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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. Today, we have received **889**. Of these, **48** samples tested positive for COVID-19. The gender distribution is nineteen (19) males and twenty-nine (29) females. The ages range from one (1) year to sixty-one (61) years. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	25	Windhoek	25
Oshana	6	Oshakati	6
Oshikoto	6	Onandjokwe	6
Erongo	4	Swakopmund	3
		Walvis Bay	1
Kavango-East	2	Andara	2
Hardap	2	Rehoboth	2
Otjozondjupa	1	Okahandja	1
Ohangwena	1	Engela	1
Zambezi	1	Katima Mulilo	1
Total	48		48

2. Today we are reporting 19 new recoveries, all from Khomas region. This brings the total number of recoveries to 9 778. We have been observing a situation where the number of new cases is decreasing while the number of recoveries is increasing. This is a positive development.
3. The total number of active cases now stands at 1 924. Among the active cases, six (6) are in critical conditions. Two are in Erongo and four are in Khomas. We have also observed that the number of cases who are severe or critical has also been declining over time. They have been recorded mostly in these two regions.

Table 2: Distribution of severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	0	2	2
Khomas	0	4	4
Total	0	6	6

4. It is pleasing that today we are reporting zero death.

5. *Table 3: Summary of the update*

Cumulative confirmed cases	11 829
Newly confirmed	48
Recoveries	9 778
Active cases	1 924
COVID-19 deaths	99
COVID-19 related deaths	28
Total deaths	127
Active contacts	10 069
Total samples tested	107 587
Cumulative number of people quarantined	15 617
Number of quarantined people discharged	14 587
Number of people in quarantines	1 030

6. We are entering the weekend already. Let us spend it in a responsible manner. Let us remember at all times to social distancing, to wear our masks correctly when in public space, to wash our hands frequently and to sanitize. Remember that Covid-19 is transmitted from person to person. It is strongly advised to avoid public gatherings. Prevention is better than cure! I wish you all a pleasant weekend.

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