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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

**29 December 2021**

**WINDHOEK**

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1. We announce seven hundred and forty-nine (**749**) new positive cases from two thousand and thirty-eight (**2 038**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours reporting cycle, which represents **36.8%** positivity ratio. The sex distribution is four hundred and fourteen (**414**) females and three hundred and thirty-five (**335**) males. The age ranges from three (**3**) months to one hundred and seventeen (**117**) years.

*Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases & Reinfections, 29 December 2021*

| Regions      | New cases  | Districts    | New cases  | New re-infections | Total      |
|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Omusati      | 131        | Outapi       | 91         | 3                 | <b>94</b>  |
|              |            | Oshikuku     | 33         | 0                 | <b>33</b>  |
|              |            | Tsandi       | 5          | 0                 | <b>5</b>   |
|              |            | Okahao       | 2          | 0                 | <b>2</b>   |
| Khomas       | 105        | Windhoek     | 105        | 10                | <b>115</b> |
| Ohangwena    | 103        | Eenhana      | 74         | 5                 | <b>79</b>  |
|              |            | Okongo       | 15         | 1                 | <b>16</b>  |
|              |            | Engela       | 14         | 2                 | <b>16</b>  |
| Oshana       | 99         | Oshakati     | 99         | 6                 | <b>105</b> |
| Kharas       | 79         | Keetmashoop  | 36         | 2                 | <b>38</b>  |
|              |            | Luderitz     | 28         | 4                 | <b>32</b>  |
|              |            | Karasburg    | 15         | 1                 | <b>16</b>  |
| Erongo       | 72         | Walvis Bay   | 54         | 4                 | <b>58</b>  |
|              |            | Swakopmund   | 18         | 0                 | <b>18</b>  |
| Otjozondupa  | 62         | Otjiwarongo  | 26         | 5                 | <b>31</b>  |
|              |            | Okahandja    | 21         | 1                 | <b>22</b>  |
|              |            | Okakarara    | 8          | 0                 | <b>8</b>   |
|              |            | Grootfontein | 7          | 0                 | <b>7</b>   |
| Oshikoto     | 37         | Tsumeb       | 27         | 1                 | <b>28</b>  |
|              |            | Onandjokwe   | 6          | 0                 | <b>6</b>   |
|              |            | Omuthiya     | 4          | 0                 | <b>4</b>   |
| Kunene       | 34         | Outjo        | 16         | 1                 | <b>17</b>  |
|              |            | Opuwo        | 12         | 0                 | <b>12</b>  |
|              |            | Khorixas     | 6          | 0                 | <b>6</b>   |
| Hardap       | 12         | Rehoboth     | 7          | 0                 | <b>7</b>   |
|              |            | Mariental    | 5          | 3                 | <b>8</b>   |
| Kavango East | 9          | Rundu        | 9          | 0                 | <b>9</b>   |
| Kavango West | 6          | Nkurenkuru   | 6          | 0                 | <b>6</b>   |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>749</b> |              | <b>749</b> | <b>49</b>         | <b>798</b> |

2. Omusati region records the highest number of one hundred and thirty-one (131), making up 17.5%, followed by Khomas region with one hundred and five (105), constituting 14% and Ohangwena with one hundred and three (103), accounting for 13.8% of all newly confirmed cases. We are also reporting forty-nine (49) new reinfections with Khomas region recording the highest of ten (10), making up 20.4% of all new reinfections.
3. Among the confirmed cases are forty-one (41) learners, eight (8) teachers, eleven (11) students and thirty-two (32) health care workers from different institutions. Seventeen (17) cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, seventy-four (74) cases are fully vaccinated and twenty-three (23) vaccinated cases did not specify the number of

doses received. Six hundred and thirty-five (635), accounting for 84.8% of the new cases are unvaccinated.

