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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. Today, we have received a total number of 703 results. Thirty-nine (39) samples tested positive for COVID-19. The gender ratio is twenty-three (23) males to sixteen (16) females. The age ranges from five (5) years to sixty-two (62) years. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	14	Windhoek	14
Oshana	10	Oshakati	10
Omaheke	5	Gobabis	5
Erongo	5	Walvis Bay	3
		Swakopmund	2
Otjozondjupa	2	Okahandja	2
Karas	2	Keetmanshoop	1
		Luderitz	1
Oshikoto	1	Onandjokwe	1
Total	39		39

2. Oshakati cases include, 8 inmates from Oluno correctional facility. The Gobabis cases includes 3 learners and 2 teachers from the same school.
3. Today we are reporting 59 new recoveries. This brings the total recoveries to 10 587.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Karas	21
Khomas	17
Otjozondjupa	15
Kunene	5
Zambezi	1
Total	59

4. The total number of active cases now stands at 1 686. Of the active cases, three (3) are in severe to critical conditions.

Table 3: Distribution of severity of cases per region

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

5. Sadly, we are reporting a COVID-19 death of a 62-year old male from Walvis Bay, known with multiple comorbidities. He presented at a local health facility on the 18 October 2020, in a severe state with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Patient was admitted and swabbed for COVID-19 and results came out positive. He passed on, on the 18 October 2020.

Table 4: Summary of the update

Cumulative confirmed cases	12 406
Newly confirmed	39
Recoveries	10 587
Active cases	1 686
COVID-19 deaths	104
COVID-19 related deaths	29
Total deaths	133
Active contacts	7 568
Total samples tested	118 462
Cumulative number of people quarantined	17 731
Number of quarantined people discharged	16 586
Number of people in quarantines	1 145

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