



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 975

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time	06.03 - 12.03 2023 17h00	Investigation start Date	14 March 2020

HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (06.03 – 12.03 2023)

CUMULATIVE

Tested 1 097 323

Confirmed 171 222 (Re-infections 3 185)

Recovered 167 099

Vaccinated

1st doses 584 440 2nd doses 292 045
Booster doses 108 079

Deaths 4 090

TOTAL THIS WEEK

Tested 363

Newly Confirmed 13, Re-infection 1

Active 18

Recovered 50

Vaccinated

992 1st doses 69 2nd doses 555 Booster doses

Deaths 0

- A total of **171 222** cases including re-infections have been recorded to-date.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **5 808 (3.4%)** are Health Workers, no new confirmed cases this week.
 - 4 881 (84%) State; 911 (15.7%) Private, 16 (0.3%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
 - 5 776 (99.6%) recoveries and 25 (0.4%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **97.6%**.
- Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest number of new cases with **55 142 (33%)** and **24 034 (14%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities **3 729 (91%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **361 (9%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.
- The case fatality rate now stands at **2.4%**.
- The weekly positivity rate stands at **3.9%**

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, as at 12 March 2023

Region	New cases	New re-infections	Cum re-infections	Cum confirmed excluding re-infections	Active cases	Recoveries	Cum Deaths	Cum deaths with co-morbidities	Non-COVID deaths	Health Workers
Erongo	1	0	475	24,034	2	24,071	431	355	5	534
Hardap	0	0	122	8,826	0	8,683	265	168	0	199
Karas	0	0	333	10,834	0	11,004	163	138	0	325
Kavango East	0	0	88	6,913	0	6,765	234	134	2	329
Kavango West	0	0	4	880	0	861	23	21	0	51
Khomas	4	1	1419	55,142	3	55,646	911	706	1	1 954
Kunene	4	0	76	5,375	4	5,285	162	110	0	167
Ohangwena	0	0	59	6,366	0	6,203	220	127	2	241
Omaheke	0	0	76	5,414	0	5,198	291	205	1	153
Omusati	0	0	71	8,113	0	7,838	346	211	0	306
Oshana	2	0	115	10,963	4	10,667	406	246	1	627
Oshikoto	1	0	82	8,257	1	8,121	215	160	2	395
Otjozondjupa	0	0	232	13,254	0	13,197	288	196	1	396
Zambezi	1	0	33	3,666	4	3,560	135	77	0	131
Total	13	1	3 185	168 038	18	167 099	4 090	2 854	15	5 808

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

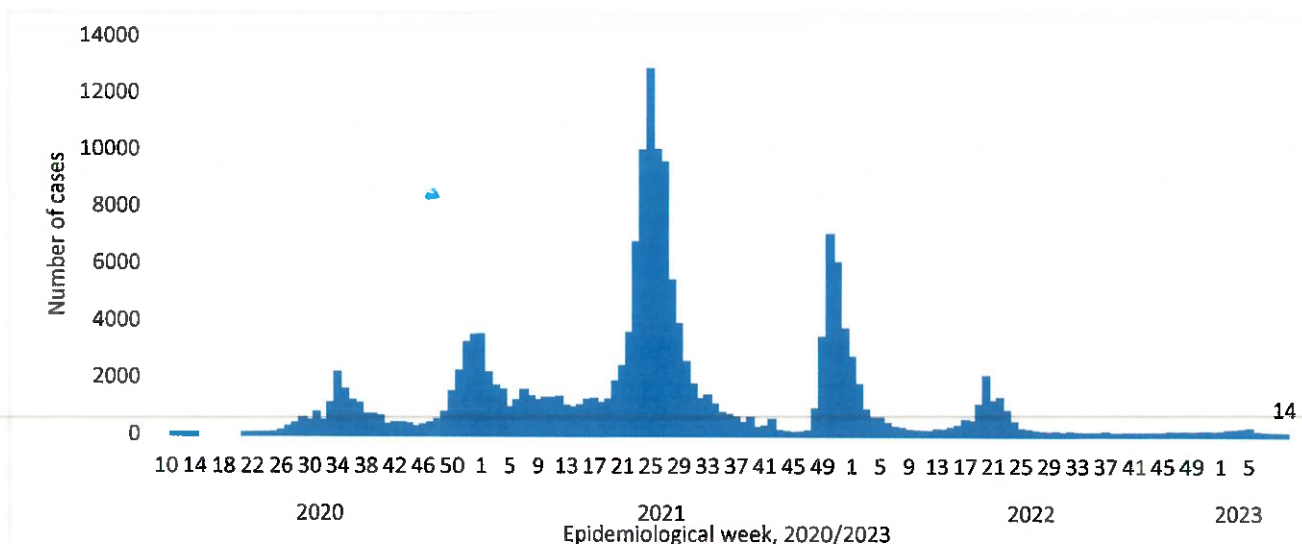


Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 case, as at 12 March 2023

- The highest peak of **12 787 (8%)** cases was recorded during week 25 of 2021 (Figure 3).
 - The country has started seeing a gradual reduction in the average number of confirmed cases from 2 681 to 429 from epi-week 1 to 18 of 2022.
 - Another peak of 2022 cases was recorded in week 20 of 2022
 - The number of cases has started decreasing in week 23 of 2022.
 - During the reporting period, number of confirmed cases has decreased by 46.1% compared to the previous week.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **179 118** contacts have been identified.
 - Since March 2020, **98 561** people have been placed into quarantine around the country.
 - Contacts and suspected cases are advised to self-quarantine.

Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories 12 March 2023

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	1 098 321
Total samples tested	1 097 323
Total samples re-tested	19 802
Total positive results	167 885
Total negative results	907 646
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	0
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	170
Suspected cases in 7 days (excluding re-tests)	363

- The laboratory testing capacity has been enhanced; with a total of twenty-three (23) laboratories carrying out the testing of samples: NIP, Path-Care, UNAM Molecular, Central Veterinary Laboratory, Namib Poultry, NAMDEB, NamPath, Namibia Central Pathology, DiagnoLab, High Care, Alpha Medical Laboratory, NCP, Maerua MC, Des-Jo Medical Test Centre, ProQuest Diagnostic Laboratory, MAXI, Medlink Laboratory Services, Biotech Medical, Covisure, Star Care, Soweto Medical Center, Hosea Kutako International Airport & Oshana Med Laboratory .
- To date, **1 098 321** tests (including **19 802** re-tests) have been conducted by authorized laboratories.
- Number of tests decreased by **13.8%** during this week.

- Of the total confirmed cases, **103 432 (60%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **27 012 (16%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- A total of **19 538 (11%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 50 - 59 years group.
- The under 5 years age group make up **3 836(2%)** of the total cases whereas, **17 357(10%)** are above 60 years of age.
- More cases (**57%**) have been reported among females.

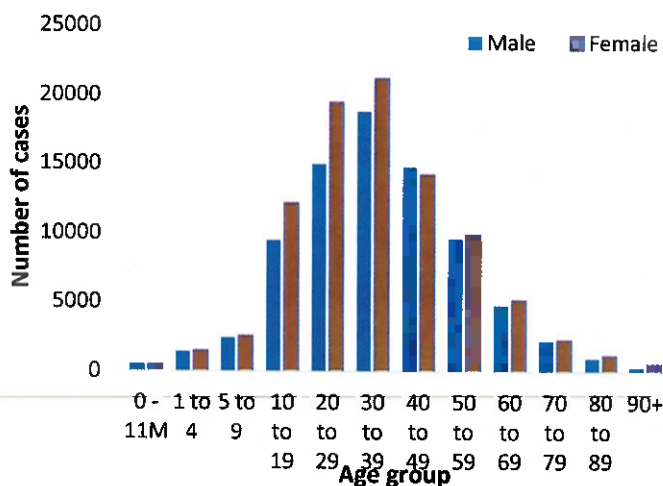


Figure 2: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, as at 12 March 2023

Table 3: The current distribution for hospitalization of confirmed cases by region, 12 March 2023

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases		Vaccinated		Intensive Care Unit		Vaccinated	
	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose
Erongo	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hardap	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kharas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Khomas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

Table 4: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered as at 12 March 2023

Region	Cumulative no. of persons vaccinated with doses of Sinopharm, AstraZeneca, Sputnik V, Pfizer and Jassen & Johnson		Targeted Population	Vaccination Coverage (%)	Cumulative no. of Healthcare Workers vaccinated with doses of Sinopharm, AstraZeneca, Sputnik V, Pfizer and Jassen & Johnson	
	1 st dose	Fully vaccinated			1 st dose	Fully vaccinated
Erongo	48,545	43,696	161,966	27%	1479	1132
Hardap	34,402	29,856	69,121	43%	556	464
Kharas	28,993	24,648	69,786	35%	851	529
Kavango East	52,451	40,850	105,223	39%	1352	1106
Kavango West	39,696	32,182	57,210	56%	455	409
Khomas	115,786	103,347	362,620	28%	4170	3163
Kunene	36,870	30,594	72,991	40%	704	552
Ohangwena	40,390	34,142	174,546	20%	975	796
Omaheke	26,237	23,781	53,002	44%	430	342
Omusati	36,303	31,586	179,370	18%	1072	849
Oshana	32,719	29,819	143,395	21%	1692	1394
Oshikoto	32,698	28,813	144,912	20%	910	800
Otjozondjupa	43,031	38,661	112,119	34%	942	279
Zambezi	16,319	15,150	73,010	21%	740	1025
Total	584,440	507,125	1,779,271	28%	16328	12840

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 booster doses administered as at 12 March 2023

Region	Cumulative no. of persons vaccinated			
	Sinopharm	AstraZeneca	Pfizer	Booster Doses J&J
Erongo	2905	1199	3998	1836
Hardap	4828	971	1766	3624
Kharas	2719	659	793	1409
Kavango East	2344	573	1338	3217
Kavango West	2358	806	1372	2652
Khomas	4801	2097	7657	2946
Kunene	3487	1087	1038	2898
Ohangwena	1953	483	214	586
Omaheke	3891	1650	1199	1047
Omusati	3770	1256	1169	1303
Oshana	3292	786	1050	1519
Oshikoto	2443	590	460	735
Otjozondjupa	3207	1373	1523	1835
Zambezi	1165	182	201	1819
Total	43163	13712	23778	27426

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIONS

- The COVID-19 vaccination programme is ongoing throughout the country.
- The public is encouraged to continue adhering to COVID-19 preventative measures as the situation is being observed.
- The government and development partners continue to prioritize the continuation of essential health services.

CHALLENGES

- Slow vaccine uptake among members of the public

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Encourage the public to get vaccinated and strengthen community health awareness to counteract anti-vaccination information in circulation.
- Integrate response into routine activities

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