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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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1. We announce four hundred and sixty (**460**) new positive cases from one thousand six hundred and fifty (**1 650**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours reporting cycle, which represents **27.9%** positivity ratio. The sex distribution is two hundred and sixty-five (**265**) males and one hundred and ninety-five (**195**) females. The age ranges from two (**2**) months to eighty-one (**81**) years.

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases & Reinfections, 26 December 2021

Regions	New cases	Districts	New cases	New re-infections	Total
Kharas	99	Luderitz	62	1	63
		Karasburg	27	0	27
		Keetmanshoop	10	0	10
Omaheke	98	Gobabis	98	7	105
Erongo	86	Swakopmund	52	3	55
		Walvis Bay	33	4	37
		Omaruru	1	1	2
Khomas	81	Windhoek	81	12	93
Omusati	28	Outapi	22	0	22
		Tsandi	4	1	5
		Okahao	1	0	1
		Oshikuku	1	0	1
Oshana	21	Oshakati	21	1	22
Kunene	21	Outjo	11	0	11
		Opuwo	10	0	10
Otjozondjupa	15	Otjiwarongo	9	1	10
		Grootfontein	6	2	8
Kavango West	6	Nkurenkuru	6	0	6
Oshikoto	5	Omuthiya	4	0	4
		Tsumeb	1	0	1
Total	460		460	33	493

2. We are reporting cases from ten (10) regions with ||Kharas region reporting the highest number of ninety-nine (99), making up 21.5%, followed by Omaheke region with ninety-eight (98) constituting 21.3% of all newly confirmed cases. We are also reporting thirty-three (33) new reinfections with Khomas region reporting the highest of twelve (12), making up 36.3% of all new reinfections.
3. Among the confirmed cases are thirty (30) learners, six (6) teachers, ten (10) students and eleven (11) health care workers from different institutions. Thirteen (13) cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, sixty-two (62) cases are fully vaccinated, two (2) have received booster shots (3 doses), while forty-one (41) vaccinated cases did not specify the number of doses received. Three hundred and forty-two (342) accounting for 74.3% of the new cases are unvaccinated.
4. We are reporting one hundred and sixty-two (**162**) new recoveries from three (3) regions as per Table 2 below:

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 26 December 2021

Region	Number
Omusati	79
Hardap	64
Kunene	19
Total	162

5. The number of active cases are now at fourteen thousand two hundred and eighty-nine (**14 289**). Hospitalized cases remain at three hundred and twenty-nine (**329**) across thirteen (13) regions, of which twenty-eight (**28**) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Ten (**10**) of the hospitalized cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and forty-one (**41**) are fully vaccinated. The remainder 278 patients, which constitutes 84.5% are not vaccinated. Two (**2**) cases in ICU are fully vaccinated but the remainder 26 ICU patients (92.8%) are unvaccinated.

6. Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 26 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	118	119	3	14	25	24	0	2
Kunene	41	44	0	10	0	0	0	0
Oshana	31	31	5	3	0	0	0	0
Erongo	29	29	0	3	0	0	0	0
Omusati	27	27	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	15	15	0	4	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	14	13	0	2	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hardap	10	7	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kharas	8	8	1	2	0	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	8	8	0	1	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	6	6	1	1	3	3	0	0
Total	329	329	10	41	28	27	0	2

7. We are reporting one (1) COVID-19 related death from Luderitz district. A male aged 49 years, with serious co-morbidities died at a health facility on 24 December 2021. The deceased was not vaccinated.
8. By 25 December 2021, a total of **403 430** people have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, representing **26.9%** of the target population including one thousand seven hundred and eleven (**1 711**) children aged 12-17 years. A total of **104 344** have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which is administered as one dose, while **237 263** adults had received two doses of other vaccines. Therefore, **341 607** have completed the vaccination, translating to **22.8%** of the target population. Four thousand four hundred and thirty-five (**4 435**) people have received a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccines. Details of vaccinations are presented in tables 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 below:

