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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. Today, a total number of **1 822** results were received from the laboratories. Of these, **152** samples tested positive for COVID-19. Eighty-four (84) are females and sixty-eight (68) are males. The youngest is one (1) year old and the oldest is seventy-seven (77) years old.
2. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	97	Windhoek	97
		Swakpmund	18
		Walvis Bay	4
		Omaruru	1
Erongo	23		
Oshana	13	Oshakati	13
		Keetmanshoop	10
		Lüderitz	3
Karas	13		
		Engela	2
		Eenhana	1
Ohangwena	3		
		Rehoboth	1
		Mariental	1
Hardap	2		
Oshikoto	1	Onandjokwe	1
TOTAL	152		152

3. Cumulatively, we have now **7 844** confirmed cases. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, we have recorded a total number of **333** Health Workers infected with COVID-19, which represents **4.2 %** of the total confirmed cases recorded in the general population.
4. Of the total number, **223** (67.0%) are from State and **109** (32.7%) are from the private health sector and **1** (0.3%) from Non-Governmental Organization. We noticed that the number of Health Workers infected is high in areas with high burden of confirmed cases such as in Khomas (227) and Erongo region (51).
5. Unfortunately, among the confirmed cases, we lost one Health Worker on 31 August 2020 in Swakopmund district. Once again, the nation appreciates the contribution of our frontline workers from all sectors in the fight against this pandemic of COVID-19 and the sacrifices they are making. We continue to encourage the implementation of precautionary measures by all citizens at all times.

6. Today we are reporting 75 new recoveries. This brings the total recoveries to **3 454**.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Karas	39
Oshana	26
Hardap	9
Oshikoto	1
Total	75

7. The total number of active cases now stands at **4 308**. Of the active cases, thirty (30) 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	20	5	25
Total	20	10	30

8. On a sad note, today we are announcing one more death from **Windhoek**.

Table 4: Distribution of deaths per district

District	Age	Sex	Date of death	Place of death	Comorbidities
Windhoek (1)	60	Male	31/08/2020	Health facility	None

9. Our sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

10. Table 5: Summary

Cumulative confirmed cases	7 844
Newly confirmed	152
Recoveries	3 454
Active cases	4 308
Deaths	82
Total samples tested	64 269
Active contacts	8 666
Cumulative number of people quarantined	10 390
Number of quarantined people discharged	8 741
Number of people in quarantines	1 649

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