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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Today, a total number of **1 583** results were received from the laboratories. Of these, **316** samples tested positive for COVID-19. One hundred and seventy (170) are females while one hundred and forty-six (146) are males. The youngest is 4 months and the oldest 72 years old.
2. The cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases

REGIONS	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Erongo (23)	Walvis Bay	10
	Swakopmund	12
	Omaruru	1
Khomas (254)	Windhoek	254
Otjozondjupa (9)	Otjiwarongo	3
	Okahandja	6
	Mariental	6
Hardap (8)	Rehoboth	2
	Tsumeb	4
Oshikoto (5)	Omuthiya	1
	Rundu	4
Kavango East (4)	Gobabis	4
Omaheke (4)	Oshakati	4
Oshana (4)	Keetmanshoop	2
Karas (2)	Outapi	1
	Oshikuku	1
Ohangwena (1)	Eenhana	1
TOTAL		316

3. We are now having cumulatively 5 854 COVID-19 confirmed cases in Namibia of which 56% are males.
4. Fifty percent (50%) of all the cases were recorded from the 10 August 2020, while 29% of total cases were recorded during the last week, from the 17 August 2020.

5. Fifty-five and four percent (55.4%) of cases were recorded from Erongo Region, followed by Khomas Region with 36.4%.
6. //Karas, Oshana and Otjozondjupa Regions recorded 1.6%, 1.5% and 1.3% of the national total cases respectively.
- 7- Kunene and Kavango West Regions recorded the lowest number, 1 and 2 cases respectively.
7. Of the total cases recorded, 207 are Health Care Workers, with highest number of 136 (66%) recorded from Khomas Region followed by Erongo Region with 45 (22%) of health care workers infected.
8. Cumulatively, more deaths are recorded from Erongo and Khomas Regions with 25 (48%) and 21 (40%) deaths respectively.
9. Other Regions where deaths had been recorded are: Oshana (2), Hardap, and Kavango East recorded 1 death each.
10. Fifteen cases are in severe to critically sick conditions. They are distributed as follows:

Table 2: Distribution of Severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	1	3	4
Khomas	6	4	10
Kavango East	0	1	1
Total	7	8	15

11. Today we record 49 new recoveries, 34 from Oshana, ten (10) from Hardap Region, three (3) from Omaheke Region and one each from Otjozondjupa and Oshikoto Regions.
12. It is with sadness that we announce a record of six COVID-19 related deaths, three from **Windhoek**, Khomas Region one each from **Oshakati**, Oshana Region, **Rehoboth** in Hardap Region and from **Rundu** in Kavango East Region. Their details are as follows:
 - 12.1. A 75 years old female from Windhoek, with known multiple comorbidities presented to a local health facility on the 18 of August 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and was admitted and swabbed on the same day. Her condition deteriorated and she

died on the 19 August 2020. The Covid-19 result was received on the 21 August 2020 as positive.

- 12.2. A 43 years old male from Windhoek, known to have multiple comorbidities was brought to a local health facility on the 18 August 2020 with history of being found unresponsive at home. All efforts to revive the patient were unsuccessful. The patient was swabbed for COVID-19 posthumous and the results came back as positive on the 21st of August 2020.
- 12.3. A 67 years old female from Windhoek, known to have multiple comorbidities reported symptoms consistent with COVID-19 on 18 August 2020. The patient died at home and was swabbed posthumous on the 20 August 2020. The result returned as positive on the 21 August 2020.
- 12.4. From Oshana Region, a 61 years old male visited a private health facility on the 19th of August 2020 with COVID-19 related symptoms. He is known to have comorbidities. He was tested the same day and the result was received on the 21st of August 2020 as positive. He was admitted on 22nd of August 2020, in a severely sick condition and passed away few hours after admission.
- 12.5. A 58-year old female from Rehoboth District, known to have multiple comorbidities travelled from Keetmanshoop on 12 August 2020. She presented at a private health facility on 14 August 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and was admitted. She was tested on the 15 August 2020. Her condition deteriorated and she died on the 15 August 2020.
- 12.6. From Rundu District, a 64 years old male known to have co-morbidities, travelled from Windhoek on the 6th August 2020. He presented himself to the local hospital on the 16 August 2020 and he was admitted in a severely sick condition. He passed away on the 19th August 2020.
13. We extend our sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

14. Table 3: Summary

Cumulative confirmed cases	5,854
Newly confirmed	316
Recoveries	2,509
Active cases	3,293
Deaths	52
Total samples tested	50,391
Active contacts	5,850
Cumulative number of people quarantined	9,071
Number of quarantined people discharged	7,839
Number of people in quarantines	1,232

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