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1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. Today, one hundred and twenty-two (122) new COVID-19 confirmed cases were identified from one thousand three hundred and thirty-three (1333) results received from the laboratories. This number represents a 9% positivity ratio, which is three times the ratio reported yesterday. The gender distribution of the reported cases is sixty-five (65) females and fifty-seven (57) males. The age range is from three (3) years to eighty-seven (87) years. The new COVID-19 cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	66	Windhoek	66
Karas	25	Lüderitz	22
		Keetmanshoop	3
Erongo	13	Walvis Bay	9
		Omaruru	2
		Swakopmund	2
Oshana	6	Oshakati	6
Hardap	5	Rehoboth	4
		Mariental	1
Otjozondjupa	4	Okahandja	2
		Otjiwarongo	2
Oshikoto	2	Tsumeb	2
Omusati	1	Outapi	1
Total	122		122

2. Among the 66 confirmed cases from Khomas region, eight (8) are from different educational institutions and two (2) are health care workers. The increasing number of new Covid-19 cases in the Khomas district is concerning and calls for extra precaution especially during this time when many people are preparing to travel during the festive season. The cases from other regions include nine (9) learners sporadically distributed across the districts, 1 health care worker from Tsumeb district and thirteen (13) employees from the fishing industry in Lüderitz district.
3. This significant rise in the number of confirmed cases across the country calls for extra steps to be taken. We re-emphasize to the general public the importance of observing COVID-19 prevention measures particularly as we approach the festive season. Wear a mask, wash your hands regularly, maintain social distancing and avoid gatherings.

4. Today we are reporting seventy-seven (77) new recoveries, with Karas region reporting the highest number of recoveries. This brings the total number of recoveries to 13 774.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Karas	50
Khomas	23
Erongo	2
Ohangwena	2
Total	77

5. The total number of active cases currently stands at 671. Six (6) active cases are in severe to critical conditions of whom five (5) are in Khomas region and one (1) in Erongo region.

Table 3: Distribution of severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Khomas	4	1	5
Erongo	0	1	1
Total	4	2	6

6. *Table 4: Summary of the update*

Cumulative confirmed cases	14 599
Newly confirmed	122
Recoveries	13 774
Active cases	671
COVID-19 Death	116
COVID-19 Related Death	35
Total Deaths	151
Active contacts	3 257
Total samples tested	159 915
Cumulative number of people quarantined	20 620
Number of quarantined people discharged	20 047
Number of people in quarantines	573

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