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 26 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	0	15834	0	13176	0	3	0	921	0	8899	38833
Hardap	0	12463	0	5587	0	0	0	252	0	6172	24474
Kharas	0	10236	0	4593	0	0	0	142	0	5445	20416
Kavango East	0	10595	0	7075	0	0	0	1160	0	10095	28925
Kavango West	0	5653	0	4525	0	0	0	681	0	9313	20172
Khomas	0	41682	0	29497	0	94	0	3728	0	19034	94035
Kunene	0	11571	0	5431	0	0	0	34	0	7349	24385
Ohangwena	0	15720	0	5293	0	2	0	104	0	5806	26925
Omaheke	0	8305	0	5006	0	0	0	134	0	5218	18663
Omusati	0	13376	0	7216	0	0	0	237	0	5271	26100
Oshana	0	12347	0	4782	0	29	0	169	0	4289	21616
Oshikoto	0	12072	0	3716	0	0	0	47	0	5528	21363
Otjozondjupa	0	12343	0	8455	0	0	2	187	2	9083	30068
Zambezi	0	3618	0	939	0	0	0	56	0	2842	7455
Total	0	185815	0	105291	0	128	2	7852	2	104344	403430

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 2nd dose, 26 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	0	13593	0	11349	0	5	0	276	25223
Hardap	0	10494	0	4239	0	0	0	58	14791
Kharas	0	8200	0	3165	0	0	0	67	11432
Kavango East	0	7260	0	3788	0	0	0	250	11298
Kavango West	0	4367	0	2970	0	0	0	80	7417
Khomas	0	35331	0	24516	0	63	0	1892	61802
Kunene	0	8522	0	4015	0	0	0	0	12537
Ohangwena	0	12878	0	4118	0	0	0	5	17001
Omaheke	0	5940	0	3033	0	0	0	43	9016
Omusati	0	11513	0	5853	0	0	0	85	17451
Oshana	0	10851	0	3848	0	8	0	36	14743
Oshikoto	0	10375	0	3075	0	0	0	3	13453
Otjozondjupa	2	10700	0	6471	0	0	6	67	17238
Zambezi	0	3113	0	733	0	0	0	15	3861
Total	2	153137	0	81173	0	76	6	2877	237263

Table 7: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 3rd dose, 26 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	0	346	0	74	0	0	0	538	958
Hardap	0	149	0	0	0	0	0	115	264
Kharas	0	127	0	19	0	0	0	11	157
Kavango East	0	104	0	0	0	0	0	37	141
Kavango West	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	15	66
Khomas	0	560	0	210	0	0	0	787	1557
Kunene	0	46	0	9	0	0	0	0	55
Ohangwena	0	44	0	1	0	0	0	1	46
Omaheke	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	4	23
Omusati	0	137	0	20	0	0	0	61	218
Oshana	0	256	0	54	0	0	0	76	386
Oshikoto	0	172	0	19	0	0	0	13	204
Otjozondjupa	10	180	0	43	0	0	8	109	332
Zambezi	0	22	0	2	0	0	0	4	28
Total	10	2213	0	451	0	0	8	1771	4435

Table 8: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 1st dose, 26 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	73	0	137	210
Hardap	0	54	0	118	172
Kharas	0	7	0	9	16
Kavango East	0	200	0	308	508
Kavango West	0	100	0	175	275
Khomas	0	35	0	83	118
Kunene	0	4	0	0	4
Ohangwena	0	45	0	40	85
Omaheke	0	13	0	11	24
Omusati	0	70	0	39	109
Oshana	0	27	0	52	79
Oshikoto	0	5	0	16	21
Otjozondjupa	0	35	1	53	88
Zambezi	0	0	0	2	2
Total	0	668	1	1 043	1711

Table 9: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 2nd dose, 26 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

9. Table 10: Summary of the national update, 26 December 2021

Cumulative newly confirmed individuals	146 097
Newly confirmed individuals	460
New Re-infections	33
Cumulative cases including re-infections	147 580
Recoveries	129 667
Recovery rate	89%
Active cases	14 289
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses	403 430
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses	237 263
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine completed	341 607
COVID-19 Deaths	3 299
COVID-19 Related Deaths	312
Total Deaths	3 611
Total samples tested	862 436
Active contacts	3 003
Cumulative number of people quarantined	84 711
Number of quarantined people discharged	83 875
Number of people in quarantines	836

10. Key Message

- We have been observing a gradual decrease in the number of tests results. However, the high positivity ratio suggests that, the transmission is still high in the population. Therefore, we urge all those that have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 to go for testing in order to know their status and take extra precautions to further reduce infections to others.

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