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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. Today, a total number of 1 160 results were received from the laboratories. Of these, 125 samples tested positive for COVID-19. Sixty-six (66) are males and fifty-nine (59) are females. The youngest is ten (10) months old and the oldest is ninety (90) years old.
2. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	81	Windhoek	81
Erongo	14	Walvis Bay	7
		Omaruru	4
		Swakopmund	2
		Usakos	1
Hardap	11	Rehoboth	7
		Mariental	4
Otjozondjupa	8	Okahandja	4
		Otjiwarongo	4
Karas	7	Keetmanshoop	7
Omaheke	3	Gobabis	3
Kavango East	1	Rundu	1
Total	125		125

3. The curve looks encouraging as we have observed a consistent downward trend in the number of daily confirmed cases. Our highest number was recorded on the 23rd August 2020, which was 316. This should really motivate us to abide by the measures as advised. Cumulatively, we have now **8 810** confirmed cases since the beginning of the pandemic.
4. Out of **8 810** cumulative cases recorded, **8 719** (99%) are local transmission while **91** (1%) cases were imported. Namibia has reported imported cases during the first 4 months of the outbreak from March to June 2020. The low number of imported cases is attributed to the border closing intervention. We still need to enhance various prevention measures and engage our communities to contain the local transmission from high burden urban areas such as Windhoek, towards remote areas, where pensioners predominantly resides.
5. Today we are reporting **20** new recoveries. This brings the total recoveries to **3 806**.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Hardap	8
Khomas	7
Karas	5
Total	20

6. The total number of active cases now stands at **4 913**. Of the active cases, twenty-one (21) are in severe to critically sick condition.

Table 3: Distribution of Severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	1	5	6
Khomas	8	7	15
Total	9	12	21

7. Sadly, today we are announcing two more deaths; one from **Swakopmund** and one from **Windhoek**:

Table 4: Distribution of death cases per district

District	Sex	Age	Date of death	Place of death	Comorbidities	Classification
Swakopmund (1)	M	61	06/09/2020	Hospital	Yes	COVID-19 death
Windhoek (1)	M	58	28/08/2020	Hospital	Yes	COVID-19 related
Total: (2)						

8. We extend our sincere condolences to the bereaved families and the nation at large.

9. *Table 5: Summary*

Cumulative confirmed cases	8 810
Newly confirmed	125
Recoveries	3 806
Active cases	4 913
Deaths	91
Total samples tested	71 506
Active contacts	9 062
Cumulative number of people quarantined	11 306
Number of quarantined people discharged	9 796
Number of people in quarantines	1 510

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