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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 **1 459** results were received from the laboratories. Of these, **210** samples tested positive for COVID-19. One hundred and eight (108) are female while hundred and two (102) are male. The youngest is 2 years old and the oldest is 90 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	20	Walvis Bay	15
		Swakopmund	4
		Usakos	1
Karas	18	Keetmanshoop	12
		Luderitz	5
		Karasburg	1
Hardap	16	Rehoboth	14
		Mariental	2
Otjozondjupa	7	Okakarara	3
		Okahandja	3
		Grootfontein	1
Ohangwena	3	Engela	3
Kunene	2	Outjo	2
Omusati	2	Outapi	1
		Oshikuku	1
Oshana	1	Oshakati	1
TOTAL	210		210

3. Cumulatively, we have now **7 116** 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 a to continuously observe prevention measures to interrupt the epidemic curve, based on current average may lead to additional 3 240 in the next two weeks.

5. We have recorded a high number of fatalities for the past seven days with a total number of 28. This gives us an average of four deaths per day. The higher number of deaths is recorded in the age group 40-49 years with a total number of 20 (30%), followed by age 60-69 years with 20 (28%) deaths. The least deaths had been recorded among the under ten years with 3 (4%) deaths.
6. Today we are reporting **28** new recoveries.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Khomas	27
Karas	1
Total	28

7. Total number of active cases are now **4 230**. 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
Total	7	9	16

8. On a sad note, today we are announcing **four (4)** more deaths, all from Windhoek:
 - 8.1. A 54-year-old female from Windhoek who known to have multiple co-morbidities. She visited a health facility on the 24 August 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Unfortunately, she however passed away on the 25th of August 2020 at home and was swabbed posthumous on the 25 August 2020. The results came out as positive on the 27 August 2020.
 - 8.2. A 3-month-old male from Windhoek presented to a local health facility on the 17 August 2020 with symptoms of loss of appetite and vomiting. He was also due for routine immunization which was duly administered. He later developed fever and died at home on the 21 August 2020. He was swabbed posthumous on the 24th of August 2020 and results came out as positive on the 26 August 2020.
 - 8.3. A 30-year-old male from Windhoek, with known co-morbidities. He complained of symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and subsequently died at home on the 23 August 2020. He was swabbed posthumous on the 24 August 2020. The result came out positive for COVID-19.
 - 8.4. A 35-year-old female from Windhoek with known co-morbidities was admitted to a local health facility. She developed symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and was tested on the 22 August 2020. Her condition deteriorated and she on the 24 August 2020. Her results came out as positive for COV
 - 8.5. Our sincere condolences to the bereaved families and to the nation at large.

9. *Table 4: Summary*

Cumulative confirmed cases	7, 116
Newly confirmed	210
Recoveries	2,817
Active cases	4, 230
Deaths	69
Total samples tested	58,610
Active contacts	8 503
Cumulative number of people quarantined	10108
Number of quarantined people discharged	8, 384
Number of people in quarantines	1, 724

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