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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. Today, 1 077 results were received from the laboratories. Of these, 41 samples which constitute 3.8%, tested positive for COVID-19. Twenty-one (21) are males and twenty (20) are females. The youngest is twelve (12) years and the oldest is seventy (70) years. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	22	Windhoek	22
Oshana	7	Oshakati	7
Oshikoto	4	Onandjokwe	4
Kavango-East	4	Rundu	4
Hardap	1	Rehoboth	1
Erongo	1	Walvis Bay	1
Omaheke	1	Gobabis	1
Karas	1	Keetmanshoop	1
Total	41		41

2. We have been observing that majority of confirmed cases reported from Windhoek are mainly coming from densely populated areas such as Khomasdal, Otjomuise, Katutura among others. Although some regions reported few cases, this should not make us believe that COVID-19 is over, not as yet. We strongly encourage compliance with the preventive measures at all times.

3. Today we are reporting 62 new recoveries. This brings the total recoveries to 9 673.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Khomas	22
Erongo	16
Hardap	10
Karas	9
Zambezi	3
Oshikoto	2
Total	62

4. The total number of active cases now are 1 915. Of these active cases, seven (7) are in critical condition.

Table 3: Distribution of severity of cases per region

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

5. Regrettable, we are announcing one death from Oshakati district. A 51 years old male with comorbidities was referred from Opuwo District hospital to Oshakati Intermediate Hospital on 1 October 2020 with a medical complaint. The patient was admitted and swabbed for COVID-19 on the same day. His condition deteriorated and the patient passed away on the same day. The results came out positive. This is a COVID-19 related death. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

Table 4: Summary of the update

Cumulative confirmed cases	11 714
Newly confirmed	41
Recoveries	9 673
Active cases	1 915
COVID-19 deaths	98
COVID-19 related deaths	28
Total deaths	126
Active contacts	9 940
Total samples tested	105 386
Cumulative number of people quarantined	15 099
Number of quarantined people discharged	13 739
Number of people in quarantines	1 360

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