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

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1. Today's Covid-19 update in Namibia contains a mixture of good and unpalatable development. We have a new case, a possible re-infection and a recovery. It is the first time since the outbreak of the Covid-19, that we are announcing a combination of more than one status of different individuals. I will start with the new case and finish with the recovery.
2. A 29-year old Namibian male tested positive for Covid-19. He becomes Case No 19. He arrived in Namibia from South Africa and was put in quarantine. He was tested on Day 12 before he was due to be released after 14 days. The results came out positive for Covid-19. He will be transferred this morning from quarantine facility to the Isolation Unit. He does not display any symptoms. His condition is satisfactory.
3. On the 20th May 2020, I announced the recovery of Case No 1. Before Case No 1 was due to be discharged, he complained of sore throat. A specimen was taken and tested for Covid-19. The result came out positive. He has now become an active case again. This case is subject to further scrutiny. Case No 1 however is in a satisfactory condition.
4. I am pleased to announce one recovery, that of Case No 12. Case No 12 is related to Case No 9 and Case No 13. All three cases have fully recovered.
5. I now proceed to give you an update on Covid-19 in the country.
 - Confirmed Cases: 19
 - Recoveries: 14
 - Active Cases: 5
 - Deaths: 0
 - Total number tested: 2 681
 - Total tested yesterday 88
 - Results: 2 positive and 86 negative
 - Total contacts: 249
 - Total quarantine: 1 457
 - Total number discharged: 926
 - Total in quarantine: 531
6. Our strategy to quarantine all returning Namibians, permanent residents and domiciled has paid and will continue to pay divided. This strategy has averted many positive cases and possible loss of lives. We should continue to have faith and confidence in our institutions, systems and processes. They are serving us well.

