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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.

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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. I wish you all a Happy Heroes' Day. Today, a total number of **1 667** results were received from the laboratories. Of these, **271** samples tested positive for COVID-19 which translates in 16.3%. Hundred and forty-four (144) are males while hundred and twenty-seven (127) are females. The youngest is 3 months old and the oldest 83 years old.

2. The cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NUMBER OF NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NUMBER OF NEW CASES
Khomas	170	Windhoek	170
Erongo	27	Walvis Bay	14
		Swakopmund	13
Hardap	24	Mariental	18
		Rehoboth	6
Karas	15	Keetmanshoop	12
		Karasburg	1
		Luderitz	2
Oshana	9	Oshakati	9
Otjozondjupa	7	Otjiwarongo	3
		Grootfontein	3
		Okakarara	1
Ohangwena	5	Okongo	3
		Engela	2
Omusati	5	Outapi	5
Omaheke	3	Gobabis	3
Oshikoto	2	Tsumeb	2
Zambezi	2	Katima mulilo	2
Kavango East	1	Rundu	1
Kunene	1	Opuwo	1
TOTAL	271		271

3. As indicated yesterday, observing a drop in the figure in a day or two, does not necessary mean that the situation has improved as yet. Let's strive to win this battle.
4. As we commemorate the Heroes' Day today, this should give us courage that just like we won the fight against the apartheid war, which was bitter. This is another battle which we need to face head on and do all possible to stop the transmission of COVID-19.
5. Cumulatively, we have now **6, 431** confirmed cases. From the 30 July 2020, it took Namibia 11 days to record one thousand additional new cases, from 2 052 to 3 101. Then it took 6 days to add one more thousand cases which to 4 154 on the 16 of August 2020. By the 21st August 2020, in a space of 5 days, we have again recorded one more thousand

cases. However, just in a space of three days, from 21 August to 24 August 2020, we have again increased with one thousand cases, to reach 6 030 cases. This is clear indication that the cases are rapidly increasing exponentially.

6. Today we are reporting two new recoveries, one from Hardap and one from Omusati Regions. This gives us a cumulative number of recoveries of **2 734**. The total number of active cases are now **3 638**. Of the active cases, sixteen 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	3	3	6
Khomas	3	7	10
Total	6	10	16

7. On a sad note, today we are announcing two more deaths, one from **Windhoek** and one from **Walvis Bay**.

One is a 92-year old male from Windhoek who presented to a local health facility in a severe state on the 15 August 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. The patient was tested and admitted. His results came out positive. His condition deteriorated and the patient died on the 26 August 2020.

The second is a 69-year old female from Walvis Bay. She was brought to a local health facility on the 23 August with history of sudden collapse at home. All efforts to resuscitate the patient were unsuccessful. A posthumous tests was done and the results came out positive.

8. We extend our sincere condolences to the bereaved families. Our thoughts are with you.

9. **Table 3: Summary**

Cumulative confirmed cases	6 431
Newly confirmed	271
Recoveries	2 734
Active cases	3 638
Deaths	59
Total samples tested	55,054
Active contacts	7, 061
Cumulative number of people quarantined	9, 454
Number of quarantined people discharged	8, 029
Number of people in quarantines	1, 425

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