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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. Today we have received a total number of 1 255 results. Forty-eight (48) of these results are positive for COVID-19. The gender ratio is twenty-five (25) males to twenty-three (23) females. Ages range from 4 years to seventy-six (76) years. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	18	Windhoek	18
Oshana	17	Oshakati	17
Ohangwena	4	Engela	4
Oshikoto	3	Tsumeb	2
		Omuthiya	1
Erongo	2	Swakopmund	2
Omaheke	1	Gobabis	1
Hardap	1	Mariental	1
Otjozondjupa	1	Otjiwarongo	1
Kavango East	1	Rundu	1
Total	48		48

2. The Windhoek cases have no specific cluster and are spread over suburbs. The Oshakati cases include 11 learners from Oshakati Senior Secondary School who are all contacts to confirmed cases. Among them are three (3) inmates from Oluno correctional facility.
3. Today we are reporting 59 new recoveries. This brings the total recoveries to 10 419. The recoveries are distributed as follow:

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Khomas	53
Erongo	2
Karas	2
Zambezi	2
Total	59

4. The total number of active cases now stands at 1 713. One is in a severe condition and four (4) are in critical condition. They are all in Khomas and Erongo regions.

Table 3: Distribution of severity of cases per region

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

5. *Table 4: Summary of the update*

Cumulative confirmed cases	12 263
Newly confirmed	48
Recoveries	10 419
Active cases	1 713
COVID-19 deaths	102
COVID-19 related deaths	29
Total deaths	131
Active contacts	7 395
Total samples tested	115 381
Cumulative number of people quarantined	17 223
Number of quarantined people discharged	16 250
Number of people in quarantines	973

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