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**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. Today, a total number of **1 339** results were received from the laboratories. Of these, **185** samples tested positive for COVID-19. Ninety-seven (97) are females while eight-eight (88) are males. The youngest is five (5) months old and the oldest is sixty-four (64) years old.
2. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	113	Windhoek	113
Erongo	32	Swakopmund	19
		Walvisbay	10
		Omaruru	3
Oshana	12	Oshakati	12
Karas	7	Keetmanashoop	6
		Luderitz	1
Otjozondjupa	6	Otjiwarongo	5
		Okahandja	1
Hardap	4	Mariental	4
Oshikoto	3	Onandjokwe	3
Zambezi	3	Katima Mulilo	3
Omaheke	2	Gobabis	2
Kavango East	1	Rundu	1
Omusati	1	Okahao	1
Ohangwena	1	Eenhana	1
TOTAL	185		185

3. Cumulatively, we have now **7, 550** confirmed cases. From March 2020 to August 2020 a total of 14 701 contacts had been identified. By the 30 August 2020 a total of the 13 820 contacts, who were identified, 720 (8.7%) contacts tested positive.
4. A total number of 8 641 (61%) contacts were identified in August 2020. On average, 278 contacts identified daily in August 2020. We noticed that the number of identified contacts is increasing proportionally with confirmed cases. For each confirmed case in August 2020, an average of 2 contacts were identified.
5. It is important for individuals, families and institutions to keep the records of contacts, for early detection in order to interrupt the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. Today we are reporting **398** new recoveries, this gives a total of cumulative recoveries of **3, 327**.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Erongo	387
Omaheke	11
Total	398

6. Total number of active cases are now **4, 148**. Of the active cases, thirteen cases are in severe to critically sick conditions.

Table 3: Distribution of Severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	0	5	5
Khomas	6	2	8
Total	6	7	13

7. On a sad note, today we are announcing three more deaths; one from **Swakopmund, Nankudu and Otjiwarongo each**.
- 7.1. A 59-year old female from **Swakopmund district**, known known to have multiple comorbidities, presented to a local health facility on the 20th August 2020 with symptoms and was swabbed for COVID-19. The patient's results came out as positive and she remained in a severe state. She deteriorated and passed away on the 30th of August 2020. was a health care worker.
- 7.2. A 57-year old male from **Nankudu district**, known to have multiple comorbidities presented to a local health facility on the 27th August with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. The patient was transferred to a different health facility and passed away before arrival on the same day. A posthumous swab was done on arrival on the 27th of August 2020 and results came out as positive on the 30th of August 2020.
- 7.3. A 45-year old male from **Otjiwarongo district**, known to have multiple comorbidities initially presented to a local health facility on the 25th August 2020 and was treated conservatively. However, patient's symptoms persisted and was seen again on the 27th August 2020. He was swabbed on the 28th August 2020. His condition deteriorated and he passed away on the 29th August 2020 at home. His results came out as positive on the 30th August 2020.
8. Our sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

9. Table 4: Summary

Cumulative confirmed cases	7, 550
Newly confirmed	185
Recoveries	3,327
Active cases	4, 148
Deaths	75

Total samples tested	61,410
Active contacts	8, 465
Cumulative number of people quarantined	10,157
Number of quarantined people discharged	8, 432
Number of people in quarantines	1, 725

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