330 598
COVID-19 Deaths	3 279
COVID-19 Related Deaths	301
Total Deaths	3 580
Total samples tested	824 659
Active contacts	1 574
Cumulative number of people quarantined	83 381
Number of quarantined people discharged	82 964
Number of people in quarantines	417

9. **Key messages**

- As the new dispensations of COVID -19 regulations come into force , it is of utmost importance that the public is urged to join hands and take responsibility towards observing public health measures in order to curb further spread of infections. The power to defeat COVID 19 is in our hands, therefore let us continue to get vaccinated.
- We caution the public to be careful about possible scammers who are reportedly going around asking people of their identification documents and vaccination cards.

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