4. We are reporting three hundred and eighty-three **(383)** new recoveries from seven (7) regions.

*Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 29 December 2021*

| Region       | Number     |
|--------------|------------|
| Oshikoto     | 100        |
| Hardap       | 82         |
| Kharas       | 82         |
| Otjozondjupa | 57         |
| Kunene       | 53         |
| Oshana       | 7          |
| Rundu        | 2          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>383</b> |

5. The number of active cases are now fourteen thousand six hundred and seventeen (**14 617**). Hospitalized cases are currently at three hundred and thirty-six (**336**) across thirteen (13) regions, of which twenty-one (**21**) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Seven (**7**) of the hospitalized cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and thirty-two (**32**) are fully vaccinated. Three (**3**) cases in ICU are fully vaccinated. The remainder of 18 (85.7%) are not vaccinated.

*Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 29 December 2021*

| Region       | Hospitalized cases |            | Vaccinated           |                      | ICU       |           | Vaccinated           |                      |
|--------------|--------------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|
|              | Current            | Previous   | 1 <sup>st</sup> dose | 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose | Current   | Previous  | 1 <sup>st</sup> dose | 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose |
| Khomas       | 93                 | 101        | 3                    | 11                   | 17        | 20        | 0                    | 2                    |
| Oshana       | 50                 | 44         | 0                    | 0                    | 4         | 1         | 0                    | 1                    |
| Kunene       | 42                 | 42         | 0                    | 10                   | 0         | 0         | 0                    | 0                    |
| Omusati      | 35                 | 27         | 0                    | 0                    | 0         | 0         | 0                    | 0                    |
| Erongo       | 29                 | 29         | 0                    | 3                    | 0         | 3         | 0                    | 0                    |
| Ohangwena    | 20                 | 15         | 3                    | 3                    | 0         | 0         | 0                    | 0                    |
| Zambezi      | 17                 | 17         | 0                    | 0                    | 0         | 0         | 0                    | 0                    |
| Kavango East | 14                 | 14         | 0                    | 2                    | 0         | 2         | 0                    | 0                    |
| Otjozondjupa | 12                 | 11         | 0                    | 1                    | 0         | 0         | 0                    | 0                    |
| Omaheke      | 10                 | 10         | 0                    | 0                    | 0         | 0         | 0                    | 0                    |
| Hardap       | 5                  | 9          | 0                    | 0                    | 0         | 0         | 0                    | 0                    |
| Kharas       | 5                  | 5          | 0                    | 1                    | 0         | 0         | 0                    | 0                    |
| Oshikoto     | 4                  | 6          | 1                    | 1                    | 0         | 3         | 0                    | 0                    |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>336</b>         | <b>330</b> | <b>7</b>             | <b>32</b>            | <b>21</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>0</b>             | <b>3</b>             |

6. We are reporting seven (7) deaths from five (5) districts;

*Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 29 December 2021*

| District     | Sex      |          | Total    | Classification |           | Home death | Comorbidity |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
|              | M        | F        |          | Covid death    | C-R death |            |             |
| Windhoek     | 2        | 0        | 2        | 2              | 0         | 0          | 2           |
| Okongo       | 1*+1     | 0        | 2        | 2              | 0         | 1          | 1           |
| Nkurenkuru   | 1        | 0        | 1        | 1              | 0         | 0          | 0           |
| Rundu        | 1        | 0        | 1        | 1              | 0         | 0          | 1           |
| Engela       | 1        | 0        | 1        | 1              | 0         | 0          | 1           |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>7</b>       | <b>0</b>  | <b>1</b>   | <b>5</b>    |

