

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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

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1. We announce one thousand and fifty-three (**1 053**) new positive cases from three thousand one hundred and fifty-six (**3 156**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours reporting cycle, which represents **33.4%** positivity ratio. The sex distribution is five hundred and twenty-seven (**527**) females and five hundred and twenty-six (**526**) males. The age ranges from two (**2**) months to eighty-six (**86**) years.

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases & Reinfections, 24 December 2021

Regions	New cases	Districts	New cases	New re-infections	Total
Khomas	295	Windhoek	295	39	334
Erongo	179	Swakopmund	87	6	93
		Walvis Bay	54	4	58
		Omaruru	33	1	34
		Usakos	5	0	5
Kunene	122	Outjo	72	1	73
		Khorixas	31	1	32
		Opuwo	19	1	20
Oshana	83	Oshakati	83	10	93
Otjozondjupa	65	Otjiwarongo	26	0	26
		Grootfontein	22	2	24
		Okahandja	15	0	15
		Okakarara	2	0	2
Omusati	62	Oshikuku	23	0	23
		Tsandi	16	0	16
		Outapi	12	0	12
		Okahao	11	0	11
Kharas	59	Lüderitz	30	4	34
		Karasburg	17	1	18
		Keetmanshoop	12	0	12
Ohangwena	44	Eenhana	22	2	24
		Engela	16	0	16
		Okongo	6	0	6
Omaheke	44	Gobabis	44	1	45
Oshikoto	43	Tsumeb	29	3	32
		Omuthiya	8	0	8
		Onandjokwe	6	0	6
Hardap	34	Rehoboth	16	1	17
		Mariental	16	3	19
		Aranos	2	0	2
Zambezi	19	Katima Mulilo	19	0	19
Kavango West	4	Nkurenkuru	4	0	4
Total	1 053		1 053	80	1 133

2. Khomas reports the highest number of two hundred and ninety-five (295), making up 28%, followed by Erongo with one hundred and seventy-nine (179) constituting 17% of all newly confirmed cases. We are also reporting eighty (80) new reinfections with Khomas reporting the highest number of thirty-nine (39), making up 48.8% of all reinfections.

3. Among the confirmed cases are ninety-one (91) learners, sixteen (16) teachers, sixteen (16) students and forty-three (43) health care workers from different institutions. Fifteen (15) cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, one hundred and seventy-six (176) cases are fully vaccinated, two (2) received three (3) doses, while thirty-two (32) vaccinated cases did not specify the number of doses received. Eight hundred and twenty-eight (828) accounting for 77% of the new cases are unvaccinated.
4. We are reporting three hundred and eighty-four (**384**) new recoveries from seven (7) regions.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 24 December 2021

Region	Number
Otjozondjupa	211
Oshana	63
Kunene	37
Kharas	30
Oshikoto	25
Omusati	17
Ohangwena	1
Total	384

5. The number of active cases are now thirteen thousand and eight hundred (**13 800**). Hospitalized cases are currently at three hundred and twenty (**320**) across all fourteen (14) regions, of which twenty-three (**23**) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Eight (**8**) of the hospitalized cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and forty-one (**41**) are fully vaccinated. Two (**2**) cases in ICU are fully vaccinated. Twenty-one (21) cases in ICU are unvaccinated.

6. *Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 24 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	116	109	3	14	22	22	0	2
Kunene	44	37	0	9	0	0	0	0
Erongo	29	21	0	3	0	0	0	0
Oshana	27	35	3	3	0	0	0	0
Omusati	27	27	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	18	15	0	4	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	14	17	0	2	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kharas	8	9	1	2	0	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	6	7	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hardap	5	7	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kavango West	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	2	3	1	1	1	2	0	0
Total	320	309	8	38	23	24	0	2

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

Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 24 December 2021

District	Sex		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		Covid death	C-R death		
Onandjokwe	1	2	3	3	0	0	2
Engela	1	1	2	2	0	2	0
Khorixas	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Rehoboth	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Total	3	4	7	6	1	2	4

Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 24 December 2021

Age group	No. of Deaths	Vaccination Status	
		1st dose	2nd dose
Under 1	0		
1-4	0		
5-9	0		
10-19	0	0	0
20-29	0	0	0
30-39	2	0	0
40-49	1	0	0
50-59	2	0	0
60-69	0	0	0
70-79	1	0	0
80-89	1	0	0
90+	0	0	0
Total	7	0	0

