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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. Today, a total number of **1 037** results were received from the laboratories. Of this number, **142** samples tested positive for COVID-19. Seventy-six (76) are males and sixty-six (66) are females. The youngest is six (6) years old and the oldest is seventy-four (74) years old.
2. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	94	Windhoek	94
Otjozondjupa	13	Grootfontein	7
		Otjiwarongo	4
		Okahandja	2
		Walvis Bay	10
Erongo	11	Swakopmund	1
		Rehoboth	7
Karas	6	Keetmanshoop	4
		Karasburg	1
		Luderitz	1
Kavango East	4	Rundu	4
Kavango West	2	Nankudu	2
Omaheke	2	Gobabis	2
Zambezi	2	Katima Mulilo	2
Oshikoto	1	Omuthiya	1
TOTAL	142		142

3. Cumulatively, we have now 7 692 confirmed cases. Of the new cases reported today, 67 (47%) were in contact with confirmed cases.
4. As of the 1 September 2020, we record cumulatively, a total number of 10 229 people who were admitted in quarantine facilities of which 8 498 were discharged while 1 731 are still in quarantine.
5. During the period of 1-31 August 2020, the number of persons in quarantine facilities increased drastically from 6 539 to 10 229. That is an augmentation of 3 690 within one month. The number of confirmed cases increased by 5 467.

6. Among a sample of 3 218 people in quarantine who were tested, 112 (3.5%) tested positive. Quarantining contacts of cases plays essential role in prevention of spread for COVID-19 among populations.
7. Today we are reporting 52 new recoveries. This brings the total number of recoveries to **3 379**.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Khomas	24
Hardap	18
Ohangwena	10
Total	52

8. The total number of active cases is now 4 232. Of the active cases, twenty-nine (29) cases are in severe to critically sick conditions.

Table 3: Distribution of Severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	0	5	5
Khomas	18	6	8
Total	18	11	29

9. On a sad note, today we are announcing six (6) more deaths; three from **Rehoboth**, two from **Windhoek** and one from **Walvis Bay**.

Table 4: Distribution of deaths per district

District	Age	Sex	Date of death	Place of death	Comorbidities
Rehoboth	52	Male	27/08/2020	Health facility	None
	66	Female	30/08/2020	Health facility	None
	43	Female	24/08/2020	Health facility	None
Windhoek	81	Female	27/08/2020	Health facility	None
	58	Female	28/08/2020	Home	Yes
Walvis Bay	88	Male	31/08/2020	Health facility	Yes
Total	2 Males, 4 Female				

10. We express our sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

11. *Table 5: Summary*

Cumulative confirmed cases	7 692
Newly confirmed	142
Recoveries	3 379
Active cases	4 232
Deaths	81
Total samples tested	62 446
Active contacts	8 465
Cumulative number of people quarantined	10 229
Number of quarantined people discharged	8 498
Number of people in quarantines	1 731

12. On the 28 August 2020, H.E. The President announced the arrival of remdesivir in the country. This is an antiviral medicine used in the treatment of Covios-19 patients. It has been shown to shorten the time to recovery in patients. The medicine is part of our essential medicines and will be procured in the same manner like all other medicines. The medicines were already distributed to hospitals and will be prescribed by doctors according to indications.

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