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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. Today, 1 315 results were received from the laboratories. Of these, 67 samples tested positive for COVID-19, thirty-three (33) males and thirty-four (34) females. The youngest is four (4) 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	30	Windhoek	30
Oshana	14	Oshakati	14
Otjzondjupa	5	Okahandja	4
		Otjiwarongo	1
Oshikoto	4	Omuthiya	3
		Tsumeb	1
Erongo	4	Usakos	2
		Walvis Bay	1
		Swakopmund	1
Karas	4	Karasburg	2
		Luderitz	1
		Keetmanshoop	1
Hardap	3	Rehoboth	2
		Mariental	1
Kavango-East	2	Rundu	2
Ohangwena	1	Eenhana	1
Total	67		67

2. Today we are reporting 86 new recoveries. This brings the total recoveries to 9 759.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Oshikoto	82
Hardap	2
Khomas	2
Total	86

3. The total number of active cases now stands at 1 895 of the active cases, seven (7) are in critical conditions.

Table 3: Distribution of severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	0	2	2
Khomas	0	5	5
Total	0	7	7

4. Sadly, we have again lost another life due to COVID-19. A 71-year old male from Windhoek, known with comorbidities presented to a health facility on 23 August 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. A swab was taken on the same day, of which the results came out positive for COVID-19 on 25 August 2020. His condition worsened and he was admitted to health facility on 29 August 2020 where his condition continued to deteriorate. The patient demised on the 5 October 2020. This is a COVID-19 death. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

Table 4: Summary of the update

Cumulative confirmed cases	11 781
Newly confirmed	67
Recoveries	9 759
Active cases	1 895
COVID-19 deaths	99
COVID-19 related deaths	28
Total deaths	127
Active contacts	10 070
Total samples tested	106 698
Cumulative number of people quarantined	15 497
Number of quarantined people discharged	14 494
Number of people in quarantines	1 003

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