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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Good evening fellow Namibians. Today, a total number of 1,409 results were received from the laboratories. Of these, 171 samples tested positive for COVID-19. Ninety-seven (97) are females and Seventy-four (74) are males. The youngest is one (1) Month old and the oldest is Seventy-nine (79) years old. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	120	Windhoek	120
Erongo	27	Swakopmund	15
		Walvis Bay	12
Otjozondjupa	12	Okahandja	7
		Grootfontein	2
		Otjiwarongo	2
		Okakarara	1
Hardap	7	Rehoboth	5
		Mariental	2
Kavango East	3	Rundu	2
		Andara	1
Zambezi	2	Katima Mulilo	2
Total	171		171

2. The total number of samples tested since the outbreak of the pandemic in Namibia stands at 70, 346. A total number of 42 628 (61%) tests were performed in space of just over 1 month from the 3 August 2020 to 6 September 2020. The number of tests received from laboratories is continuously increasing since the week of 3rd August 2020 as can be seen from table 2 below.

Table 2: Number of tests since the 3rd August 2020

Weeks	Number of tests performed	Average number of tests per day	Confirmed cases
3-9 Aug	6267	895	655
10-16 Aug	7161	1023	1205
17-23 Aug	9245	1320	1700
24-30 Aug	9674	1382	1511
31 Aug -06 Sept	10281	1468	1323
Total from 3 Aug- 6 Sept	42628	1218	6394

3. The increase in the number of tests performed is the result of strengthened partnership among the public sector, the private sector and the Academia, to increase the national testing capacity in response to the high demand for COVID-19 tests in all the regions. All the four laboratories (NIP, PathCare, UNAM & NAMDEB) are functional and contribute to increased national testing output and a coverage rate of **28 per thousand**, which is relatively high compared to other countries.
4. Today we are reporting **143** new recoveries. This brings the total recoveries to **3,786**.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Oshana	40
Karas	38
Hardap	38
Oshikoto	18
Erongo	9
Total	143

5. The total number of active cases now stands at **4 810**. Of the active cases, twenty (20) cases are in severe to critically sick conditions.

Table 3: Distribution of Severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	1	5	6
Khomas	9	5	14
Total	10	10	20

6. Sadly, today we are announcing two more deaths, one from **Windhoek** and one from **Karasburg**.

7. *Table 4: Number of deaths per districts*

District	Sex	Age	Date of death	Place of death	Comorbidities	Classification
Windhoek (1)	M	60	31/08/2020	Hospital	Yes	COVID-19 related death
Karasburg (1)	F	62	03/09/2020	Hospital	Yes	COVID-19 death
Total (2)	1 Male, 1 Female					

8. We convey our sincere condolences to the bereaved families and to the nation at large for the loss of these two citizens.

9. *Table 4: Summary*

Cumulative confirmed cases	8 685
Newly confirmed	171
Recoveries	3 786
Active cases	4 810
Deaths	89
Active contacts	9 195
Total samples tested	70 346
Cumulative number of people quarantined	10 648
Number of quarantined people discharged	9 235
Number of people in quarantines	1 413

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