\*Home death

*Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 29 December 2021*

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

7. All the deceased are COVID-19 deaths of which one (1) death occurred on 10.12.2021, one (1) occurred on 23.12.2021, four (4) occurred on 26.12.2021 and one (1) occurred on 28.12.2021 which is within the 24 hours reporting cycle. One death from Okongo district occurred at home. One of the deceased was fully vaccinated but with serious comorbidities. One of the deceased was ineligible for vaccination. The remainder five, which makes up 71.4% are not vaccinated.
8. By 28 December 2021, a total of **404 241** people have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, representing **26.9%** of the target population including one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two (**1 782**) children aged 12-17 years. A total of **104 836** have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which is administered as one dose, while **237 865** adults had received two doses of other vaccines. Therefore, **342 701** have completed the vaccination, translating to **22.8%** of the target population. Five thousand two hundred and five (**5 205**) 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, 29 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       | 6         | 15 844         | 1           | 13 177         | 0         | 3          | 15        | 938          | 24         | 8 933          | 38 895               |
| Hardap       | 17        | 12 480         | 0           | 5 587          | 0         | 0          | 12        | 264          | 60         | 6 232          | 24 563               |
| Kharas       | 4         | 10 242         | 0           | 4 593          | 0         | 0          | 3         | 149          | 13         | 5 486          | 20 470               |
| Kavango East | 2         | 10 598         | 0           | 7 075          | 0         | 0          | 5         | 1 167        | 33         | 10 141         | 28 981               |
| Kavango West | 15        | 5 671          | 0           | 4 525          | 0         | 0          | 7         | 692          | 16         | 9 333          | 20 221               |
| Khomas       | 10        | 41 707         | 4           | 29 502         | 0         | 94         | 18        | 3 814        | 42         | 19 157         | 94 274               |
| Kunene       | 0         | 11 581         | 0           | 5 431          | 0         | 0          | 0         | 38           | 0          | 7 373          | 24 423               |
| Ohangwena    | 6         | 15 729         | 0           | 5 293          | 0         | 2          | 4         | 111          | 22         | 5 860          | 26 995               |
| Omaheke      | 4         | 8 309          | 2           | 5 008          | 0         | 0          | 0         | 134          | 1          | 5 219          | 18 670               |
| Omusati      | 0         | 13 376         | 0           | 7 216          | 0         | 0          | 0         | 237          | 0          | 5 271          | 26 100               |
| Oshana       | 6         | 12 357         | 0           | 4 782          | 0         | 29         | 3         | 178          | 14         | 4 310          | 21 656               |
| Oshikoto     | 5         | 12 078         | 2           | 3 718          | 0         | 0          | 7         | 54           | 8          | 5 536          | 21 386               |
| Otjozondjupa | 4         | 12 353         | 0           | 8 456          | 0         | 0          | 7         | 195          | 41         | 9 135          | 30 139               |
| Zambezi      | 1         | 3 620          | 0           | 939            | 0         | 0          | 3         | 59           | 3          | 2 850          | 7 468                |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>80</b> | <b>185 945</b> | <b>9</b>    | <b>105 302</b> | <b>0</b>  | <b>128</b> | <b>84</b> | <b>8 030</b> | <b>277</b> | <b>104 836</b> | <b>404 241</b>       |

