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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow compatriots. Today we are reporting ninety-nine (99) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from nine hundred and sixty-three (963) tests performed at the various laboratories. This represent a 10.3% positivity ratio, which is more than double the ratio reported yesterday. The gender distribution of the cases is fifty-three (53) females and forty-six (46) males. The age range is from five (5) months to sixty-nine (69) years. The new COVID-19 cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	52	Windhoek	52
Karas	16	Luderitz	16
Erongo	8	Omaruru	5
		Swakopmund	2
		Walvis Bay	1
Hardap	6	Rehoboth	6
Oshana	5	Oshakati	5
Otjozondjupa	4	Okahandja	2
		Grootfontein	2
Omaheke	3	Gobabis	3
Omusati	2	Oshikuku	1
		Outapi	1
Ohangwena	2	Engela	2
Oshikoto	1	Onandjokwe	1
Total	99		99

2. Of the 52 cases recorded from Windhoek, 37 are learners. Among them 32 are from St Joseph High school (Dobra) and 5 from other schools. All of the learners were contacts of a COVID-19 confirmed cases. The primary source of the infection in in the case of St Joseph High school (Dobra) is a funeral that took place in Gobabis and which was attended by one of the learners. Other regions reported 6 learners, 3 teachers and 3 health care workers. A team from Khomas region was dispatched to the School to assist with the management of positive cases and to do contact tracing.
3. We are observing sporadic increases in the community in Luderitz. There is however no specific pattern of the spread. More staff will be sent to Luderitz to give support to the existing staff as it is being gradually overwhelmed.
4. Today, we are reporting 18 new recoveries. This brings the total recoveries to 13 209.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Khomas	8
Erongo	8
Omaheke	1
Ohangwena	1
Total	18

5. The total number of active cases currently stands at **455**. Of the active cases, four (4) are in severe to critically sick conditions.

Table 3: Distribution of severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Khomas	1	1	2
Oshana	2	0	2
Total	3	1	4

6. *Table 4: Summary of the update*

Cumulative confirmed cases	13 811
Newly confirmed	99
Recoveries	13 209
Active cases	455
COVID-19 Death	112
COVID-19 Related Death	33
Total Deaths	145
Active contacts	2 809
Total samples tested	146 495
Cumulative number of people quarantined	19 907
Number of quarantined people discharged	19 389
Number of people in quarantine	518

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