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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. We have received a total number of 1,037 results. Among the samples tested 112 tested positive for COVID-19. The gender ratio is ninety (90) males to twenty-two (22) females. The ages range from 13 years to sixty-three (63) years. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Oshana	69	Oshakati	69
Kunene	13	Opuwo	13
Khomas	8	Windhoek	8
Oshikoto	7	Omuthiya	5
		Onandjokwe	2
Erongo	5	Swakopmund	3
		Walvis Bay	2
Kavango East	2	Rundu	2
Hardap	2	Rehoboth	1
		Mariental	1
Otjozondjupa	2	Otjiwarongo	1
		Okahandja	1
Karas	2	Karasburg	1
		Lüderitz	1
Ohangwena	2	Eenhana	1
		Engela	1
Total	112		112

2. The Oshakati cases include 15 inmates from Oluno Correctional Facility who are all contacts of confirmed cases and 53 cases from Oshakati Senior Secondary School. The Opuwo cases include 5 inmates from Opuwo holding cells and 6 Police officers. The 5 Omuthiya cases are all inmates in the holding cells. The statistics above underscore the significance of enclosures in the transmission of Covid-19.
3. Today we are reporting 31 new recoveries. This brings the total recoveries to 10 360.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Khomas	14
Otjozondjupa	10
Erongo	5
Karas	2
Total	31

4. The total number of active cases now stands at 1 724. Of the active cases, one is in severe condition and four are in critical condition.

Table 3: Distribution of severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	0	2	2
Khomas	1	2	3
Total	1	4	5

5. Sadly, we are reporting one COVID-19 death of a 76-year old female from Gobabis, who had multiple comorbidities. She presented to a local health facility on the 11 October 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. The patient was admitted in a severe state on the day of presentation and was swabbed for COVID-19, which result came out positive. She passed away on the 12 October 2020. It is reported that the deceased attended two funerals before she fell sick. We are once again reminded to avoid public gatherings including funerals. I have said on more than one occasions that burials should not give raise to more burials!

6. *Table 4: Summary of the update*

Cumulative confirmed cases	12 215
Newly confirmed	112
Recoveries	10 360
Active cases	1 724
COVID-19 deaths	102
COVID-19 related deaths	29
Total deaths	131
Active contacts	7 417
Total samples tested	114 126
Cumulative number of people quarantined	17 077
Number of quarantined people discharged	16 196
Number of people in quarantines	881

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