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

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WINDHOEK
**Check Against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. A record number of 1 295 results were received over the past twenty-four hours. We have recorded 68 new Covid-19 positive cases according to the following distribution:

Table: New Covid-19 positive cases

Region	Town	Number
Erongo	Walvis bay	60
	Swakopmund	1
Khomas	Windhoek	6
Karas	Keetmanshoop	1
Total		68

Among this number, fifty (50) are males and eighteen (18) are females. Ages range from 6 to 68 years. Contact tracing has been initiated.

2. The case from Keetmanshoop is that of a 31-years old male South African national and a cross-border truck driver, from Durban, South Africa. He entered Namibia through Ariamsvlei border post on the 18th July 2020. He was tested on the 21st July 2020. He travelled back to South Africa on 22nd July 2020.
3. The Windhoek cases are as follow:
 - 3.1. A 68-year old male from Windhoek was admitted to the Windhoek Central hospital, underwent a surgical procedure on the 9th July 2020 and discharged home. On the 24th July 2020, he presented himself to the private hospital with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and was admitted as he was very sick. He was tested and the result came out positive.
 - 3.2. A 38-year old male Police Officer from Windhoek and a contact to a confirmed case. He was tested on the 23rd July 2020. He had no COVID-19 related symptoms. He had not been in quarantine.
 - 3.3. A 23-year old female working at a local Banking Institution. She does not have a known contact of a confirmed case and she did not travel out of Windhoek recently. However, she attended a birthday party where there was a person who travelled from the “coast”.
She presented COVID-19 related symptoms when she was tested on the 23th July 2020. She has not been in quarantine.
 - 3.4. A 29-year old female and a resident of Windhoek with no recent travel history and no known contact with a confirmed case. She was tested on the 23rd July 2020 as she had symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

- 3.5. A 26-year old female and a resident of Windhoek who was admitted at Katutura hospital and discharged on 24th July 2020. On the 25th July 2020, she presented at a private hospital with COVID-19 related symptoms. She is also a contact to a confirmed case.
- 3.6. A 48-year old male and a Windhoek resident presented with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and was tested on the 25th July 2020. He is a contact to a confirmed case.
4. The case that we announced yesterday from Hardap region is not 13 years old but he is 3 years. He was tested after the family was visited by the father who came from Walvis Bay.
5. We have a record number of recoveries. A total of twenty-six cases have recovered. They are:

Table 1: Number of recoveries

District	Case Number	Total
Walvis Bay	208, 211, 212, 215, 216, 225, 227,293, 294, 310,311, 321, 323, 325, 328, 333, 336, 346, 348, 361, 365, 366, 369, 540	24
Swakopmund	100	1
Engela	780	1
Total		26

7. *Table 2: Summary*

Cumulative confirmed cases	1 843
Newly confirmed	68
Recoveries	101
Active cases	1 734
Deaths	8
Total samples tested	23 140
Active contacts	2 865
Cumulative number of people quarantined	5 557
Number of quarantined people discharged	*4 396
Number of people in quarantines	*701

*The number of those discharged and those in quarantine are still to be updated.

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