

# REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

STATEMENT BY DR. KALUMBI SHANGULA, MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES ON THE FURTHER RECOVERY FROM COVID-19.

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1. Covid-19 situation in the world is not showing any signs of leveling off. Europe and the Americas regions continue to lead both in terms of the number of cases and the number of deaths. The same trend is being observed in Africa where South Africa continues to lead both in terms of the number of cases and the number of deaths. Despite a relatively stable situation, Namibia cannot afford to relax her guard. The world is a global village despite the fact that the borders are closed.
2. Yesterday, the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020, a total number of 84 Namibians returned from South Africa by air. Thirty-six came from Cape Town and forty-eight from Johannesburg. Of these, 7 were quarantined in Windhoek due to identified vulnerable conditions. The remainder were quarantined in various quarantine facilities in the regions, all at the government expense. The government has made substantive investments in prevention as we believe that it is cheaper to prevent the diseases than to treat it.
3. Yesterday I announced the recovery of Case No 10. Today I am pleased to announce another recovery. Case No 9 has fully recovered from Covid-19. This brings the total number of recoveries to eleven. We will however continue to monitor her as she is in an environment with high risk of exposure. As we continue to record good progress in our work, I call on all of us to look forward with confidence and have faith in our institutions, systems and processes as the President implores us to do.
4. I now proceed to give you an update on Covid-19 in the country.
  - Confirmed Cases: 16
  - Recoveries: 11
  - Active Cases: 5
  - Deaths: 0
  - Total tested: 1543
  - Total tested yesterday 33
  - Results: Negative
  - Total contacts: 242
  - Total quarantine: 1 070
  - Total number discharged: 615
  - Total in quarantine: 455

I thank you.

