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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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**WINDHOEK**

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1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. Today, a total number of **1 554** results were received from the laboratories. Of these, **194** samples tested positive for COVID-19. Ninety-nine (99) are males while and ninety-five (95) are females. The youngest is 1 day old and the oldest 84 years old.
2. 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       | 141                 | Windhoek     | 141                 |
| Erongo       | 27                  | Walvis Bay   | 17                  |
|              |                     | Swakopmund   | 10                  |
| Ohangwena    | 6                   | Eenhana      | 5                   |
|              |                     | Okongo       | 1                   |
| Hardap       | 5                   | Rehoboth     | 5                   |
| Otjozondjupa | 5                   | Okahandja    | 3                   |
|              |                     | Otjiwarongo  | 2                   |
| Karas        | 4                   | Keetmanshoop | 3                   |
|              |                     | Karasburg    | 1                   |
| Kavango East | 2                   | Rundu        | 2                   |
| Oshana       | 2                   | Oshakati     | 2                   |
| Omaheke      | 1                   | Gobabis      | 1                   |
| Oshikoto     | 1                   | Tsumeb       | 1                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>194</b>          |              | <b>194</b>          |

3. Cumulatively, we have now **6, 906** confirmed cases. The average of the daily confirmed cases is 216 for the past two weeks since 12 August 2020. The highest number was recorded on 23 August 2020 with 316 cases and lowest number, 120 was recorded 18 August 2020.
4. There is an urgent need to continuously observe prevention measures to interrupt the transmission. Based on current average, the transmission may lead to additional 3 240 in the next two weeks.
5. We have noticed that the majority, 5 180 (75%) of total confirmed cases are among the active population with ages ranging from 20-49 years for both males and females.

6. Today we are reporting **13** new recoveries.

**Table 2: New recoveries per region**

| Region       | Number    |
|--------------|-----------|
| Karas        | 8         |
| Hardap       | 4         |
| Ohangwena    | 1         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>13</b> |

7. Total number of active cases are now **4, 052**. Of the active cases, sixteen cases are in severe to critically sick conditions.

**Table 3: Distribution of Severity of cases per region**

| Region       | Severe   | Critical | Total     |
|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Erongo       | 2        | 5        | 7         |
| Khomas       | 5        | 4        | 9         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>16</b> |

8. On a sad note, today we are announcing five more deaths, four (4) from **Windhoek**, and one (1) from **Walvis Bay**:

**9. Windhoek death are as follow:**

- 9.1. A 69 years old female, with known multiple comorbidities. She presented to a local health facility on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2020, with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. She was swabbed and results came out as positive. The condition of the patient however deteriorated and she passed away on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2020.
- 9.2. A 17 years old female, with known multiple comorbidities. She presented with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and in a severe state. She was swabbed on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 and results came out as positive. Her condition deteriorated and she died on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August 2020.
- 9.3. A 90 years old female, with known multiple comorbidities. She presented to a local health facility on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and in a severe condition. She was swabbed on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2020. Unfortunately, her condition deteriorated and she passed away on the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020. The result came out as positive on the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020.
- 9.4. A 78-year old female, with known multiple comorbidities. She presented to a local health facility on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. She was swabbed and admitted on the same day. Her condition deteriorated and she passed away on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2020.

10. Walvis Bay death:
11. A 66 years old female, with known multiple comorbidities. She presented to a local health facility on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. She was admitted and swabbed for COVID-19 on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2020. The result came out positive on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August 2020. Her condition deteriorated and she died on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2020.
12. We extend our sincere condolences to the bereaved families. It is really painful that we are losing so many people in short space of time.
13. ***Table 4: Summary***

|                                         |        |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|
| Cumulative confirmed cases              | 6, 906 |
| Newly confirmed                         | 194    |
| Recoveries                              | 2,789  |
| Active cases                            | 4, 052 |
| Deaths                                  | 65     |
| Total samples tested                    | 57,150 |
| Active contacts                         | 7,871  |
| Cumulative number of people quarantined | 9, 963 |
| Number of quarantined people discharged | 8, 197 |
| Number of people in quarantines         | 1, 766 |

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