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, 29 December 2021

|              | Sinopharm                |                          | AstraZeneca              |                          | Sputnik V                |                           | Pfizer                   |                          | Grand total 2nd dose |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Region       | New 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose | All 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose | New 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose | All 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose | New 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose | All 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses | New 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose | All 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose |                      |
| Erongo       | 13                       | 13 614                   | 0                        | 11 349                   | 0                        | 5                         | 27                       | 312                      | 25 280               |
| Hardap       | 21                       | 10 515                   | 0                        | 4 239                    | 0                        | 0                         | 6                        | 64                       | 14 818               |
| Kharas       | 13                       | 8 220                    | 0                        | 3 165                    | 0                        | 0                         | 6                        | 74                       | 11 459               |
| Kavango East | 14                       | 7 281                    | 1                        | 3 789                    | 0                        | 0                         | 4                        | 256                      | 11 326               |
| Kavango West | 10                       | 4 382                    | 0                        | 2 970                    | 0                        | 0                         | 17                       | 100                      | 7 452                |
| Khomas       | 30                       | 35 412                   | 13                       | 24 561                   | 0                        | 63                        | 41                       | 2 007                    | 62 043               |
| Kunene       | 0                        | 8 533                    | 0                        | 4 017                    | 0                        | 0                         | 0                        | 2                        | 12 552               |
| Ohangwena    | 28                       | 12 916                   | 7                        | 4 131                    | 0                        | 0                         | 4                        | 10                       | 17 057               |
| Omaheke      | 1                        | 5 941                    | 1                        | 3 034                    | 0                        | 0                         | 2                        | 45                       | 9 020                |
| Omusati      | 6                        | 11 519                   | 0                        | 5 853                    | 0                        | 0                         | 0                        | 85                       | 17 457               |
| Oshana       | 19                       | 10 879                   | 0                        | 3 848                    | 0                        | 8                         | 5                        | 46                       | 14 781               |
| Oshikoto     | 17                       | 10 392                   | 1                        | 3 076                    | 0                        | 0                         | 1                        | 4                        | 13 472               |
| Otjozondjupa | 9                        | 10 713                   | 2                        | 6 475                    | 0                        | 0                         | 7                        | 77                       | 17 265               |
| Zambezi      | 10                       | 3 133                    | 1                        | 734                      | 0                        | 0                         | 0                        | 16                       | 3 883                |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>191</b>               | <b>153 450</b>           | <b>26</b>                | <b>81 241</b>            | <b>0</b>                 | <b>76</b>                 | <b>120</b>               | <b>3 098</b>             | <b>237 865</b>       |

Table 7: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 3<sup>rd</sup> dose, 29 December 2021

| Region       | Sinopharm                |                          | AstraZeneca              |                          | Sputnik V                |                           | Pfizer                   |                          | Grand total 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
|              | New 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose | All 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose | New 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose | All 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose | New 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose | All 3 <sup>rd</sup> doses | New 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose | All 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose |                                  |
| Erongo       | 12                       | 367                      | 0                        | 74                       | 0                        | 0                         | 47                       | 612                      | 1 053                            |
| Hardap       | 12                       | 161                      | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                         | 35                       | 150                      | 311                              |
| Kharas       | 9                        | 136                      | 5                        | 24                       | 0                        | 0                         | 6                        | 32                       | 192                              |
| Kavango East | 3                        | 107                      | 2                        | 2                        | 0                        | 0                         | 6                        | 43                       | 152                              |
| Kavango West | 1                        | 52                       | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                         | 0                        | 15                       | 67                               |
| Khomas       | 33                       | 652                      | 24                       | 295                      | 0                        | 0                         | 72                       | 1 075                    | 2 022                            |
| Kunene       | 0                        | 53                       | 0                        | 11                       | 0                        | 0                         | 0                        | 0                        | 64                               |
| Ohangwena    | 2                        | 48                       | 0                        | 2                        | 0                        | 0                         | 0                        | 1                        | 51                               |
| Omaheke      | 0                        | 19                       | 0                        | 0                        | 0                        | 0                         | 0                        | 4                        | 23                               |
| Omusati      | 0                        | 137                      | 0                        | 20                       | 0                        | 0                         | 0                        | 61                       | 218                              |
| Oshana       | 0                        | 272                      | 0                        | 57                       | 0                        | 0                         | 10                       | 98                       | 427                              |
| Oshikoto     | 6                        | 178                      | 2                        | 21                       | 0                        | 0                         | 0                        | 13                       | 212                              |
| Otjozondjupa | 16                       | 198                      | 12                       | 57                       | 0                        | 0                         | 10                       | 122                      | 377                              |
| Zambezi      | 1                        | 25                       | 1                        | 3                        | 0                        | 0                         | 6                        | 13                       | 41                               |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>95</b>                | <b>2 405</b>             | <b>46</b>                | <b>566</b>               | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>                  | <b>192</b>               | <b>2 239</b>             | <b>5 210</b>                     |

