

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

UPDATE BY DR. KALUMBI SHANGULA, MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.

10 July 2020

WINDHOEK
**Check Against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Compatriots. We have recorded fifty-two (52) new Covid-19 positive cases yesterday. Fifty are Namibians, and two are Indian nationals who are on work permit. Forty-nine (49) are from Walvis Bay, Erongo region, one from Oshakati, Oshana region and 2 from quarantine facility in Okahandja, Otjozondjupa region, who recently travelled from India.
2. The one in Oshana has recently travelled from Walvis Bay and has been in quarantine since the 1st July 2020. Twenty-seven (27) are males and 25 are females. The youngest is 2 years old and oldest one is 56 years. They are all clinically stable. Efforts to trace contact and to establish the source of infection is ongoing.
3. The case we announced yesterday from Oshana was reported as a contact to the second case in Oshana. It was later established that that case is a contact to the second case in Engela, Ohangwena region.
4. Status of Covid-19 in Namibia

Confirmed cases	667
Newly confirmed	52
Recoveries:	25
Active cases	642
Deaths	1
Total samples tested	12 789
Active contacts	1 324
Cumulative number of people quarantined	4 375
Number of quarantined people discharged	3 550
Number of people in quarantine	825

5. Fellow Compatriots! As you may recall, we have registered our first 2 Covid-19 positive cases on the 13th March 2020. Namibia has gone for 116 days without registering a single death case. Today I have the unenviable duty to inform the public that we have recorded our first death case due to Covid-19.
6. A 45-year old male presented to Walvis Bay State Hospital on the 5th July 2020 with a complaint of dizziness, difficulty in breathing and a cough. He was previously seen at a health care facility on the 2nd July 2020. He is otherwise known with schizophrenia, doing well on treatment and no recent episode of psychosis.

7. On admission vital signs were suboptimal. Respiratory examination revealed bilateral lower and middle zones crepitations. The patient was admitted with a diagnosis of Pneumonia to rule out COVID-19 and was admitted to the Transition ward and received treatment and further investigations. On the 6th July 2020, the patient's condition deteriorated. The patient complained of respiratory ailment. He showed signs of severe renal failure and sepsis. On the 8th July 2020 the patient's condition worsened. The patient became restless and hyperventilating and died on the same day. On the 10th July 2020, the results indicated that the patient was Covid-19 positive. He therefore died as a result of Covid-19.

8. I call on the public to internalize the fact that Covid-19 is real. This death must strengthen our resolve to comply with preventive measures and to cooperate with those at the forefront of the response.

-END-