



Highlights of the week

As of week 35, **752,952** samples have been tested for COVID-19 by both public and private laboratories. Of this number, **461,330 (61.2%)** samples were tested through public confirmatory laboratories.

In week 35, **382** new cases (Percent positivity **22.1**) of COVID-19 and **23** new deaths were reported. This is a **31%** decrease in cases and **43%** decrease in deaths compared to week 34 (**Table 1**).

Cumulatively, **153,534** confirmed cases (Overall Percent positivity **33.2**) of COVID-19 with **7,141** associated deaths (**CFR=4.6%**) have been reported in Afghanistan since Feb 2020.

Table 1: Afghanistan's COVID-19 epidemiological overview, as of week 35

Indicator	New number in week 35	% of change compared to week 34	Cumulative number
# of COVID-19 samples tested in both public & private labs	1,776	-36%	752,952
# of COVID-19 samples tested in public labs	1,726	-36%	461,330
# of COVID-19 lab confirmed cases (both public and private)	382	-31%	153,534
# Recovered/discharged	2,043	22%	111,968(72.9%)
# of COVID-19 associated death	23	-43%	7,141 (CFR=4.6)

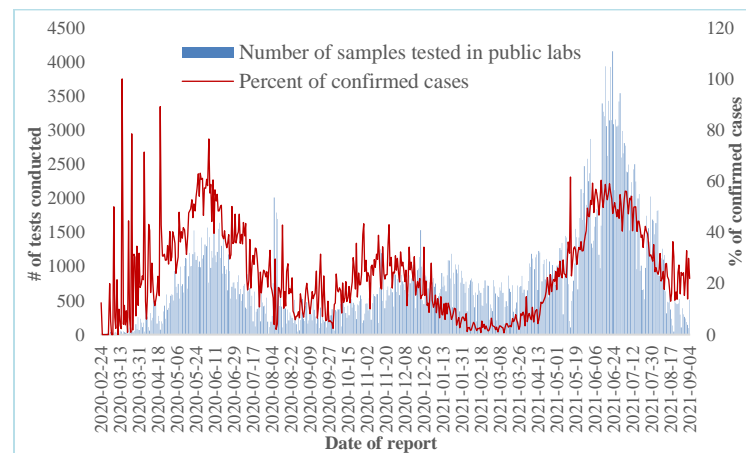
In week 35, the highest number of COVID-19 cases were reported in the West and South (**130** cases, **97** cases, respectively) (**Table 2**). The top five provinces that reported positive cases include Herat (**68** cases), Badakhshan (**66** cases), Zabul (**49** cases), Kandahar (**48** cases), and Kabul (**42** cases).

Overall, Afghanistan has reported **4,689** confirmed cases and **93** associated deaths among healthcare workers (HCWs) since 2020. To date, Herat, Kabul, Nangarhar, Balkh and Kunar reported the highest number of positive cases among HCWs.

Table 2: COVID-19 cases by region, as of week 35

Region	# of new cases in week 35 (%)	% of change compared to week 34	Cumulative number (%)
Central East	42 (11 %)	-28%	43,962 (28.6%)
Central West	8 (2%)	-50%	12,952 (8.4%)
East	7 (2%)	-85%	16,794 (10.9%)
North	2 (1%)	-96%	13,620 (8.9%)
North East	94 (25%)	-30%	16,729 (10.9%)
South	97 (25%)	-30%	15,790 (10.3%)
South East	2 (1%)	-82%	10,236 (6.7%)
West	130 (34%)	23%	23,451 (15.3%)
National	382 (100%)	-31%	153,534 (100%)

Figure 1: Number of PCR tests conducted and percent of confirmed cases, as of 4 Sep 2021



COVID-19 vaccination highlights:

As of 4 Sep 2021, **2,026,483** individuals have been vaccinated against COVID-19. Of this number, **1,252,980 (61.8%)** individuals are fully vaccinated, and **773,503 (38.2%)** are partially vaccinated.

Of the total number vaccinated, **59.5%** are males and **40.5%** are females, **160,657 (7.9%)** are HCWs, **28,905 (1.4%)** are IDPs living inside camps, and **12,919 (0.6%)** are returnees from neighboring countries.

