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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.

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**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. Today, a total number of 963 results were received from the laboratories. Of these, 85 samples tested positive for COVID-19. Fifty-two (52) are males while thirty-three (33) are females. The youngest is four (4) years and the oldest is sixty-nine (69) years old. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	37	Windhoek	37
Oshana	12	Oshakati	12
Oshikoto	12	Onandjokwe	12
Hardap	11	Rehoboth	7
		Mariental	4
Erongo	10	Walvis Bay	5
		Swakopmund	4
		Usakos	1
Otjozondjupa	2	Okahandja	2
Kavango East	1	Rundu	1
Total	85		85

2. Among the 12 cases reported from Onandjokwe district, Oshikoto region, 11 are learners from the same school. It is no surprise to record many cases in the same school because transmission in the close setting flare very fast. We should be vigilant as more learners are starting school, as per Ministry of Education protocol, that learners are closely monitored and those who are not feeling well should be advised to stay home and seek medical services timely.
3. Today we are reporting **64** new recoveries. This brings the total recoveries to **8 033**.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Khomas	35
Erongo	21
Karas	4
Omaheke	4
Total	64

4. The total number of active cases now stands at **2 232**. Of the active cases, fourteen (14) are in severe to critically sick conditions.

Table 3: Number of severe and critical cases

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	0	4	4
Khomas	3	5	8
Oshana	2	0	2
Total	5	9	14

5. Regrettably, today we are announcing one (1) COVID-19 **related death**, from **Swakopmund district**. A 72 years old male known with multiple co-morbidities presented to a local health facility on the 14th of September 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. The patient was swabbed on admission. His condition deteriorated and he passed away on the 19 September 2020. We express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

Table 4: Summary of the update

Cumulative confirmed cases	10 377
Newly confirmed	85
Recoveries	8 033
Active cases	2 232
Total COVID-19 deaths	86
Total COVID-19 related deaths	25
Total indeterminate deaths	1
Total deaths	112
Total samples tested	88 686
Active contacts	9 800
Cumulative number of people quarantined	13 152
Number of quarantined people discharged	12 298
Number of people in quarantines	854

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