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

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1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. We have received 944 results. A total of 125 samples tested positive for COVID-19. Eighty-two (82) are males and forty-three (43) are females. The youngest is two (2) years and the oldest is seventy-four (74) years old. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

*Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases*

<b>REGIONS</b>	<b>NEW CASES</b>	<b>DISTRICTS</b>	<b>NEW CASES</b>
Oshikoto	58	Onandjokwe	58
Khomas	17	Windhoek	17
Kavango East	14	Rundu	14
Erongo	14	Omaruru	5
		Walvis Bay	5
		Swakopmund	3
		Usakos	1
Ohangwena	11	Eenhana	11
Hardap	4	Rehoboth	4
Otjozondjupa	4	Okahandja	3
		Okakarara	1
Zambezi	1	Katima Mulilo	1
Karas	1	Karasburg	1
Omaheke	1	Gobabis	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>125</b>		<b>125</b>

2. I am happy to announce that Namib Poultry Laboratory have released their first results today. This is attesting to the increased testing capacity we have now in the country. This brings the number of local laboratories that tests for Covid-19 to six.
3. We are observing a number of learners testing positive for Covid-19 especially in boarding schools and also the cases from police holding cells. This is true for Onandjokwe, Eenhana, Rundu and Usakos districts. All stakeholders involved should continue putting all efforts to contain the transmission in the closed setting. Equally important, the community members in these areas should be extra vigilant.
4. We have recorded a total number of 345 learners, across the country who tested positive for Covid-19. Oshikoto region recorded the highest number with 170 (49.3%) followed by Khomas region with 68 (19.7%). This shows that there is an active transmission, hence we continue to encourage the adherence to preventive measures in schools and in other closed settings. Also, since the school has started, the learners are identifiable as a separate group from the community. All the number of cases that are more than 10 per district are either from the hostels or from correctional facilities.

Table 2: Number of Learners infected by COVID-19 per region

REGION	Number of learners		
	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Oshikoto	78	92	<b>170</b>
Khomas	36	32	<b>68</b>
Erongo	26	9	<b>35</b>
Hardap	12	9	<b>21</b>
Oshana	12	5	<b>17</b>
Karas	10	5	<b>15</b>
Otjozondupa	4	3	<b>7</b>
Kavango	3	1	<b>4</b>
Omaheke	3	1	<b>4</b>
Ohangwena	2	1	<b>3</b>
Omusati	0	1	<b>1</b>
Kunene	0	0	<b>0</b>
Zambezi	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>345</b>

5. Today we are reporting 77 new recoveries. This brings the total recoveries to 9 014.

Table 3: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Khomas	36
Otjozondjupa	35
Karas	2
Ohangwena	2
Zambezi	1
Kunene	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>

6. The total number of active cases now stands at 2 130. Of the active cases, fourteen (14) are in severe to critically sick conditions.

*Table 4: Distribution of severity of cases per region*

<b>Region</b>	<b>Severe</b>	<b>Critical</b>	<b>Total</b>
Erongo	1	1	2
Khomas	4	8	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>

*Table 5: Summary of the update*

Cumulative confirmed cases	11 265
Newly confirmed	125
Recoveries	9 014
Active cases	2 129
COVID-19 deaths	95
COVID-19 related deaths	26
Indeterminate deaths	0
<b>Total deaths</b>	<b>121</b>
Total samples tested	97 952
Active contacts	8 255
Cumulative number of people quarantined	14 307
Number of quarantined people discharged	13 304
Number of people in quarantines	1 003

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