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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 **1 054** results were received from NIP, UNAM, NAMDEB and Pathcare laboratories. Of these, **138** samples tested positive for COVID-19.
2. Seventy-one (71) are males and sixty-seven (67) are females. The youngest is 2 months old, while the oldest is 78 years. The cases are spread as follows:

Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases

Region	Town	Number
Erongo	Walvis Bay	44
	Swakopmund	15
	Usakos	1
Khomas	Windhoek	64
Oshana	Oshakati	3
//Kharas	Keetmanshoop	3
Hardap	Mariental	1
	Rehoboth	1
Oshikoto	Onandjokwe	1
Otjozondjupa	Okakarara	1
	Okahandja	1
	Otjiwarongo	1
Omusati	Oshikuku	1
Ohangwena	Okongo	1
Total		138

3. High numbers of cases are still being reported from Walvis Bay and Windhoek.
4. Of the cases reported from **Swakopmund District**, three are from Arandis.
5. The case reported from **Usakos District** is that of a 32 years old male from Karibib, with no known contact to a confirmed case. He was tested on the 6th August 2020 as he presented with COVID-19 related symptoms.
6. The three cases reported from **Oshakati District** are as follow:
 - 6.1. A 40 years old male from Okatana and a driver of a fishing company who transport fish between Walvis Bay and other parts of the country. He was tested on the 5th August 2020 as he presented with symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
 - 6.2. A 38 years old female from Okashandja and a contact to a confirmed case who presented with COVID-19 related symptoms. She was tested on the 5th August 2020.
 - 6.3. A 41 years old male from Ongwediva with no known contact to a confirmed case. He was tested on the 11th August 2020 as he presented with symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

7. The cases reported from **Keetmanshoop District** are as follow:
 - 7.1. A 49 years old male truck driver and a South African national travelled from South Africa on the 6th August 2020. He was tested in Keetmanshoop on the same day. He did not have COVID-related symptoms.
 - 7.2. A 41 years old male truck driver and a Zimbabwean national who reside in South Africa. He was tested , on the 5th August 2020 as he recently travelled from South Africa. He did not have COVID-19 related symptoms.
 - 7.3. A 78 years old male who was tested at NAMDEB laboratory. We are yet to get more details on this case.
8. The case reported from **Mariental** is that of a 30 years old female with no known contact to a confirmed case. She was tested on the 6th August 2020 as part of active case search. She did not have COVID-19 symptoms.
9. The case reported from **Rehoboth** is that of a 27 years old male, a resident of Rehoboth who works in Windhoek. He is a contact to a confirmed case. He was tested on the 8th August 2020 as he presented with COVID-19 related symptoms. He has been in quarantine since 8th August 2020.
10. The case reported from **Onandjokwe** is that of a 42 years old male from Onayena, with no known contact to a confirmed case. He travelled from Windhoek on the 11th July 2020. He was tested on the 3rd August 2020 as he presented with COVID-19 related symptoms.
11. The case reported from **Okakarara** is that of a 25 years old male from Okamatapati, a contact to a confirmed case. He was tested on the 7th August 2020 as he presented with COVID-19 related symptoms.
12. The case reported from **Okahandja** is that of a 32 years old male, from Oropoko and a contact to a confirmed case. He was tested on the 2nd August 2020 though he did not have COVID-19 related symptoms.
13. The case reported from **Otjiwarongo** is that of a 51 years old male, a health care worker, who returned from Cuba on the 7th July 2020. He was quarantined and discharged after testing negative twice. He was again tested on the 7th August 2020 as he presented with symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
14. The case reported from **Oshikuku** is that of a 21 years old male who sneaked out from Walvis Bay 6th August 2020. The family reported him to the security cluster. He was subsequently quarantined on the 7th August 2020 and tested on the same day. He did not have COVID-19 related symptoms.

15. The case reported from **Okongo District** is that of a 24 years old male from Onaghulo who lives in Okongo with no known contact to a confirmed case. He was tested on the 3rd August 2020 as he presented with COVID-19 related symptoms.
16. Eleven recoveries are recorded from Erongo and two from Omaheke. Other regions are yet to verify their data.
17. Of the active cases, seven cases are critically sick and 14 are in severely sick conditions.
18. It is with sadness that I am reporting five more deaths, two from Walvis Bay, two from Swakopmund and one from Windhoek. Their details are:
 - 18.1. A 67-year old female from **Walvisbay** who presented at a private health facility on 23rd July 2020 with symptoms suggestive of COVID-19. The patient was admitted on day of presentation in a severe condition. Patient is known to have multiple comorbidities. She died on the 12th August 2020.
 - 18.2. A 87-year old male from **Walvisbay** presented at a local health facility with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. The patient is known to have multiple comorbidities. He was tested on the 11th August 2020 and died on the same day.
 - 18.3. A 49-year old male from **Swakopmund** presented at a private health facility on the 27th July 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Patient is known to have multiple comorbidities. He was admitted on the 27th July 2020 in a critical condition and transferred to a private health facility in Khomas region. He died on the 12th August 2020.
 - 18.4. A 62-year-old male from **Swakopmund** presented on the 6th August 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID. He was tested on presentation and admitted to a private health facility. He is known to have multiple comorbidities. Since admission the patient was in a severe state and died on the 12th August 2020.
 - 18.5. A 66-years old male from **Windhoek** who is known to have a co-morbid condition. He presented with COVID-19 related symptoms and was admitted on the 9th August 2020 to a local hospital in Windhoek. He was tested on the same day. His clinical condition deteriorated and he died on the 10th August 2020.
19. All of them their COVID-19 results were confirmed as being positives
20. We express our sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

21. Table 2: Summary

Cumulative confirmed cases	3 544
Newly confirmed	138
Recoveries	848
Active cases	2 669
Deaths	27
Total samples tested	37 797
Active contacts	4 167
Cumulative number of people quarantined	7 495
Number of quarantined people discharged	5 851
Number of people in quarantines	1 644

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