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**WINDHOEK**  
*\*Check Against Delivery*

1. Good evening fellow Namibians. We have received a total of **737** results from NIP, Pathcare and NAMDEB laboratories over the past twenty-four hours. Out of these, a total of 95 samples tested positive for Covid-19. They are distributed as follow:

*Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases*

<b>Region</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>Number</b>
Erongo	Walvis Bay	42
	Swakopmund	17
Khomas	Windhoek	29
Otjozondjupa	Okahandja	6
Oshana	Oshakati	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>95</b>

2. Gender distribution comprises of fifty-five males and forty females. Ages range from 3 to 63 years. Contact tracing has been initiated.
3. Of the 29 cases reported today from Windhoek, we have obtained detailed information for the eighteen of them. Nine are males and nine are females. Twelve are contacts of confirmed cases. Eight presented with COVID-19 related symptoms. Seven of the contacts have been in quarantines facilities. One is a cross-border truck driver who returned from South Africa on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020, while one is a Namibian who returned from South Africa on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020. The latter was first test on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020 when the result came out negative for Covid-19. We are still collecting information on the rest of the cases.
4. Among the Windhoek cases, two of them travelled to Omusati to attend a funeral before their positive results were released. We once again caution the public to minimize traveling. We also call on the organisers of public events like funerals, weddings and church services to ensure strict observance of public health measures.
4. The six cases from Okahandja are all from the military base and are contacts to a confirmed case.
5. The Oshana case is a 41-years old male, originally from Ohangwena region, who is admitted at a private hospital in Oshana region. He was tested while on admission, and the result come out positive. The Ohangwena team is informed to do contact tracing.
5. We have recorded seven (7) new recoveries. Cases No 70, 80, 88, 142, 152,156 and 191 have recovered and discharged. We have since established that the two recoveries we announced yesterday from Hardap and Katima Mulilo were announced previously. Therefore, total number of recoveries stands now at 171.
6. Today, we again are delivering bad news as we have lost another live associated with COVID-19. A 53-years old male with known chronic renal failure and multiple medical co-morbidities was admitted on the 22 July 2020 at private hospital in Swakopmund. He was tested on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 in Walvis Bay, then at the dialysis

isolation unit as he has tested positive for COVID-19. He has been sick but remained stable. However, he suddenly experienced severe shortness of breath on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and died on the same day. We extend our sincere condolences to the bereaved family.

7. You might have noticed that most if not all fatalities related to COVID-19 are people with existing chronic medical conditions like Diabetes, Hypertension, Kidney diseases, Liver Disease, and others. Therefore, we call upon the nation to exercise extra precautionary measure especially the vulnerable group. It is everyone’s responsibility to shield and protect this segment of our population.

8. *Table 2: Summary*

Cumulative confirmed cases	2 224
Newly confirmed	95
Recoveries	171
Active cases	2 042
Deaths	11
Total samples tested	26 344
Active contacts	3 555
Cumulative number of people quarantined	6 539
Number of quarantined people discharged	4 877
Number of people in quarantines	1 662

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