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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

23 December 2021

WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce one thousand three hundred and six (**1306**) new positive cases from three thousand two hundred and fifty-eight (**3 258**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours reporting cycle, which represents **40.1%** positivity ratio. The sex distribution is six hundred and eighty-one (**681**) females and six hundred and twenty-five (**625**) males. The age ranges from eight (**8**) months to eighty-eight (**88**) years.

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases & Reinfections, 23 December 2021

Regions	New cases	Districts	New cases	New re-infections	Total
Khomas	276	Windhoek	276	40	316
Erongo	254	Swakopmund	134	15	149
		Walvis Bay	111	11	122
		Omaruru	8	1	9
		Usakos	1	0	1
Otjozondjupa	152	Otjiwarongo	65	4	69
		Okahandja	43	1	44
		Grootfontein	25	2	27
		Okakarara	19	2	21
Kharas	131	Lüderitz	81	6	87
		Karasburg	29	1	30
		Keetmanshoop	21	0	21
Oshikoto	98	Tsumeb	58	4	62
		Onandjokwe	26	2	28
		Omuthiya	14	1	15
Kunene	77	Opuwo	27	3	30
		Khorixas	27	0	27
		Outjo	23	3	26
Omusati	75	Outapi	29	2	31
		Okahao	21	2	23
		Tsandi	13	0	13
		Oshikuku	12	0	12
Oshana	69	Oshakati	69	3	72
Ohangwena	65	Eenhana	44	0	44
		Engela	18	1	19
		Okongo	3	0	3
Hardap	36	Rehoboth	25	1	26
		Mariental	10	0	10
		Aranos	1	0	1
Zambezi	34	Katima Mulilo	34	2	36
Kavango East	30	Rundu	29	0	29
		Andara	1	1	2
Kavango West	5	Nkurenkuru	4	0	4
		Ncamagoro	1	0	1
Omaheke	4	Gobabis	4	0	4
Total	1306		1306	108	1414

2. We are reporting cases from all regions with Khomas region reporting the highest number of two hundred and seventy-six (276), making up 21.1%, followed by Erongo region with two hundred and fifty-four (254) constituting 19.4% of all newly confirmed cases. We are also reporting one hundred and eight (108) new reinfections with Khomas region reporting the highest of forty (40), making up 37% of all reinfections.
3. Among the confirmed cases are ninety-one (91) learners, nineteen (19) teachers, twenty-three (23) students and fifty-six (56) health care workers from different institutions. Fourteen (14) cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, one hundred and twenty-three (123) cases are fully vaccinated, five (5) received three (3) doses, while thirty-three (33) cases did not specify the number of doses received. One thousand one hundred and thirty-one (1 131) accounting for 87% of the new cases are unvaccinated.
4. We are reporting one hundred and fifty-seven (157) new recoveries from six (6) regions.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 23 December 2021

Region	Number
Otjozondjupa	88
Oshana	39
Omusati	18
Zambezi	6
Kunene	5
Khomas	1
Total	157

5. The number of active cases are now at thirteen thousand and fifty-eight (13 058). Hospitalized cases are currently at three hundred and nine (309) across thirteen (13) regions, of which twenty-four (24) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Eight (8) of the hospitalized cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and thirty-eight (38) are fully vaccinated. Two (2) cases in ICU are fully vaccinated.

6. *Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 23 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	109	109	3	12	22	21	0	2
Kunene	37	36	0	9	0	0	0	0
Oshana	35	31	3	2	0	0	0	0
Omusati	27	24	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erongo	21	25	0	3	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	17	10	0	2	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	15	13	0	4	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kharas	9	9	1	3	0	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	7	7	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hardap	7	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	3	2	1	1	2	1	0	0
Total	309	291	8	38	24	22	0	2

7. We are reporting four (4) deaths from three (3) districts.

Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 23 December 2021

District	Sex		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		Covid death	C-R death		
Windhoek	1	1	2	1	1	0	1
Gobabis	0	1	1	0	1	0	1
Okakarara	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Total	2	2	4	2	2	0	3

Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 23 December 2021

Age group	No. of Deaths	Vaccination Status	
		1st dose	2nd dose
Under 1	0		
1-4	1		
5-9	0		
10-19	0	0	0
20-29	1	0	0
30-39	0	0	0
40-49	0	0	0
50-59	0	0	0
60-69	1	0	1
70-79	1	0	0
80-89	0	0	0
90+	0	0	0
Total	4	0	1

8. We are reporting two (2) COVID-19 deaths and two (2) COVID-19 Related Death. Two (2) of deaths occurred on 22 December 2021, one (1) death occurred on 20 December and one (1) occurred on 19 December. One (1) of the deceased was fully vaccinated. The three other deceased persons were not vaccinated.
9. By 22 December 2021, a total of **402 759** people have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, representing **26.8%** of the target population including one thousand six hundred and seventeen (**1 617**) children aged 12-17 years. A total of **103 992** have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which is administered as one dose, while **236 810** adults had received two doses of other vaccines. Therefore, **340 802** have completed the vaccination, translating to **22.7%** of the target population. Four thousand and twenty-seven (**4 027**) people have received a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccines. Details of vaccinations are presented in tables 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 below:

