

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



THE PRESIDENCY

STATEMENT BY

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**ON THE OCCASSION OF THE 26th COVID-19 PUBLIC BRIEFING ON THE
NATIONAL RESPONSE MEASURES**

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Good Afternoon Fellow Namibians,

As you know, the current dispensation which came into effect for a period of 36 days, will lapse at midnight tonight, 31 March 2021.

Therefore, as of midnight tonight, the following measures will apply, for a period of thirty (30) days until 30 April 2021:

1. Restriction on movement through a Curfew will remain in place from 22h00 until 04h00, daily.
2. Public Gatherings will increase from the current limit of 50 to 100, for both outdoor and indoor events.
3. Restaurants, bars and shebeens will be permitted to extend the trading hours for liquor up to 22h00, Mondays to Saturdays. The sale of alcohol on Sundays will remain prohibited.

Before I conclude, on behalf of the Republic of Namibia, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the two Asian countries, namely, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of India, for their usual South-South solidarity displayed in this moment of need, by donating 100,000 and 30,000 doses of the SINOPHARM and COVISHIELD vaccines to Namibia, respectively. Namibia thank you very much for this support.

It is in the hour of need that one knows who his/her true friends are. Once more, thank you very much.

I express appreciation to leaders across all spheres of our society, the men and women in uniform, frontline workers and first responders, business, religious and traditional leaders, school principals and teachers, parents at the household level, and every

single Namibian – for your resilience and diligence to promoting compliance with COVID-19 Regulations. Our strength remains in our unity of purpose.

Finally, as we approach the cold winter months which naturally compel us to spend more time indoors and to knit more closely together, let us remain vigilant of the ever-present danger that is COVID-19. We must do all that we can to keep fatigue at bay. We cannot afford to lose hope now. In the words of Jesse Jackson, “Let us keep hope alive”. Let us stand together and get through the winter months. Let us not grow weary.

Let us continue to observe hand hygiene, the correct wearing of face masks in public places, social and physical distancing and personal vigilance, as our first line of defence in the fight against COVID-19.

I now invite the Minister of Health, Dr. Shangula, to provide further details on the national response to COVID-19.

I thank you.