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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. Today, a total number of **542** results were received from the laboratories. This figure is not comparable to the usual number we report daily. We are still waiting for the remaining results which were tested yesterday. They will only be reported on tomorrow together with the new ones.
2. Of these, **281** samples tested positive for COVID-19. One hundred and fifty-three (153) are males while hundred and twenty-eight (128) are females. The youngest is 4 months old and the oldest 93 years old.
3. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NUMBER OF NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NUMBER OF NEW CASES
Khomas	163	Windhoek	163
Erongo	37	Swakopmund	24
		Walvis Bay	13
Oshana	19	Oshakati	19
Zambezi	15	Katima Mulilo	15
Karas	15	Keetmanshoop	13
		Luderitz	2
Otjozondjupa	10	Okahandja	5
		Otjiwarongo	4
		Grootfontein	1
Ohangwena	8	Engela	6
		Eenhana	2
Hardap	6	Mariental	4
		Rehoboth	2
Kavango East	3	Rundu	3
Omaheke	2	Gobabis	2
Omusati	2	Outapi	1
		Oshikuku	1
Oshikoto	1	Onandjokwe	1
TOTAL	281		281

4. The number of new cases is still increasing, especially in Khomas Region. Of the cases reported today 163 (58%) are from Khomas, Oshana 19 (6%), Karas and Zambezi Region with 15 (5%) each. We need to reinforce prevention measures at all levels to stop the spread of the infection. Cumulatively, we have now **6,712** confirmed cases. In Khomas region, the cumulative cases today is **2,651**, which represent 40 percent of the total cases recorded in the country.
5. We have recorded **2,393** cases in Khomas in a space of 27 days, that is almost 90 cases being reported per day.
6. We have noted that, during the last three weeks, majority of cases in Windhoek are recorded in Khomasdal 12%, Otjomuise 8%, Goeragab, Okuryangava and Wanahenda 5% each followed by other localities which ranged from 1 -4%.
7. Today we are reporting **42** new recoveries:

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Otjozondjupa	17
Oshikoto	14
Hardap	7
Erongo	4
Total	42

8. Total number of active cases are now **3,876**. Of the active cases, twenty-three cases are in severe to critically sick conditions.

Table 3: Distribution of Severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	2	4	6
Khomas	11	6	17
Total	13	10	23

9. On a sad note, today we are announcing one more death, from **Windhoek**.

10. A 25-year old male, with no known comorbidities presented himself to a local health facility with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 on the 16th of August 2020. The patient tested positive for Covid-19 on the 16th of August 2020. His condition deteriorated and he passed away on the 23rd of August 2020.
11. We extend our sincere condolences to the bereaved family.
12. ***Table 4: Summary***

Cumulative confirmed cases	6, 712
Newly confirmed	281
Recoveries	2,776
Active cases	3, 876
Deaths	60
Total samples tested	55,596
Active contacts	7,813
Cumulative number of people quarantined	9, 537
Number of quarantined people discharged	8, 071
Number of people in quarantines	1, 466

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