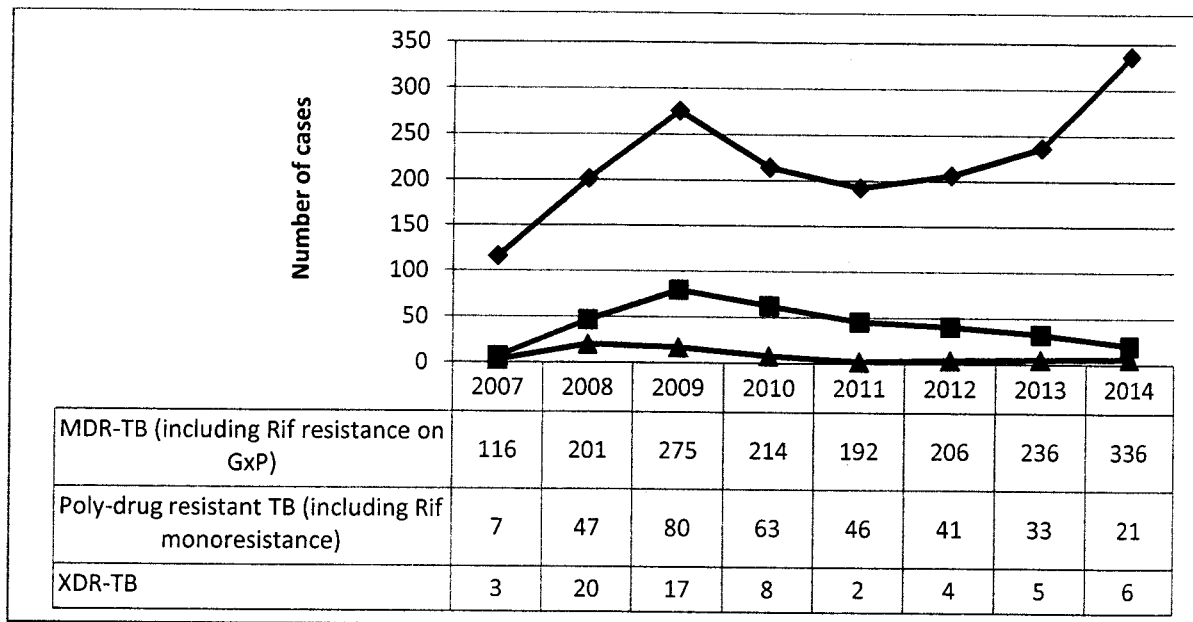


Responses to questions from the Hon Minister of Health and Social Services on Drug-resistant TB; 13 October 2015

1. The number of cases of MDR TB in Namibia.

The chart below summarises the number of cases of drug-resistant TB that have been reported in the country since 2007.



2. How many patients have been put on treatment since 2012 up to today?

- *778 patients have been commenced on treatment for MDR-TB (including rifampicin resistance on Gene Xpert) during the period 2012-2014.*

2.1. How many are in hospital? How many discharged?

- *As of 13 October 2015 a total of 546 confirmed DR-TB cases were on treatment (243 are hospitalised while 303 are on outpatient treatment).*

3. How many are XDR TB? How many are on treatment?

- *15 patients were diagnosed with XDR-TB between 2012 and 2014.*
- *6 patients with XDR-TB are currently on treatment).*

4. What is the recovery rate? How many have recovered?

- *The treatment success rate for DR-TB cases commenced on treatment for the 2012 cohort were as follows:*
 - *Treatment success rate for All DR-TB cases = 212/313 (68%)*
 - *Confirmed MDR-TB cases treatment success rate = 142 / 208 (68%).*
 - *XDR-TB cases treatment success rate = 1/6(20%)*

- How many are non-Namibians?

<i>Year</i>	<i>Non Namibians all DR-TB</i>
<i>Currently on treatment</i>	<i>61 (58 Angolans, 2 Zimbabweans and 1 Motswana)</i>
<i>2014</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>2013</i>	<i>37 (1 XDR-TB)</i>

5. Challenges with San Communities

- *Challenges observed include the following:*
 - *Case finding due to limited access to health services*
 - *Continued transmission due to delayed diagnosis and the type of accommodation; leading to high prevalence rates of MDR-TB in this community.*
 - *Retention on treatment due to conflict between mode of treatment delivery and lifestyle of the clients.*
 - *Specific interventions have been successfully put in place to retain patients on treatment in Tsumkwe.*

6. How far is the Ministry on the attainment of Millennium Development Goals with regard to TB treatment?

GOALS AND INDICATORS	BASELINE	STATUS	TARGET (2015)	COMMENT
Estimated incidence (per 100,000)	300	651 (2013)	<300	
% TB cases treated successfully	58% (1996)	87% (2013)	85%	Achieved
Death rates (%) associated with TB	7% (2000)	4% (2010)	<5	Achieved

Trend in estimated incident cases and notifications of Tuberculosis in Namibia; 1990-2013

