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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 1 914 results were received from the laboratories. Of these, 181 samples tested positive for COVID-19. One hundred (100) are females while eighty-one (81) are males. The youngest is one (1) year and the oldest is eighty (80) years old.
2. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	60	Windhoek	60
Karas	36	Keetmanshoop	27
		Karasburg	6
		Luderitz	3
Erongo	31	Walvis Bay	16
		Swakopmund	11
		Usakos	4
Hardap	18	Mariental	11
		Rehoboth	7
Otjozondjupa	15	Okahandja	7
		Otjiwarongo	6
		Grootfontein	2
Oshana	4	Oshakati	4
Ohangwena	4	Eenhana	4
Omusati	3	Oshikuku	3
Oshikoto	2	Tsumeb	1
		Omuthiya	1
Omaheke	2	Gobabis	2
Kunene	2	Khorixas	2
Kavango East	2	Rundu	2
Zambezi	2	Katima Mulilo	2
Total	181	181	

3. Since the re-introduction of Stage 3 of the State of Emergency country-wide on 29th August 2020, we have conducted **20 271** laboratory tests, with an average of **1 448** tests daily. Of these tests conducted, we have recorded **2 531**(12%) confirmed cases with an average of **181** during this period from 29 August 2020. A comparison with two weeks before the re-introduction of stage 3, we conducted 16 753 laboratory tests with an average of **1197** tests per day, and detected **3 179** (19%) confirmed cases with an average of 227 cases daily. This literally means that the testing capacity has increased by 21% while the positivity rate has reduced by 7% from 19% - 12% during the same period. We observed a significant reduction in number of confirmed cases by **20%** in the last two weeks as compared to the two weeks before the re-introduction of stage 3 of the State of Emergency.
4. We have recorded a reduction of 851 cases in 7 regions namely; Khomas, Erongo, Oshana,

Oshikoto, Omusati, Omaheke and Zambezi region. However, half of the regions namely, Karas, Hardap, Otjozondjupa, Kavango East, Kavango West, Ohangwena and Kunene have recorded an increase of 203 confirmed cases.

5. Testing is one of the pandemic control tool, because once you detect the infected persons timely, you would isolate timely and quarantine the exposed one in order to curb the transmission.
6. We endeavor to improve on turn around time of the results. The Central Veterinary Laboratory (CVL) will start testing for COVID-19 soonest, in collaboration with NIP.
7. Today we are reporting **131** new recoveries. This brings the total recoveries to **4,898**

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Khomas	109
Karas	14
Omusati	3
Hardap	3
Oshana	2
Total	131

8. The total number of active cases now stands at **4 441**. Of the active cases, twenty (20) are in severe to critically sick conditions.

Table 3: Distribution of Severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	2	4	6
Khomas	5	9	14
Total	7	13	20

9. On a sad note, today we are announcing **two** deaths, from **Windhoek** and **Eenhana** districts:

Table 4: Distribution of deaths per district

District	Age	Sex	Date of death	Place of death	Comorbidities	Classification
Windhoek (1)	58	M	09/09/2020	Health Facility	Yes	COVID-19 death
Eenhana (1)	36	F	07/09/2020	Health Facility	None	COVID-19 death
Total	1Male, 1 Female					

10. Our sincere condolences to the bereaved families and entire nation

11. *Table 5: Summary*

Cumulative confirmed cases	9 437
Newly confirmed	181
Recoveries	4 898
Active cases	4 441
Deaths	98
Total samples tested	77 421
Active contacts	9 589
Cumulative number of people quarantined	11 973
Number of quarantined people discharged	10 809
Number of people in quarantines	1 164

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