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

17 December 2021

WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce nine hundred and seventy (**970**) new positive cases from two thousand seven hundred and fifty-three (**2 753**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours reporting cycle, which represents **35.2%** positivity ratio. The sex distribution is five hundred and nine (**509**) females and four hundred and sixty-one (**461**) males. The age ranges from five (**5**) months to ninety-two (**92**) years.

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases &Reinfections, 17 December 2021

Regions	New cases	Districts	New cases	New re-infections	Total
Erongo	265	Walvis Bay	153	7	160
		Swakopmund	89	6	95
		Usakos	14	1	15
		Omaruru	9	2	11
Khomas	229	Windhoek	229	30	259
//Kharas	102	Luderitz	57	12	69
		Karasburg	23	5	28
		Keetmanshoop	22	0	22
Otjozondjupa	83	Otjiwarongo	41	2	43
		Okahandja	23	1	24
		Grootfontein	16	1	17
		Okakarara	3	0	3
Hardap	62	Rehoboth	37	3	40
		Mariental	23	3	26
		Aranos	2	0	2
Kavango East	47	Rundu	47	4	51
Kunene	45	Opuwo	36	2	38
		Khorixas	9	0	9
Oshana	40	Oshakati	40	2	42
Omusati	39	Tsandi	16	1	17
		Okahao	10	0	10
		Outapi	7	1	8
		Oshikuku	6	0	6
Oshikoto	32	Tsumeb	18	2	20
		Onandjokwe	14	0	14
Ohangwena	16	Engela	8	2	10
		Eenhana	7	1	8
		Okongo	1	0	1
Zambezi	9	Katima Mulilo	9	0	9
Kavango West	1	Nkurenkuru	1	0	1
Total	970		970	88	1058

2. We are reporting cases from thirteen (13) regions with Erongo region reporting the highest number of new cases, totalling four hundred and sixty-five (265), making up 27.3%, followed by Khomas region with two hundred and twenty nine (229) constituting 23.6% of all newly confirmed cases. Omaheke region did not report any case. We are also reporting eighty eight (88) new reinfections with Khomas reporting the highest of thirty (30), making up 34.1%.

3. Among the confirmed cases are fifty-six (56) learners, thirty-three (33) health care workers, twelve (12) students and five (5) teachers. Four (4) cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine , eighteen (18) cases are fully vaccinated while nine hundred and forty-eight (948) or 97.7% of the new cases are unvaccinated.
4. We are reporting twenty-six (**26**) new recoveries from four (4) regions.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 17 December 2021

Region	Number
Oshana	19
Zambezi	4
Kunene	2
Khomas	1
Total	26

5. The number of active cases are now seven thousand one hundred and thirty-two (**7 132**). Hospitalized cases gradually increasing are now one hundred and eighty-nine (**189**) across eleven (11) regions, of which fourteen (14) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Eight (8) of the hospitalized cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and twenty-one (21) are fully vaccinated. All cases in ICU are not vaccinated.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 17 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	75	78	6	5	13	13	0	0
Kunene	20	17	0	12	0	0	0	0
Erongo	19	20	1	1	0	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	17	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	15	11	1	1	0	0	0	0
Oshana	11	3	0	1	1	2	0	0
Omusati	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kharas	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	189	175	8	21	14	15	0	0

6. We announce one (1) COVID-19 death from Windhoek district. An 80 years old female with comorbidities died on the 16.12.2021. The deceased was not vaccinated.
7. By 16 December 2021, a total of **396 439** people have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, representing **26.4%** of the target population including one thousand eight hundred (**1 008**) children aged 12-17 years. A total of **99 905** have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which is administered as one dose, while **234 797** adults had received two doses of other vaccines. Therefore, **334 702** have completed the vaccination, translating to **22.3%** of the target population. One thousand and twenty-seven (**1 027**) people have received 3rd dose of Sinopharm as a booster dose. Details of vaccinations are presented in tables 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 below:

