

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. We have received 600 results. Of these, 28 samples tested positive for COVID-19, ten (10) males and eighteen (18) females. The youngest is eleven (11) years and the oldest is seventy-one (71) years. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	12	Windhoek	12
Oshana	6	Oshakati	6
Hardap	4	Mariental	4
Erongo	3	Walvisbay	3
Otjozondjupa	1	Okahandja	1
Kavango-East	1	Rundu	1
Karas	1	Karasburg	1
Total	28		28

2. As I have informed last Monday, the laboratories are testing low numbers on weekends especially on Sundays. That explains the low numbers today. However, this should not give us a wrong message that COVID-19 is over. We encourage people to get tested so that when we report few cases, we know that we have really tested all that requires to be tested. This will inform the decisions being taken and will help us with tracking the trend of the COVID-19 situation in the country.
3. Today we are reporting 22 new recoveries. This brings the total recoveries to 9 451.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Hardap	18
Omusati	2
Ohangwena	2
Total	22

4. The total number of active cases now stands at 2 078. Of the active cases, eight (8) are in either in severe or in critical conditions.

Table 3: Distribution of severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	0	1	1
Khomas	1	6	7
Total	1	7	8

5. For the last three days, we did not report any death. However, today we are reporting two deaths both from Windhoek district.

Table 4: Distribution of deaths per district

District	Age	Sex	Date of death	Place of death	Comorbidities	Classification
Windhoek (2)	52	F	03.10.2020	Hospital	Yes	COVID-19 death
	58	M	03/10/2020	Hospital	Yes	COVID-19 related death

We express our sincere condolences to the bereaved families. One life lost is just too many, this is not just the loss to these families alone, but to the nation at large.

Table 5: Summary of the update

Cumulative confirmed cases	11 654
Newly confirmed	28
Recoveries	9 451
Active cases	2 078
COVID-19 deaths	98
COVID-19 related deaths	27
Total deaths	125
Active contacts	9 404
Total samples tested	103 854
Cumulative number of people quarantined	14 723
Number of quarantined people discharged	13 569
Number of people in quarantines	1 154

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