



Ministry of Health and Social Services  
Republic of Namibia

| NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 109 |                         |                          |               |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Outbreak Name                             | COVID-19 outbreak       | Country affected         | Namibia       |
| Date & Time of this report                | 05.07.2020<br>22:00 hrs | Investigation start Date | 13 March 2020 |
| Prepared by                               | Surveillance Team       |                          |               |

HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (05/07/2020)

- ⊙ The country is in Stage 4 of the State of Emergency (29 June 2020 -17 September 2020)
- ⊙ Walvis Bay, Swakopmund, and Arandis Local Authority Areas in Erongo region will remain in Stage 3 (from 07 July 2020 until 23h59 of 03 August 2020).

| Total         | Today        |
|---------------|--------------|
| Tested 11905  | Tested 549   |
| Confirmed 485 | Confirmed 73 |
| Active 460    | Active 460   |
| Recovered 25  | Recovered 0  |
| Death 0       | Death 0      |

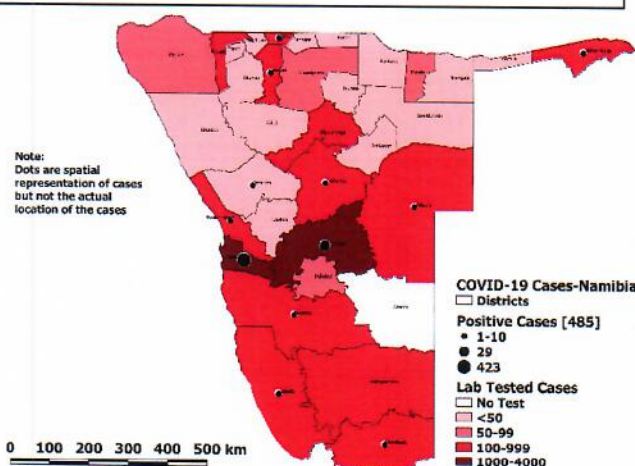


Figure 1: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District, 05 July 2020

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- ⊙ Four-hundred-and-forty-one 442 (91.1%) cases are local transmissions while forty-three 43 (8.9%) are imported.
- ⊙ Cumulatively, 110 cases were identified during active case search.
- ⊙ Eight of the 14 regions have reported confirmed cases with Erongo region reporting the highest number of cases; 435 (89.7%).
- ⊙ More female cases 287 (59.2%) were recorded compared to male cases 198 (40.8%).

STAGE 4 COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS:

- ⊙ Public gatherings shall not exceed 250 persons (including weddings, funerals, and religious gatherings), AND a maximum of 10 people for the whole of Erongo region.
- ⊙ All persons traveling from abroad including tourists must provide a 72-hours valid COVID-19 negative results certificate, and will be subjected to mandatory supervised

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

Namibia has recorded a total of **485** confirmed cases since 13 March 2020. Most, **210 (43.3%)** of the cases were recorded during week 27 (Figure 2).

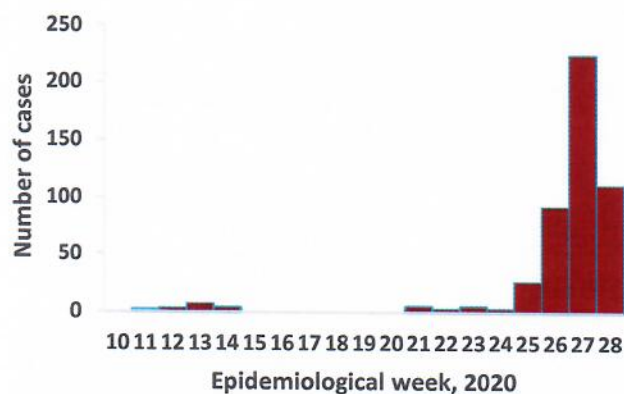


Figure 2: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 05 July 2020

- Eight (8) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **435 (89.7%)** followed by Khomas **28 (5.8%)**.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **2069** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **3** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours. Cumulatively, **759** contacts have completed their 14 days of follow up, while **142** out of **1303** active contacts were monitored today.

- A high number of cases were recorded in the past three weeks as a result of:
  - Spread of local transmission in Walvis Bay district
  - Increased Active Case Search and testing, averaging 300 daily in the past few days.
- Call centre continues operation for 24 hours daily; **1289** calls were answered with **28** alerts investigated over the past 24hrs.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 05 July 2020

| Region       | Total No. of cases | Active cases | Recovered |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Khomas       | 28                 | 14           | 14        |
| //Karas      | 7                  | 5            | 2         |
| Erongo       | 435                | 427          | 8         |
| Hardap       | 6                  | 5            | 1         |
| Zambezi      | 2                  | 2            | 0         |
| Otjozondjupa | 3                  | 3            | 0         |
| Ohangwena    | 2                  | 2            | 0         |
| Oshana       | 2                  | 2            | 0         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>485</b>         | <b>460</b>   | <b>25</b> |

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at NIP & Path care Laboratories 05 July 2020

| Variables                               | Laboratory |           |              | Total |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-------|
|                                         | NIP        | Path care | South Africa |       |
| Total sample received by the Laboratory | 10280      | 1746      | -            | 12026 |
| Total sample tested                     | 9303       | 1631      | -            | 10934 |
| Total sample re-tested                  | 864        | 107       | -            | 971   |
| Total positive results                  | 443        | 41        | 1            | 485   |
| Total negative results                  | 8860       | 1590      | -            | 10450 |
| Total sample discarded                  | 68         | 8         | -            | 76    |
| Invalid results                         | 2          | 0         | -            | 2     |
| Total pending results                   | 43         | 0         | -            | 43    |
| Suspected cases in 24 hours             | 537        | 12        | -            | 549   |

- To date, **11905** tests have been conducted by NIP & PathCare laboratories (including 971 re-tests).