Table 4: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 17 December 2021

Region	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik V		Pfizer		J&J		Grand total 1st dose
	New	All	New	All	New	All	New	All	New	All	
Erongo	12	15 762	4	13 152	0	3	28	847	56	8 676	38 440
Hardap	20	12 391	1	5 585	0	0	56	130	147	5 782	23 888
Kharas	0	10 167	0	4 588	0	0	0	125	0	5 169	20 049
Kavango East	66	10 247	7	7 042	0	0	100	712	272	8 564	26 565
Kavango West	31	5 537	0	4 508	0	0	18	454	123	8 858	19 357
Khomas	105	41 601	32	29 458	0	94	152	3 481	504	18 737	93 371
Kunene	0	11 546	0	5 427	0	0	0	30	19	7 207	24 210
Ohangwena	29	15 686	1	5 286	0	2	8	93	104	5 636	26 703
Omaheke	10	8 266	0	5 004	0	0	0	108	13	4 986	18 364
Omusati	25	13 293	2	7 215	0	0	2	199	47	5 113	25 820
Oshana	20	12 305	1	4 780	0	29	4	111	54	4 170	21 395
Oshikoto	20	12 027	2	3 714	0	0	9	31	62	5 363	21 135
Otjozondjupa	8	12 310	1	8 452	0	0	8	141	95	8 889	29 792
Zambezi	0	3 607	0	937	0	0	1	51	20	2 755	7 350
Total	346	184 745	51	105 148	0	128	386	6 513	1 516	99 905	396 439

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 2nd dose, 17 December 2021

Region	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik V		Pfizer		Grand total 2nd dose
	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	13 526	15	11 318	0	5	8	186	25 035
Hardap	11	10 436	9	4 209	0	0	4	10	14 655
Kharas	0	8 134	0	3 162	0	0	0	45	11 341
Kavango East	62	6 898	1	3 569	0	0	29	93	10 560
Kavango West	17	4 259	0	2 965	0	0	3	24	7 248
Khomas	109	35 231	93	24 435	0	63	119	1 757	61 486
Kunene	0	8 477	0	3 974	0	0	0	0	12 451
Ohangwena	31	12 781	4	4 097	0	0	0	0	16 878
Omaheke	6	5 889	0	3 031	0	0	0	35	8 955
Omusati	27	11 373	3	5 830	0	0	0	4	17 207
Oshana	13	10 775	3	3 845	0	8	0	21	14 649
Oshikoto	28	10 316	0	3 053	0	0	0	0	13 369
Otjozondjupa	5	10 655	11	6 432	0	0	2	29	17 116
Zambezi	3	3 105	0	732	0	0	0	10	3 847
Total	323	151 855	139	80 652	0	76	165	2 214	234 797

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 3rd dose, 17 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	22	203	0	0	0	0	0	0	203
Hardap	33	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	72
Kharas	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Kavango East	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	67
Kavango West	2	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
Khomas	145	339	0	0	0	0	0	0	339
Kunene	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Ohangwena	2	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
Omaheke	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Omusati	15	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
Oshana	8	131	0	0	0	0	0	0	131
Oshikoto	11	115	0	0	0	0	0	0	115
Otjozondjupa	0	112	0	0	0	0	0	0	112
Zambezi	4	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Total	243	1 270	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 270

Table 7: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 1st dose, 17 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	4	61	14	112	173
Hardap	8	30	45	65	95
Kharas	0	6	0	9	15
Kavango East	22	65	38	127	192
Kavango West	6	44	11	112	156
Khomas	12	19	28	40	59
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	7	43	1	37	80
Omaheke	0	12	0	6	18
Omusati	1	64	1	33	97
Oshana	0	21	3	33	54
Oshikoto	1	3	5	8	11
Otjozondjupa	0	29	1	28	57
Zambezi	0	0	0	1	1
Total	61	397	147	611	1 008

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

Cumulative confirmed individuals	136 921
Newly confirmed individuals	970
Total Re-infections (from 08/12/2021)	646
New Re-infections	88
Recoveries	126 314
Recovery rate	92%
Active cases	7 132
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses	396 439
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses	234 797
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine completed	334 704
COVID-19 Deaths	3 280
COVID-19 Related Deaths	301
Total Deaths	3 581
Total samples tested	830 762
Active contacts	2 188
Cumulative number of people quarantined	83 838
Number of quarantined people discharged	83 303
Number of people in quarantines	535

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