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WINDHOEK
**Check Against Delivery*

1. Good morning dear Compatriots. Namibia has recorded fifty-five (55) new cases Covid-19 positive cases. Among them are 2 are non-Namibians, who are in a vessel and the remainder are Namibian nationals. Fifty-three (53) are from Walvis Bay and 2 are from Windhoek. Of the 53 in Walvis Bay, 43 are in a vessel, where other three crew members had also tested positive.
2. Of the two cases in Windhoek, one was referred from Walvis Bay on 19th of June 2020 for medical reasons and admitted to the Windhoek Central Hospital. The other one is a contact to a confirmed case. He has been in quarantine, initially tested negative, then repeated towards the end of quarantine period, then tested positive.
3. Forty-eight (48) are males and seven (7) females. The youngest one is 2-years and the oldest one is 60 years old. They are all in stable conditions. Contact tracing is ongoing.
4. One Namibian truck driver was tested at Botswana borders on his way from Walvis Bay to South Africa on the 4th July 2020. He was tested in Botswana and his results came out positive. He was returned to Namibia and was admitted in isolation in Gobabis hospital. He was tested again and his result came out positive. Although he is being managed here, we are not adding him to the Namibian cases as he was already counted in Botswana.
5. Case No 362, the newborn baby was reported on the 3rd of July 2020 as being positive. He was born by the mother who was recently diagnosed with Covid-19, Case No 296. The baby was tested too early, that is 5 hours after delivery. The result came out positive as we have reported then. As per international standards, the baby was re-tested again after 24 hours and then after 72 hours after delivery. Both results came out negative. We therefore conclude that the initial result was a contamination from the mother. Therefore, Case No 362 has been de-registered as a case.
6. Summary

Confirmed cases	593
Newly confirmed	55
Recoveries:	25
Active cases	568
Deaths	0
Total samples tested	12 167
Active contacts	1 308
Cumulative number of people quarantined	4 289

Number of quarantined people discharged	3 429
Number of people in quarantine	860

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