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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. Today, a total number of **1 782** results were received from the laboratories. Of these, **130** samples tested positive for COVID-19. Sixty-seven (67) are males while sixty-three (63) are females. The youngest is 3 years old and the oldest 78 years old. This translates into 7.3% positivity rate.
2. The cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases

REGIONS	New cases	DISTRICTS	New cases
Khomas	62	Windhoek	62
Erongo	50	Walvis Bay	32
		Swakopmund	14
		Usakos	4
Hardap	7	Rehoboth	6
		Mariental	1
Karas	5	Karasburg	2
		Luderitz	2
		Keetmanshoop	1
Kavango East	2	Rundu	2
Omusati	1	Okahao	1
Otjozondjupa	1	Okahandja	1
Omaheke	1	Gobabis	1
Kunene	1	Outjo	1
TOTAL	130		130

3. Today is the second day we have recorded low daily figures as compared to the period 19-23 August 2020. However, these are still concerning figures. It is our hope that we continue seeing this type of downward trend moving forward. Cumulatively, we have now **6, 160** confirmed cases.
4. Of the confirmed cases, we recorded 229 Health Care Workers who had been infected. Of the Health Care Workers infected, 161 (70%) are in Public sector while 67 (30%) are from Private sector.
5. A total number of the infected health care workers, 151 (66%) are recorded in Khomas region, 47 (21%) are recorded in Erongo Region.
6. Today we are reporting 169 new recoveries from the following regions:

Table 2: Number of new recoveries per region

Region	Total
Erongo	75
Otjozondjupa	58
Oshana	18
Omaheke	7
Zambezi	5
Hardap	4
//Karas	1
Kavango-East	1
Total	169

7. This gives us a cumulative number of recoveries of **2 732**. Total number of active cases are now **3 371**. Of the active cases, eighteen cases are in severe to critically sick conditions. They are distributed as follows:

Table 3: Distribution of Severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	3	3	6
Khomas	2	8	10
Total	5	11	16

8. Sadly, our COVID-19 related deaths toll is still going up. Today we are announcing one more death from Rundu district, Kavango East Region who is a 41 years old male from **Rundu**. He was seen and admitted at a private hospital in a critical condition on the 15th August 2020. He was tested on the 19th August 2020. The patient's condition deteriorated and he died on 23 August 2020. No known comorbidities recorded. We extend our sincere condolences to the bereaved family.

9. **Table 4: Summary**

Cumulative confirmed cases	6 160
Newly confirmed	130
Recoveries	2 732
Active cases	3 371
Deaths	57
Total samples tested	53 387
Active contacts	6 734
Cumulative number of people quarantined	9 299
Number of quarantined people discharged	7 960
Number of people in quarantines	1 339

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