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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. Today, a total number of 680 results were received from the laboratories. Of these, 118 samples tested positive for COVID-19. Sixty-five (65) are males while fifty-three (53) are females. The youngest is four (4) months and the oldest is eighty-eight (88) years old.
2. The number of results today is low compared to the usual tests we had been recording recently, due to technical challenge experienced. The remaining results of today ones will be added to the number that will be announced tomorrow.
3. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	81	Windhoek	81
Hardap	10	Rehoboth	8
		Mariental	2
Erongo	9	Swakopmund	6
		Omaruru	2
		Usakos	1
Oshikoto	3	Omuthiya	2
		Tsumeb	1
Oshana	3	Oshakati	3
Kavango East	3	Rundu	3
Karas	2	Keetmanshoop	1
		Luderitz	1
Otjozondjupa	2	Okahandja	1
		Otjiwarongo	1
Ohangwena	2	Eenhana	1
		Engela	1
Omusati	2	Oshikuku	2
Kunene	1	Opuwo	1
Total	118		118

4. As from the 29th August 2020, with the re-introduction of stage 3 of the State of Emergency country wide, we have conducted 15m036 laboratory tests with an average of 1 367 tests per day. Of these tests we have recorded 2 022 (13%) confirmed cases, with an average of 184 cases daily. Khomas region recorded the highest number of cases, totalling 1 334 (66%), followed by Erongo region with 201 (10%).
5. In comparison with 11 days before Stage 3, we have tested 15 283 specimens with an average of 1 389 tests daily and detected 2 562 (17%) confirmed cases, with an average of 233 confirmed cases daily. This is a reduction in number of confirmed case by 4% in the last 11 days as compared to the same period before the re-introduction of stage 3 of State of Emergency.

6. The reduction has been observed in seven regions, namely, Erongo, Khomas, Omaheke, Omusati, Oshana, Oshikoto and Zambezi. However, half of the regions have recorded minimal increase in confirmed cases. We continue to urge everyone to continue adhering to precautionary measures, to interrupt further transmission and spread of the infection.

7. Today we are reporting **175** new recoveries. This brings the total recoveries to **3981**.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Erongo	156
Khomas	5
Omaheke	5
Otjozondjupa	5
//Karas	4
Total	175

8. The total number of active cases now stands at 4 856. Of the active cases, nineteen (19) are in severe to critically sick conditions

Table 3: Distribution of Severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	1	3	4
Khomas	5	10	15
Total	6	13	19

9. **Table 4: Summary**

Cumulative confirmed cases	8 928
Newly confirmed	118
Recoveries	3 981
Active cases	4 856
Deaths	91
Active contacts	9 510
Total samples tested	72 186
Cumulative number of people quarantined	11 601
Number of quarantined people discharged	10 216
Number of people in quarantines	1 385

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