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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 **749** of results were received from NIP, Pathcare and NAMDEB. Out of these, **247** samples tested positive for COVID-19. This is the highest number of cases reported in a single day. The cases are spread as follows:

Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases

Region	Town	Number
Khomas (136)	Windhoek	136
Erongo (71)	Walvis Bay	43
	Swakopmund	25
	Usakos	3
Oshana (9)	Oshakati	9
Oshikoto (5)	Onandjokwe	4
	Tsumeb	1
Otjozondjupa (7)	Okahandja	4
	Grootfontein	2
	Otjiwarongo	1
//Karas (7)	Keetmanshoop	4
	Luderitz	2
	Karasburg	1
Hardap (7)	Rehoboth	5
	Mariental	2
Omaheke (2)	Gobabis	2
Omusati (2)	Oshikuku	1
	Tsandi	1
Kavango East (1)	Rundu	1
Total		247

2. As you have noticed that most districts have reported cases. It is not practical to detail cases per district as usual.
3. The number of cases in **Oshana** and **Oshikoto** are increasing. Many are linked to Walvis Bay, but increasingly to Windhoek by travel and contacts from those local authority areas.
4. In **Otjozondjupa**, cases have also been increasing especially in Okahandja District. Most of them are contact to confirmed cases. We record the first case from Grootfontein district today.
5. In **//Karas region**, cases are also on increase, mainly due to travelers from South Africa, but of late, we have also noted cases among the residents.

6. Initial cases reported from **Hardap** were mainly travelers who were quarantined there, followed by cases from Walvis Bay. However, with increased number of cases in Windhoek, we are also seeing growing number of cases in Rehoboth. We know that a number of people commute from Rehoboth to work in Windhoek on daily basis.
7. Most of **Omaheke** cases are also linked to Windhoek cases.
8. The cases reported from **Omusati**, one traveled from Walvis Bay while the other one has no known contact to a confirmed case. He had symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
9. Of the active cases, the numbers are the same as reported yesterday. Four 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.

10. Table 2: Summary

Cumulative confirmed cases	4 154
Newly confirmed	247
Recoveries	2 370
Active cases	1 749
Deaths	35
Total samples tested	41 146
Active contacts	4 549
Cumulative number of people quarantined	8 000
Number of quarantined people discharged	6 444
Number of people in quarantines	1 556

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