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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 of **1 457** results were received from the laboratories. Of these, **249** samples tested positive for COVID-19. One hundred and thirty-six (136) are female while a hundred and thirteen (113) are male. The youngest is one (1) month old and the oldest is eighty-one (81) years old.
2. From March 2020 to August 2020 a total of 60 065 samples were tested, of these, 33 804 (56%) were performed in August alone.
3. Out of the 33 804 tests performed in August 2020, a total of 5 236 were confirmed as COVID-19 positive, which represents 71% of total cumulative confirmed cases.
4. The number of tests increased from 6 199 in the first week of August 2020 to a total number of 9 800 tests during the fourth week of August 2020.
5. This is in response to the increased demand of testing in relation to the increased number of confirmed cases.
6. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	206	Windhoek	206
Ohangwena	12	Eenhana	12
Otjozondjupa	9	Otjiwarongo	4
		Okahandja	4
		Grootfontein	1
Erongo	9	Walvis Bay	8
		Swakopmund	1
Oshana	3	Oshakati	3
Oshikoto	3	Onandjokwe	2
		Tsumeb	1
Karas	3	Keetmanshoop	2
		Luderitz	1
Hardap	2	Rehoboth	2
Kavango West	1	Nankudu	1
Zambezi	1	Katima Mulilo	1

TOTAL	249	0	249
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7. Cumulatively, we have now 7, 365 confirmed cases.
8. Today we are reporting **112** new recoveries, this gives a total of cumulative recoveries of **2 929**.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Erongo	85
Khomas	26
Ohangwena	1
Total	112

9. Total number of active cases are now **4, 364**.
10. Of the active cases, sixteen cases are in severe to critically sick conditions.

Table 3: Distribution of Severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	2	5	7
Khomas	5	4	9
Total	7	9	16

11. On a sad note, today we are announcing three more deaths, one from **Keetmanshoop**, //Karas Region and two from **Windhoek**:
 - 11.1. A 52-year-old female from **Keetmanshoop**, with no known comorbidities, presented to a local health facility on the 27 August 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. She was in a critical condition and admitted on the same day. Patient was swabbed on the 27th of August 2020 and results came back as positive on the 28th of August 2020. Patient however deteriorated and passed away on the 28th of August 2020.
 - 11.2. A 49-year-old male from **Windhoek**, known with multiple comorbidities, presented to a local health facility on the 21st of August 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Patient was swabbed and results came back as

positive on the 25th of August 2020. Patient died at home on the 27th of August 2020.

11.3. A 59-year-old male, South African national, presented to a local health facility on the 1st of August 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. He was swabbed the same day and results came back as positive on the 3rd of August 2020. Patient's clinical condition deteriorated and he passed away on the 28th of August 2020.

11.4. Our sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

12. Table 4: Summary

Cumulative confirmed cases	7, 365
Newly confirmed	249
Recoveries	2,929
Active cases	4, 364
Deaths	72
Total samples tested	60 065
Active contacts	8 316
Cumulative number of people quarantined	10 119
Number of quarantined people discharged	8, 404
Number of people in quarantines	1, 715

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