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 23 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	32	15 825	10	13 176	0	3	23	909	78	8 882	38 795
Hardap	9	12 460	1	5 587	0	0	15	251	42	6 152	24 450
Kharas	12	10 236	0	4 593	0	0	0	142	22	5 445	20 416
Kavango East	70	10 533	12	7 066	0	0	103	1 110	347	10 024	28 733
Kavango West	19	5 643	2	4 525	0	0	26	661	44	9 247	20 076
Khomas	0	41 677	0	29 496	0	94	0	3 707	0	19 015	93 989
Kunene	6	11 570	0	5 431	0	0	0	34	24	7 349	24 384
Ohangwena	4	15 707	1	5 293	0	2	2	104	22	5 781	26 887
Omaheke	14	8 295	1	5 006	0	0	4	114	65	5 196	18 611
Omusati	11	13 356	0	7 216	0	0	8	221	23	5 211	26 004
Oshana	9	12 338	0	4 782	0	29	10	166	27	4 274	21 589
Oshikoto	5	12 066	0	3 716	0	0	2	45	22	5 513	21 340
Otjozondjupa	4	12 337	0	8 452	0	0	6	182	29	9 067	30 038
Zambezi	2	3 617	0	939	0	0	0	55	3	2 836	7 447
Total	197	185 660	27	105 278	0	128	199	7 701	748	103 992	402 759

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 2nd dose, 23 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	15	13 578	4	11 344	0	5	25	255	25 182
Hardap	16	10 493	10	4 239	0	0	7	58	14 790
Kharas	15	8 200	0	3 165	0	0	5	67	11 432
Kavango East	75	7 182	39	3 715	0	0	65	220	11 117
Kavango West	35	4 355	5	2 970	0	0	23	75	7 400
Khomas	0	35 315	0	24 511	0	63	0	1 877	61 766
Kunene	16	8 520	1	4 015	0	0	0	0	12 535
Ohangwena	14	12 858	6	4 111	0	0	5	5	16 974
Omaheke	8	5 927	0	3 033	0	0	1	41	9 001
Omusati	27	11 479	0	5 845	0	0	7	27	17 351
Oshana	16	10 841	0	3 848	0	8	2	36	14 733
Oshikoto	14	10 373	3	3 073	0	0	2	2	13 448
Otjozondjupa	10	10 695	2	6 466	0	0	5	60	17 221
Zambezi	3	3 112	0	733	0	0	0	15	3 860
Total	264	152 928	70	81 068	0	76	147	2 738	236 810

Table 7: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 3rd dose (booster), 23 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	28	323	4	74	0	0	100	389	786
Hardap	20	145	0	0	0	0	36	110	255
Kharas	5	127	0	19	0	0	0	11	157
Kavango East	13	103	0	0	0	0	20	25	128
Kavango West	16	50	0	0	0	0	6	14	64
Khomas	0	550	0	206	0	0	0	767	1 523
Kunene	6	42	8	8	0	0	0	0	50
Ohangwena	1	42	0	0	0	0	1	1	43
Omaheke	2	19	0	0	0	0	0	4	23
Omusati	6	97	0	16	0	0	7	35	148
Oshana	28	231	0	40	0	0	22	67	338
Oshikoto	11	165	2	15	0	0	2	12	192
Otjozondjupa	18	163	0	37	0	0	18	94	294
Zambezi	0	20	0	2	0	0	2	4	26
Total	154	2 077	14	417	0	0	214	1 533	4 027

Table 8: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 1st dose, 23 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	69	11	134	203
Hardap	2	54	8	117	171
Kharas	0	7	0	9	16
Kavango East	32	187	19	283	470
Kavango West	15	91	11	165	256
Khomas	0	31	0	75	106
Kunene	0	4	0	0	4
Ohangwena	1	45	0	40	85
Omaheke	1	13	3	11	24
Omusati	0	64	0	33	97
Oshana	3	27	5	51	78
Oshikoto	1	5	1	15	20
Otjozondjupa	1	35	1	50	85
Zambezi	0	0	0	2	2
Total	59	632	59	985	1617

Table 9: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 2nd dose, 23 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

10. Table 10: Summary of the national update, 23 December 2021

Cumulative newly confirmed individuals	143 576
Newly confirmed individuals	1306
New Re-infections	108
Cumulative cases including re-infections	144 858
Recoveries	128 186
Recovery rate	89%
Active cases	13 058
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses	402 759
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses	236 810
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine completed	340 802
COVID-19 Deaths	3 291
COVID-19 Related Deaths	310
Total Deaths	3 601
Total samples tested	855 203
Active contacts	3 273
Cumulative number of people quarantined	84 516
Number of quarantined people discharged	83 731
Number of people in quarantines	785

11. **Key Message**

- A daily increase of confirmed cases continue to be observed with great concern. The great majority of the new infections are still not vaccinated. In the same vein we continue to observe increased hospitalized including those in ICU.
- Let us remember that vaccination will reduce hospitalization and deaths for those who get exposed to the virus, hence we are urged the still unvaccinated to get vaccinated.
- As we enter Christmas weekend, the public is reminded to strictly observe the public health measures of wearing masks, washing hands and sanitizing as well as maintaining distance at public places.
- Please avoid unnecessary gatherings and travelling in order to reduce transmission of COVID-19 virus as we have known that Omicron variants is highly transmissible.
- **THE COVID-19 TEAM WISHES ALL NAMIBIANS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT THROUGHTOUT 2021 AND COUNT ON SAME IN THE NEW YEAR.**

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