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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce one thousand two hundred and sixty-three (**1 263**) new positive cases from six thousand three hundred and sixty-six (**6 366**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours reporting cycle, which represents **19.8%** positivity ratio. The sex distribution is six hundred and forty-three (**643**) females and six hundred and twenty (**620**) males. The age ranges from one (**1**) month to eighty-eight (**88**) years.

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases & Reinfections, 18 December 2021

Regions	New cases	Districts	New cases	New re-infections	Total
Khomas	522	Windhoek	522	39	561
Erongo	272	Walvis Bay	121	16	137
		Swakopmund	115	13	128
		Usakos	19	0	19
		Omaruru	17	0	17
Otjozondjupa	132	Otjiwarongo	64	7	71
		Okahandja	37	1	38
		Grootfontein	19	1	20
		Okakarara	12	1	13
Kharas	109	Luderitz	73	14	87
		Karasburg	22	0	22
		Keetmanshoop	14	3	17
Kunene	67	Outjo	37	3	40
		Opuwo	21	0	21
		Khorixas	9	2	11
Omaheke	48	Gobabis	48	5	53
Omusati	34	Okahao	11	0	11
		Outapi	10	0	10
		Oshikuku	7	0	7
		Tsandi	6	0	6
Oshana	29	Oshakati	29	1	30
Hardap	21	Rehoboth	19	1	20
		Mariental	2	0	2
Ohangwena	15	Engela	10	0	10
		Eenhana	3	0	3
		Okongo	2	0	2
Oshikoto	12	Tsumeb	6	0	6
		Onandjokwe	6	1	7
Kavango West	1	Nkurenkuru	1	0	1
Zambezi	1	Katima Mulilo	1	0	1
Total	1 263		1 263	108	1371

2. We are reporting cases from thirteen (13) regions with Khomas region reporting the highest number of five hundred and twenty-two (522), making up 41.3%, followed by Erongo region with two hundred and seventy-two (272) constituting 21.5% of all newly confirmed cases. We are also reporting one hundred eight (108) new reinfections with Khomas reporting the highest of thirty-nine (39), making up 36.1% of all reinfections.

3. Among the confirmed cases are one hundred and one (101) learners, eleven (11) teachers, thirteen (13) students and thirty-four (34) health care workers. Thirty-five (35) cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine , one hundred and four (104) cases are fully vaccinated, while thirty-eight (38) vaccinated cases did not specify the number of doses received. One thousand and eighty-six (1 086) or 86% are unvaccinated.
4. We are reporting one thousand and fifty-five (**1 055**) new recoveries.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 18 December 2021

Region	Number
Khomas	959
Otjozondjupa	40
Kharas	20
Oshana	14
Omusati	9
Kunene	6
Zambezi	4
Oshikoto	3
Total	1 055

5. The number of active cases are eight thousand and thirty-two (**8 032**). Hospitalized cases continue to increase and are currently at two hundred (**200**) across eleven (11) regions, of which sixteen (16) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Nine (9) of the hospitalized cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and twenty-three (23) are fully vaccinated. All cases in ICU are not vaccinated.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 18 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	77	75	6	5	13	13	0	0
Kunene	22	20	0	12	0	0	0	0
Erongo	19	19	1	1	0	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	18	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	17	11	1	1	1	1	0	0
Zambezi	16	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omusati	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kharas	9	10	0	2	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	2	1	1	2	0	0	0
Total	200	189	9	23	16	14	0	0

6. We announce one (1) COVID-19 related death from Rehoboth district. An 84-years old male with comorbidities died on arrival at the health facility on 14.12.2021. The deceased was not vaccinated.