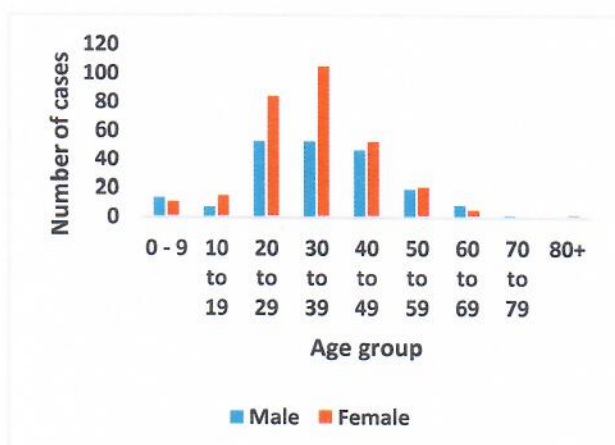


Figure 3: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 05 July 2020

- ⊙ The most affected ages are within 20 and 39 years **291 (60.0%)**. Those aged 60 and above constitute **14 (2.9%)** of those affected.
- ⊙ In Namibia, more female **287 (59.2%)** are affected.

Table 3: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 05 July 2020

| Region       | Newly quarantined 24 hours | Cumulative number | Number discharged | Number in quarantine now |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Kunene       | 0                          | 88                | 71                | 17                       |
| Omaheke      | 0                          | 118               | 96                | 22                       |
| Kavango      | 0                          | 92                | 71                | 21                       |
| Omusati      | 0                          | 118               | 104               | 14                       |
| Oshana       | 0                          | 116               | 40                | 76                       |
| Ohangwena    | 0                          | 295               | 211               | 84                       |
| Hardap       | 1                          | 244               | 177               | 67                       |
| Otjozondjupa | 0                          | 412               | 345               | 67                       |
| Khomas       | 0                          | 1228              | 965               | 263                      |
| Zambezi      | 1                          | 432               | 388               | 44                       |
| //Kharas     | 0                          | 491               | 393               | 98                       |
| Erongo       | 0                          | 287               | 204               | 83                       |
| Oshikoto     | 0                          | 80                | 60                | 20                       |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>2</b>                   | <b>4001</b>       | <b>3125</b>       | <b>876</b>               |

- ⊙ Since March 2020, **4001** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- ⊙ A total of **876** people are currently in quarantine with **2** new admissions.
- ⊙ Since March 2020, **46** people who were in quarantine have tested positive for COVID-19.

- ⊙ A total of **220** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours, of which **41.4%** were heading to Khomas region, while **34.1%** were heading to Erongo region.

Table 4. Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighboring countries and destination regions on 05 July 2020

| Destination  | Country of departure |           |           |          |           |          | Total      |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|
|              | RSA                  | Zambia    | Botswana  | DRC      | Angola    | Tanzania |            |
| //Kharas     | 22                   | 0         | 0         | 0        | 1         | 0        | 23         |
| Khomas       | 72                   | 0         | 10        | 0        | 9         | 0        | 91         |
| Omusati      | 1                    | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 1          |
| Oshana       | 7                    | 0         | 1         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 8          |
| Otjozondjupa | 5                    | 0         | 2         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 7          |
| Kavango      | 0                    | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0          |
| Ohangwena    | 11                   | 0         | 0         | 0        | 1         | 0        | 12         |
| Hardap       | 1                    | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 1          |
| Kunene       | 0                    | 0         | 0         | 0        | 1         | 0        | 1          |
| Omaheke      | 0                    | 0         | 0         | 0        | 1         | 0        | 1          |
| Oshikoto     | 0                    | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0          |
| Zambezi      | 0                    | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0          |
| Erongo       | 9                    | 45        | 11        | 6        | 4         | 0        | 75         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>128</b>           | <b>45</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>220</b> |

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- ⊙ Orientation was done to 9 new Data Management Team members at the PHEOC
- ⊙ Thirty-two (32) Community-Based Health Workers were trained at Swakopmund District, Erongo Region
- ⊙ IPC Protocol for assessing the Health Care Worker's Risk for COVID-19 were developed.
- ⊙ Assessing and supervising PPE procurement capacity is ongoing
- ⊙ IPC Standard Operating Procedures for the Aviation Industry and Correctional Facilities under development.
- ⊙ Integrated teams sent to Kavango and Zambezi regions to give technical support for a period of 7 days.
- ⊙ Regions have intensified surveillance on travellers from Erongo region for early case detection.
- ⊙ Targeted testing in Walvis Bay is ongoing .
- ⊙ Stage 4 State of Emergency COVID-19 Regulations were gazetted on 28 June 2020

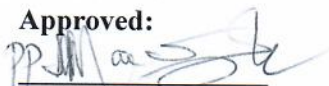
### CHALLENGES

- ⊙ Inadequate isolation units, at health facilities in the regions.
- ⊙ Inadequate PPE
- ⊙ Inadequate nasopharyngeal swabs and appropriate transport media.
- ⊙ Prolonged turn-around time of results at NIP.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- ⊙ Establish fully equipped isolation units at health facilities in the regions.
- ⊙ Logistics pillar to continue with the procurement and distribution of sufficient PPE to the regions to ensure that response is not interrupted.
- ⊙ NIP to continue sourcing for swabs and appropriate transport media.

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