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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 1 146 of results from the laboratories. Of these, 81 samples tested positive for COVID-19. Forty-eight (48) are males and thirty-three (33) are females. The youngest is six (6) months and the oldest is sixty-eight (68) years old. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	46	Windhoek	46
Erongo	6	Swakopmund	2
		Walvis Bay	2
		Usakos	1
		Omaruru	1
//Karas	6	Karasburg	3
		Luderitz	2
		Keetmanshoop	1
Hardap	6	Mariental	5
		Rehoboth	1
Otjozondjupa	5	Okakarara	3
		Okahandja	2
Kavango East	4	Rundu	4
Ohangwena	3	Eenhana	2
		Engela	1
Oshikoto	3	Onandjokwe	2
		Omuthiya	1
Zambezi	2	Katima Mulilo	2
Total	81		81

2. We have noticed an increase in the number of cases in closed facilities including hostels and prisons and police holding cells. It should be noted that close setting provides conducive environment for transmission of the communicable disease.
3. Today we are reporting 247 new recoveries. This brings the total recoveries to 8 359.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Khomas	133
Otjozondjupa	66
Hardap	37
Ohangwena	6
Omaheke	3
Kunene	2
Total	247

4. The total number of active cases now stands at 2 132. Eleven (11) cases are in severe and critical condition.

Table 3: Distribution of severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	1	2	3
Khomas	3	5	8
Total	4	7	11

4. Regrettably we are announcing three deaths from Windhoek, Otjiwarongo and Swakopmund districts:

Table 4: Distribution of deaths per district

District	Age	Sex	Date of death	Place of death	Comorbidities	Classification
Windhoek (1)	88	M	13.09.2020	Hospital	Yes	COVID-19 death
Otjiwarongo (1)	31	M	15.09.2020	Hospital	No	COVID-19 death
Swakopmund (1)	66	M	13.09.2020	Hospital	Yes	COVID-19 death

5. We express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

6. *Table 5: Summary of the update*

Cumulative confirmed cases	10 607
Newly confirmed	81
Recoveries	8 359
Active cases	2 132
Total COVID-19 deaths	91
Total COVID-19 related deaths	25
Total indeterminate deaths	0
Total deaths	116
Total samples tested	90 977
Active contacts	9 712
Cumulative number of people quarantined	13 266
Number of quarantined people discharged	12 412
Number of people in quarantines	854

7. Today, with the exception of Windhoek, all districts have reported a single digit number of cases. Let us maintain this trend by complying with public health measures. I wish to inform that where clustered cases were reported in close settings, appropriate measures were taken.

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