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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA

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1. We announce fourteen (**14**) positive cases from seven hundred and twenty-three (**723**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hour reporting cycle, representing **1.9%** positivity ratio. Of these, thirteen (13) are new cases and one (1) is a reinfection. The sex distribution of the cases is nine (9) males which are all new cases and five (5) females of which four (4) are new cases. The age range from six (6) years to seventy-three (73) years.

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases & reinfections, 20 March 2022

Region	New cases	District	New cases	Reinfections	Total
Khomas	7	Windhoek	7	1	8
Erongo	4	Swakopmund	3	0	3
		Walvis Bay	1	0	1
Otjozondjupa	1	Otjiwarongo	1	0	1
Omaheke	1	Gobabis	1	0	1
Total	13		13	1	14

2. Among the confirmed cases, one (1) is a learner, one (1) teacher and one (1) health care worker. Three (3) cases are fully vaccinated of which two (2) received a booster dose, while eleven (11) cases are not vaccinated.
3. We have not recorded any recovery during the period under review.
4. The number of active cases is one hundred and seventy-four (**174**). Eleven (**11**) cases are currently hospitalized across four (4) regions. Two (2) hospitalized cases are fully vaccinated, while nine (9) cases are not vaccinated constituting **81.8%**. Four (4) cases are in ICU and all are not vaccinated.

Table 2: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 20 March 2022

Region	Hospitalized cases		Vaccinated		ICU		Vaccinated	
	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose
Khomas	6	6	0	1	4	4	0	0
Erongo	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hardap	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	11	12	0	2	4	4	0	0

5. We have not recorded any death during the period under review.
6. By 19 March 2022, a total of **439 449** people aged 18 years and older have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, representing **30.0%** of the target population (1 471 973). A total of **128 671** have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, while **251 272** adults

have received two doses of other vaccine types. Hence, **379 943** adults have completed their vaccination, translating to **26.0 %** of the target population.

7. A total of one hundred and twenty-eight (**128**) individuals have received component one of Sputnik V vaccine and seventy-six (**76**) have received component two of the same vaccine. Hence, a total of two hundred and four (**204**) doses of Sputnik V were administered. This is included in the grand totals above.
8. Ten thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven (**10 837**) children aged 12-17 years have received one dose of the Pfizer vaccine, representing **3.5%** of the target population (307 298). Of these, three thousand three hundred and twenty-six (**3 326**) are fully vaccinated. Hence, the cumulative number of people vaccinated with the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine for both adults and children is **450 286** of which **383 269** are fully vaccinated, translating to **21.5%** of the total target population (1 779 271).
9. Thirty-five thousand four hundred and eighty-eight (**35 488**) people have received a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose. Details of vaccinations are presented in tables 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 below.

Table 3: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 20 March 2022

Region	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Pfizer		J&J		Grand total 1st dose
	New	All	New	All	New	All	New	All	
Erongo	0	16243	0	13236	0	1317	0	10580	41376
Hardap	0	12968	0	5684	0	627	0	7732	27011
Kharas	0	10581	0	4614	0	429	0	7070	22694
Kavango East	0	11573	0	7477	0	1767	0	13698	34515
Kavango West	0	6802	0	4848	0	1044	0	11552	24246
Khomas	0	42381	0	29603	0	4872	0	23122	99978
Kunene	0	11863	0	5471	0	201	0	8860	26395
Ohangwena	0	16062	0	5313	0	134	0	6717	28226
Omaheke	0	8371	0	5020	0	346	0	5856	19593
Omusati	0	13880	0	7258	0	355	0	6033	27526
Oshana	0	12780	0	4805	0	311	0	5380	23276
Oshikoto	0	12268	0	3725	0	118	0	6581	22692
Otjozondjupa	0	12639	0	8559	0	401	0	11796	33395
Zambezi	2	3688	0	940	0	76	29	3694	8398
Total	2	192099	0	106553	0	11998	29	128671	439321

Table 4: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 2nd dose, 20 March 2022

Region	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		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 dose	
Erongo	0	14077	0	11459	0	825	26361
Hardap	0	11067	0	4386	0	494	15947
Kharas	0	8656	0	3253	0	354	12263
Kavango East	0	8046	0	3981	0	799	12826
Kavango West	0	5083	0	3208	0	441	8732
Khomas	0	36384	0	24805	0	3618	64807
Kunene	0	8933	0	4094	0	123	13150
Ohangwena	0	13421	0	4232	0	37	17690
Omaheke	0	6118	0	3100	0	223	9441
Omusati	0	12132	0	5934	0	327	18393
Oshana	0	11386	0	3891	0	260	15537
Oshikoto	0	10733	0	3134	0	75	13942
Otjozondjupa	0	11065	0	6669	0	347	18081
Zambezi	1	3243	0	751	0	32	4026
Total	1	160344	0	82897	0	7955	251196