8. We are reporting six (6) COVID-19 deaths with 2 home deaths from Engela district and one (1) COVID-19 Related Death. Six (6) of deaths occurred between 19-22 December 2021 and one (1) death occurred on 24 December. None of the deceased was vaccinated.
9. By 23 December 2021, a total of **403 260** people have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, representing **26.8%** of the target population including one thousand six hundred and eighty-nine (**1 689**) children aged 12-17 years. A total of **104 242** have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which is administered as one dose, while **237 149** adults had received two doses of other vaccines. Therefore, **341 391** have completed the vaccination, translating to **22.7%** of the target population. Four thousand two hundred and ninety (**4 290**) 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 4: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 24 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	9	15 834	0	13 176	0	3	12	921	17	8899	38 833
Hardap	0	12 460	0	5 587	0	0	0	251	0	6152	24 450
Kharas	0	10 236	0	4 593	0	0	0	142	0	5445	20 416
Kavango East	62	10 595	9	7 075	0	0	50	1 160	71	10095	28 925
Kavango West	10	5 653	0	4525	0	0	20	681	66	9313	20 172
Khomas	0	41 677	0	29496	0	94	0	3 707	0	19015	93 989
Kunene	0	11 570	0	5431	0	0	0	34	0	7349	24 384
Ohangwena	13	15 720	0	5293	0	2	0	104	25	5806	26 925
Omaheke	7	8302	0	5006	0	0	19	133	5	5201	18 642
Omusati	10	13366	0	7216	0	0	8	229	30	5241	26 052
Oshana	9	12347	0	4782	0	29	3	169	15	4289	21 616
Oshikoto	6	12072	0	3716	0	0	2	47	15	5528	21 363
Otjozondjupa	0	12337	0	8452	0	0	0	182	0	9067	30 038
Zambezi	1	3618	0	939	0	0	1	56	6	2842	7 455
Total	127	185787	9	105287	0	128	115	7 816	250	104 242	403 260

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 2nd dose, 24 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	13593	5	11349	0	5	21	276	25223
Hardap	0	10493	0	4239	0	0	0	58	14790
Kharas	0	8200	0	3165	0	0	0	67	11432
Kavango East	78	7260	73	3788	0	0	30	250	11298
Kavango West	12	4367	0	2970	0	0	5	80	7417
Khomas	0	35315	0	24511	0	63	0	1877	61766
Kunene	0	8520	0	4015	0	0	0	0	12535
Ohangwena	20	12878	7	4118	0	0	0	5	17001
Omaheke	7	5934	0	3033	0	0	0	41	9008
Omusati	17	11496	4	5849	0	0	29	56	17401
Oshana	10	10851	0	3848	0	8	0	36	14743
Oshikoto	2	10375	2	3075	0	0	1	3	13453
Otjozondjupa	0	10695	0	6466	0	0	0	60	17221
Zambezi	1	3113	0	733	0	0	0	15	3861
Total	162	153090	91	81159	0	76	86	2824	237149

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 3rd dose, 24 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	23	346	0	74	0	0	149	538	958
Hardap	0	145	0	0	0	0	0	110	255
Kharas	0	127	0	19	0	0	0	11	157
Kavango East	1	104	0	0	0	0	12	37	141
Kavango West	1	51	0	0	0	0	1	15	66
Khomas	0	550	0	206	0	0	0	767	1523
Kunene	0	42	0	8	0	0	0	0	50
Ohangwena	2	44	1	1	0	0	0	1	46
Omaheke	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	4	23
Omusati	7	104	2	18	0	0	2	37	159
Oshana	25	256	14	54	0	0	9	76	386
Oshikoto	7	172	4	19	0	0	1	13	204
Otjozondjupa	0	163	0	37	0	0	0	94	294
Zambezi	2	22	0	2	0	0	0	4	28
Total	68	2145	21	438	0	0	174	1707	4290

Table 7: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 1st dose, 24 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	73	3	137	210
Hardap	0	54	0	117	171
Kharas	0	7	0	9	16
Kavango East	13	200	25	308	508
Kavango West	9	100	10	175	275
Khomas	0	31	0	75	106
Kunene	0	4	0	0	4
Ohangwena	0	45	0	40	85
Omaheke	0	13	0	11	24
Omusati	3	67	3	36	103
Oshana	0	27	1	52	79
Oshikoto	0	5	1	16	21
Otjozondjupa	0	35	0	50	85
Zambezi	0	0	0	2	2
Total	29	661	43	1028	1689

Table 8: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 2nd dose, 24 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, 24 December 2021

Cumulative newly confirmed individuals	144 629
Newly confirmed individuals	1 053
New Re-infections	80
Cumulative cases including re-infections	145 991
Recoveries	128 570
Recovery rate	89%
Active cases	13 800
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses	403 260
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses	237 149
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine completed	341 391
COVID-19 Deaths	3 297
COVID-19 Related Deaths	311
Total Deaths	3 608
Total samples tested	858 339
Active contacts	3 325
Cumulative number of people quarantined	84 647
Number of quarantined people discharged	83 812
Number of people in quarantines	835




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