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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 1 107 results were received from the laboratories. Of these, 63 samples tested positive for COVID-19. Thirty-seven (37) are females and twenty-six (26) are males. The youngest is seven (7) months and the oldest is Seventy-five (75) years old.

2. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	44	Windhoek	44
Erongo	5	Walvis Bay	2
		Swakopmund	2
		Omaruru	1
Kavango East	5	Rundu	5
Hardap	4	Rehoboth	3
		Mariental	1
Oshikoto	2	Tsumeb	2
Oshana	1	Oshakati	1
Otjozondjupa	1	Otjiwarongo	1
Omaheke	1	Gobabis	1
Total	63		63

3. The testing capacity has been gradually increasing. Looking into the testing data for the individuals tested (first time tests) from the beginning of August to date, using the 15 days interval, there had been a constant increase in the number of tests conducted. Inversely, the number of positive has been declining with except of the period 16-30 August 2020, where cases peaked and positivity rate shot up to 18%, with subsequent decline, as depicted in the table below:

Table 2: Summary of first time test from 01 August - 16 September 2020

Period	No. of first time test	Confirmed cases	Positivity rate	Average tests
01-15 Aug 2020	13,527	1,778	13%	901
16-30 Aug 2020	19,048	3,458	18%	1,269
31 Aug - 14 Sept 2020	20,317	2453	12%	1,354
15-16 September 2020	2,016	146	7%	1,008

4. Today we are reporting **144** new recoveries. This brings the total recoveries to **7 502**.

Table 3: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Khomas	103
Omusati	12
Kunene	10
Karas	9
Erongo	8
Omaheke	2
Total	144

5. The total number of active cases now stands at **2 354**. Of the active cases, fourteen (14) are in severe to critically sick conditions.

Table 4: Distribution of severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	0	4	4
Khomas	4	6	10
Total	4	10	14

6. Regrettably, today we are announcing two (2) deaths, one from Windhoek and one from Swakopmund district.

Table 5: Distribution of deaths per district

District	Age	Sex	Date of death	Place of death	Co-sickness	Type
Windhoek	61	M	13.09.2020	Health Facility	Yes	COVID-19 death
Swakopmund	28	M	14.09.2020	Health Facility	Yes	COVID-19 death
Total: 2	2 Males					

We express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

7. *Table 6: Summary of the update*

Cumulative confirmed cases	9 964
Newly confirmed	63
Recoveries	7 502
Active cases	2,354
Deaths	108
Total samples tested	83 424
Active contacts	9 669
Cumulative number of people quarantined	12 638
Number of quarantined people discharged	11 566
Number of people in quarantines	1 072

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