7. By 17 December 2021, a total of **397 025** people have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, representing **26.4%** of the target population including one thousand and fifty-six (**1 056**) children aged 12-17 years. A total of **100 196** have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which is administered as one dose, while **234 962** adults had received two doses of other vaccines. Therefore, **335 158** have completed the vaccination, translating in **22.3%** of the target population. One thousand five hundred and fourteen (**1 514**) people have received a 3rd dose of the COVID-19 vaccines as 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, 18 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	0	15 762	0	13 152	0	3	0	847	0	8 676	38 440
Hardap	13	12 404	1	5 586	0	0	32	162	82	5 864	24 016
Kharas	0	10 167	0	4 588	0	0	0	125	0	5 169	20 049
Kavango East	0	10 247	0	7 042	0	0	0	712	0	8 564	26 565
Kavango West	0	5 537	0	4 508	0	0	0	454	0	8 858	19 357
Khomas	44	41 645	23	29 481	0	94	125	3 606	118	18 855	93 681
Kunene	0	11 546	0	5 427	0	0	0	30	0	7 207	24 210
Ohangwena	0	15 686	0	5 286	0	2	0	93	0	5 636	26 703
Omaheke	0	8 266	0	5 004	0	0	0	108	0	4 986	18 364
Omusati	0	13 293	0	7 215	0	0	0	199	0	5 113	25 820
Oshana	8	12 313	0	4 780	0	29	32	143	29	4 199	21 464
Oshikoto	14	12 041	0	3 714	0	0	3	34	62	5 425	21 214
Otjozondjupa	0	12 310	0	8 452	0	0	0	141	0	8 889	29 792
Zambezi	0	3 607	0	937	0	0	0	51	0	2 755	7 350
Total	79	184 824	24	105 172	0	128	192	6 705	291	100 196	397 025

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 2nd dose, 18 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	0	13 526	0	11 318	0	5	0	186	25 035
Hardap	11	10 447	20	4 229	0	0	6	16	14 692
Kharas	0	8 134	0	3 162	0	0	0	45	11 341
Kavango East	0	6 898	0	3 569	0	0	0	93	10 560
Kavango West	0	4 259	0	2 965	0	0	0	24	7 248
Khomas	30	35 261	27	24 462	0	63	37	1794	61 580
Kunene	0	8 477	0	3 974	0	0	0	0	12 451
Ohangwena	0	12 781	0	4 097	0	0	0	0	16 878
Omaheke	0	5 889	0	3 031	0	0	0	35	8 955
Omusati	0	11 373	0	5 830	0	0	0	4	17 207
Oshana	15	10 790	1	3 846	0	8	0	21	14 665
Oshikoto	14	10 330	4	3 057	0	0	0	0	13 387
Otjozondjupa	0	10 655	0	6 432	0	0	0	29	17 116
Zambezi	0	3 105	0	732	0	0	0	10	3 847
Total	70	151 925	52	80 704	0	76	43	2 257	234 962

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 3rd dose, 18 December 2021

	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik V		Pfizer		Grand
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	total 3 rd dose
Erongo	0	203	0	0	0	0	0	0	203
Hardap	0	85	0	0	0	0	10	10	95
Kharas	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Kavango East	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	67
Kavango West	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
Khomas	0	444	27	27	0	0	37	37	508
Kunene	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Ohangwena	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
Omaheke	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Omusati	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
Oshana	0	153	10	10	0	0	0	0	163
Oshikoto	0	128	5	5	0	0	2	2	135
Otjozondjupa	0	112	0	0	0	0	0	0	112
Zambezi	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Total	0	1 423	42	42	0	0	49	49	1 514

Table 7: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 1st dose, 18 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	0	61	0	112	173
Hardap	6	36	15	80	116
Kharas	0	6	0	9	15
Kavango East	0	65	0	127	192
Kavango West	0	44	0	112	156
Khomas	4	23	13	53	76
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	0	43	0	37	80
Omaheke	0	12	0	6	18
Omusati	0	64	0	33	97
Oshana	0	21	8	41	62
Oshikoto	0	3	2	10	13
Otjozondjupa	0	29	0	28	57
Zambezi	0	0	0	1	1
Total	10	407	38	649	1 056

Table 8: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 2nd dose, 18 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 2nd 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, 18 December 2021

Cumulative newly confirmed individuals	138 184
Newly confirmed individuals	1 263
New Re-infections	108
Cumulative cases including re-infections	138 996
Recoveries	127 369
Recovery rate	92%
Active cases	8 032
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses	397 025
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses	234 962
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine completed	335 158
COVID-19 Deaths	3 280
COVID-19 Related Deaths	302
Total Deaths	3 582
Total samples tested	837 584
Active contacts	2 399
Cumulative number of people quarantined	83 990
Number of quarantined people discharged	83 324
Number of people in quarantines	666

9. **Key message**

- We registered a record number of 1 263 new cases out of 6 366 results. These figures demonstrate that there is intense community transmission taking place. It also demonstrate laxity in observance of public health measures. The responsibility for prevention of new infections lies with individual members of society. I again call for individuals to get vaccinated and to observe public health measures without fail.

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