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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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WINDHOEK

**Check Against Delivery*

1. Good evening fellow Namibians. Today, a total number **1 654** of results were received from NIP, Pathcare and NAMDEB. Of these, **181** samples tested positive for COVID-19.
2. Ninety-seven (97) are females and eight-four (84) are males. The youngest is 1-year-old, while the oldest is 67 years. The cases are spread as follows:

Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases

Region	Town	Number
Khomas	Windhoek	109
Erongo	Walvis Bay	44
	Swakopmund	13 (1 is from Arandis)
Oshikoto	Onandjokwe	7
Zambezi	Katima Mulilo	3
Oshana	Oshakati	2
Omusati	Outapi	2
	Okahao	1
Total		181

3. The seven (7) cases reported from **Onandjokwe district** are as follows:
 - 3.1. A 38 years old female from Oniipa, with no known contact to a confirmed case. She was swabbed on the 10th of August 2020, as she presented with COVID-19 related symptoms.
 - 3.2. A 49 years old female from Ondangwa, she is a contact to a confirmed case in Oshakati. She was swabbed on the 11th of August 2020 as she presented with COVID-19 related symptoms.
 - 3.3. A 21 years old female, from Onankali village and a contact to a confirmed case in Windhoek, was swabbed on the 10th August 2020. She had COVID-19 related symptoms.
 - 3.4. A 31 years old male, from Ondangwa and a contact to a confirmed case in Oshakati was swabbed on the 11th August 2020. He had COVID-19 related symptoms.
 - 3.5. An 18 years old male from Oniipa and a contact to a confirmed case in Oshakati. He was swabbed on the 11th August 2020. He had COVID-19 related symptoms.
 - 3.6. A 46 years old male from Onayena, with no known contact to a confirmed case. He was swabbed on the 7th August 2020 as he presented with COVID-19 related symptoms.
 - 3.7. A 43 years old male from Onayena with no known contact to a confirmed case. He travelled from Windhoek recently, where he works. He was swabbed on the 10th August 2020 as per request of his employer. He had no COVID-19 related symptoms.
4. Three cases reported from **Katima Mulilo district** are all health workers. One is a 41 years old male and two are females aged 24 and 28 years old respectively. They were

all swabbed on the 14th of August 2020. Two presented with COVID-19 related symptoms. All of them have no history of contact to known confirmed cases.

5. Two cases reported from **Oshakati District** are as follow:
 - 5.1. A 32 years old female from Ondangwa, with no known contact to a confirmed case and no travelling history. She was swabbed on the 11th August 2020 as she presented with COVID-19 related symptoms.
 - 5.2. The other one is a 70 years old male, a resident of Oshakati west, with no known contact to a confirmed case and no travelling history. He was swabbed on the 13th August 2020 as he presented with COVID-19 related symptoms. He is admitted in a stable condition.
6. The two cases reported from **Outapi district** are as follows:
 - 6.1. A 54 years old female and a contact to a known case. She was swabbed on the 10th August 2020. She had no COVID-19 related symptoms.
 - 6.2. A 35 years old male and a health care worker with no known contact to a confirmed case. He presented with COVID-19 related symptoms at a local private hospital. He was swabbed on the 10th August 2020 and he is admitted at the local hospital.
7. A case reported from **Okahao district** is that of a 40 years old female and a contact to a confirmed case. She was swabbed on the 7th August 2020 though she had no COVID-19 related symptoms.
8. Among the cases reported today we have 11 health care workers, 7 from Windhoek, 3 from Katima Mulilo and 1 from Outapi districts. This gives us the cumulative number of health workers infected to **113** to date, both in public and private health facilities.
9. Health workers are at double high risk of getting the infection, both from their line of work and also in the community. Therefore, it is critical that health care workers are protected, especially at the place of work, by providing them with appropriate Personal Protective Equipment and skills on how to use them correctly.
10. It is important to note that among cases reported from Windhoek, four cases are working in the same salon. We need to take note of places where transmission is likely to be high, and avoid such places if possible. Salon workers must wear masks at all times.
11. Ten (10) cases have recovered. Six (6) are from Khomas and four (4) from //Karas.
12. Of the active cases, four cases are critically sick, one from Walvis Bay and three from Windhoek. Fourteen are in severely sick conditions, one from Walvis Bay and thirteen from Windhoek.

13. It is with sadness that I am reporting **four** more COVID-19 related deaths, three from Windhoek, and one from Walvis Bay. Their details are as follow:
- 13.1. A 49-year old male from **Windhoek** was swabbed on the 5th August 2020 and his result came out positive. He was then admitted to a local hospital on 12th August 2020. His condition deteriorated and he died on the 13th August 2020.
- 13.2. A 68-years old female from **Windhoek** who is known to have multiple comorbidities. She was swabbed on the 5th August 2020 and result came out as positive. She was admitted to a local hospital on the 6th of August 2020. He condition gradually deteriorated and she passed away on the 13th August 2020.
- 13.3. A 68-years old male from **Windhoek** presented to a local health facility on the 24th of July 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. He was admitted the same day in critical condition and was swabbed. His result was confirmed as COVID-19 positive. He is known to have multiple comorbidities. He died on the 15th of August 2020.
- 13.4. A 41-years old male from **Walvisbay** presented to a local health facility on the 10th of August 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. He was admitted the same day in a severely sick condition. He was swabbed on the same day and results came out positive for COVID-19. He is known to have multiple comorbidities. His condition did not improve and he passed away on the 13th August 2020.

14. Table 2: Summary

Cumulative confirmed cases	3 907
Newly confirmed	181
Recoveries	2 352
Active cases	1 523
Deaths	35
Total samples tested	40397
Active contacts	4 444
Cumulative number of people quarantined	7 912
Number of quarantined people discharged	6 395
Number of people in quarantines	1 517

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