Table 8: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 1<sup>st</sup> dose, 29 December 2021

| PFIZER FOR CHILDREN 1 <sup>st</sup> DOSE (12-17) Years |                 |                                      |                 |                                      |                                               |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Region                                                 | New (12-13 yrs) | All 1 <sup>st</sup> dose (12-13 yrs) | New (14-17 yrs) | All 1 <sup>st</sup> dose (14-17 yrs) | GRAND TOTAL 1 <sup>st</sup> DOSES (12-17 yrs) |
| Erongo                                                 | 0               | 74                                   | 0               | 138                                  | 212                                           |
| Hardap                                                 | 4               | 58                                   | 4               | 122                                  | 180                                           |
| Kharas                                                 | 0               | 7                                    | 0               | 10                                   | 17                                            |
| Kavango East                                           | 1               | 201                                  | 1               | 311                                  | 512                                           |
| Kavango West                                           | 0               | 100                                  | 0               | 179                                  | 279                                           |
| Khomas                                                 | 3               | 50                                   | 4               | 103                                  | 153                                           |
| Kunene                                                 | 0               | 5                                    | 0               | 3                                    | 8                                             |
| Ohangwena                                              | 0               | 45                                   | 0               | 43                                   | 88                                            |
| Omaheke                                                | 0               | 13                                   | 0               | 11                                   | 24                                            |
| Omusati                                                | 0               | 70                                   | 0               | 39                                   | 109                                           |
| Oshana                                                 | 0               | 27                                   | 0               | 56                                   | 83                                            |
| Oshikoto                                               | 1               | 6                                    | 1               | 17                                   | 23                                            |
| Otjozondjupa                                           | 1               | 36                                   | 3               | 56                                   | 92                                            |
| Zambezi                                                | 0               | 0                                    | 0               | 2                                    | 2                                             |
| <b>Total</b>                                           | <b>10</b>       | <b>692</b>                           | <b>13</b>       | <b>1 090</b>                         | <b>1 782</b>                                  |

Table 9: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, 29 December 2021

| PFIZER FOR CHILDREN 2 <sup>nd</sup> DOSE (12-17) Years |                 |                                      |                 |                                      |                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Region                                                 | New (12-13 yrs) | All 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose (12-13 yrs) | New (14-17 yrs) | All 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose (14-17 yrs) | GRAND TOTAL 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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                                              |
| <b>Total</b>                                           | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>                             | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>                             | <b>0</b>                                       |

9. *Table 10: Summary of the national update, 29 December 2021*

|                                                   |              |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Cumulative newly confirmed individuals            | 147 469      |
| Newly confirmed individuals                       | <b>749</b>   |
| New Re-infections                                 | 49           |
| Cumulative cases including re-infections          | 149 038      |
| Recoveries                                        | 130 785      |
| Recovery rate                                     | 89%          |
| Active cases                                      | 14 617       |
| Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 <sup>st</sup> doses | 404 241      |
| Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses | 237 865      |
| Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine completed             | 342 701      |
| COVID-19 Deaths                                   | 3 310        |
| COVID-19 Related Deaths                           | 313          |
| Total Deaths                                      | <b>3 623</b> |
| Total samples tested                              | 866 956      |
| Active contacts                                   | 2 901        |
| Cumulative number of people quarantined           | 84 855       |
| Number of quarantined people discharged           | 84 039       |
| Number of people in quarantines                   | 816          |

10. **Key Messages**

- We continue to see daily increase in newly confirmed cases and in the same vein increased number of hospitalizations. This implies that active transmission is still ongoing in the communities amidst festive season and may be fueled by gatherings and travelling among others which may be avoided.
- Deaths have also been increasing with great concern and we are starting to see home deaths too. This should therefore invite caution among the public that COVID-19 virus is still dangerous to everybody, hence it is the responsibility of each member of the public to prevent further infections.
- Vaccination remain an important weapon towards protective immunity against COVID-19 and we continue to urge all eligible individuals to go for it as soon as possible.

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