

## **Press Release**

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## **UN Namibia confirms first case**

Windhoek, UN House, 17 August 2020: The United Nations in Namibia is sad to confirm the first case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) among its staff. The United Nations is working closely with the Government of Namibia (GRN) and the World Health Organization (WHO) on prevention, preparedness and response of the pandemic in the country.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services (MOHSS) has initiated contact tracing, affected staff and contacts will be supported in line with global and national guidelines.

UN staff will telework from 17-19 August 2020 while the UN House is closed for cleaning and disinfection. The affected staff and contacts will be prudently supported in line with UN and national guidelines.

Ends.

**Note to editors:** The WHO website contains information and guidance on the outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19):

https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019 The WHO provides daily Situation Reports: https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports/

The United Nations has a dedicated website providing more information on the UN system response to COVID-19: https://www.un.org/en/coronavirus

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