Table 5: Summary of administered Covid-19 booster doses, 20 March 2022

Region	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Pfizer		J&J		Grand total 3rd dose
	New booster dose	All booster dose	New booster dose	All booster dose	New booster dose	All booster dose	New booster dose	All booster dose	
Erongo	0	1641	0	601	0	2872	0	348	5462
Hardap	0	2042	0	385	0	966	0	203	3596
Kharas	0	830	0	167	0	330	0	66	1393
Kavango East	0	527	0	193	0	247	0	434	1401
Kavango West	0	535	0	247	0	267	0	302	1351
Khomas	0	2545	0	888	0	5264	0	614	9311
Kunene	0	1482	0	376	0	579	0	454	2891
Ohangwena	0	283	0	82	0	22	0	59	446
Omaheke	0	397	0	152	0	144	0	61	754
Omusati	0	873	0	308	0	446	0	64	1691
Oshana	0	1185	0	196	0	595	0	192	2168
Oshikoto	0	807	0	168	0	217	0	57	1249
Otjozondjupa	0	1653	0	453	0	924	0	6	3036
Zambezi	6	445	0	38	0	105	4	151	739
Total	6	15245	0	4254	0	12978	4	3011	35488

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines (12-17) Years, 1st dose, 20 March 2022

PFIZER FOR CHILDREN 1st DOSE (12-17) Years					
Region	New (12-13 yrs)	All 1st dose (12-13 yrs)	New (14-17 yrs)	All 1st dose (14-17 yrs)	GRAND TOTAL 1st DOSES (12-17 yrs)
Erongo	0	158	0	289	447
Hardap	0	217	0	352	569
Kharas	0	81	0	134	215
Kavango East	0	1096	0	2416	3512
Kavango West	0	1354	0	2529	3883
Khomas	0	231	0	487	718
Kunene	0	162	0	268	430
Ohangwena	0	49	0	52	101
Omaheke	0	56	0	115	171
Omusati	0	87	0	64	151
Oshana	0	78	0	157	235
Oshikoto	0	32	0	51	83
Otjozondjupa	0	128	0	187	315
Zambezi	0	4	0	3	7
Total	0	3733	0	7104	10837

Table 7: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines (12-17) Years, 2nd dose, 20 March 2022

PFIZER FOR CHILDREN 2nd DOSE (12-17) Years					
Region	New (12-13 yrs)	All 2nd dose (12-13 yrs)	New (14-17 yrs)	All 2nd Dose (14-17 yrs)	GRAND TOTAL 2nd DOSE (12-17) Years
Erongo	0	68	0	186	254
Hardap	0	112	0	138	250
Kharas	0	19	0	31	50
Kavango East	0	279	0	674	953
Kavango West	0	321	0	478	799
Khomas	0	161	0	367	528
Kunene	0	67	0	12	79
Ohangwena	0	1	0	2	3
Omaheke	0	32	0	92	124
Omusati	0	6	0	15	21
Oshana	0	23	0	44	67
Oshikoto	0	8	0	30	38
Otjozondjupa	0	45	0	110	155
Zambezi	0	3	0	2	5
Total	0	1145	0	2181	3326

10. *Table 8: Summary of the national update, 20 March 2022*

Cumulative newly confirmed individuals	157 536
Newly confirmed individuals	13
New reinfections	1
Cumulative cases including reinfections	159 631
Recoveries	155 426
Recovery rate	97.3%
Active cases	174
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st dose	450 286
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd dose	254 598
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine completed	383 269
COVID-19 Deaths	3 687
COVID-19 Related Deaths	329
Total Deaths	4 016
Total samples tested	975 922
Active contacts	145
Cumulative number of people quarantined	89 808
Number of quarantined people discharged	89 659
Number of people in quarantines	149

11. On yesterday's report we reported a new case from Hardap but district was indicated as Oshakati. This case was actually from Hardap region, Rehoboth district. The error is regretted and hereby rectified.

As we commemorate the 32nd Independence anniversary, let's do it cautiously while mindful of the fact that COVID-19 is still among us, albeit at the low side. We should not spread the sparks of infection at our celebratory events.

I WISH ALL OF YOU HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

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