Figure 2: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan, as of 4 Sep 2021

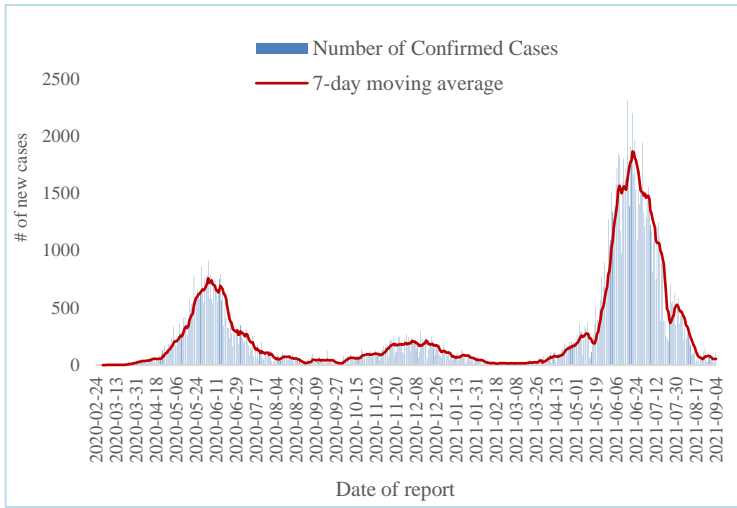


Figure 3: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 4 Sep 2021

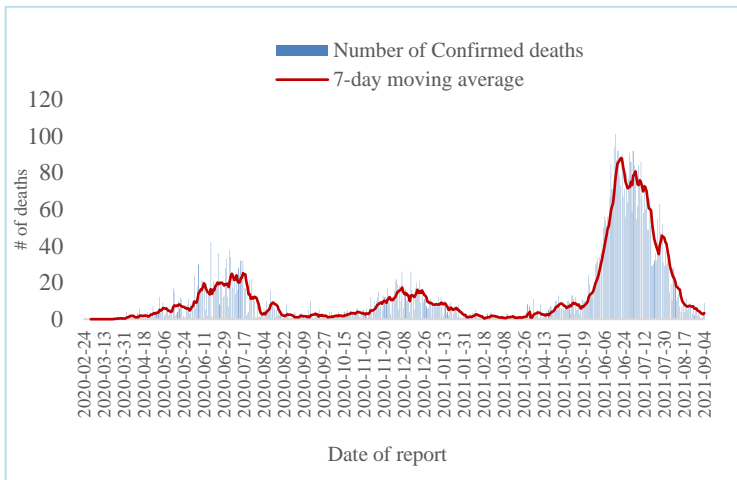
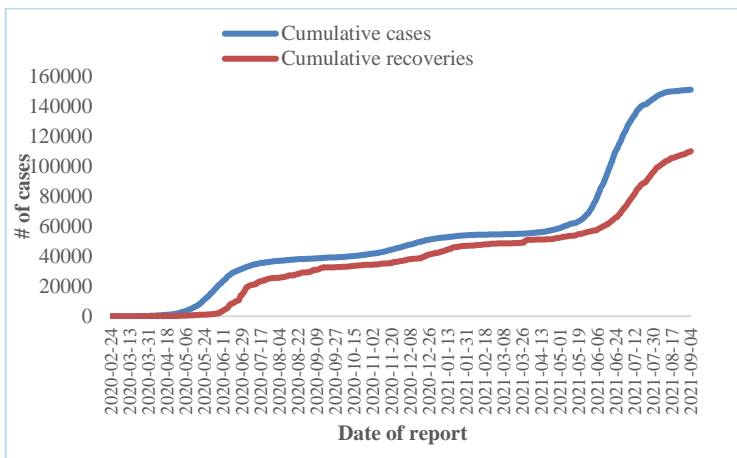
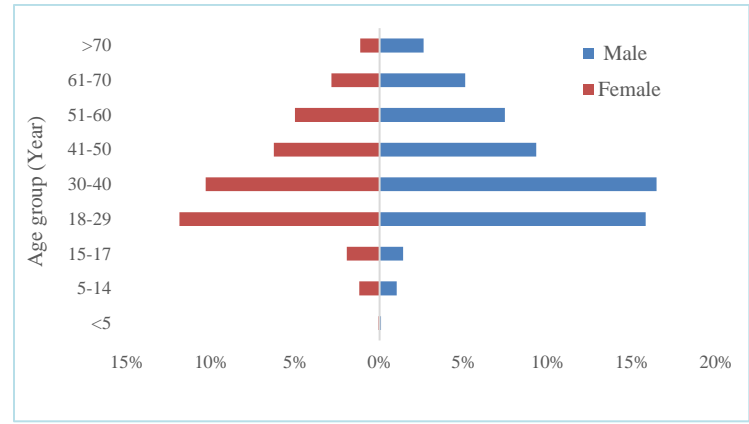


Figure 4: Cumulative COVID-19 confirmed cases and recoveries, as of 4 Sep 2021



Of the confirmed COVID-19 cases, **59%** have been reported among males and **41%** among females. Majority of cases have been reported among those aged 18-40 years.

Figure 5: Age distribution percentage of COVID-19 cases, 24 Feb 2020 to 4 Sep 2021



Of the COVID-19 associated deaths, **65.5%** were reported among males and **34.5%** among females. The trend indicates that deaths increased by age group, with most reported among 61-70 years old.

Figure 6: Age distribution percentage of COVID-19 associated deaths, 24 Feb 2020 to 4 Sep 2021

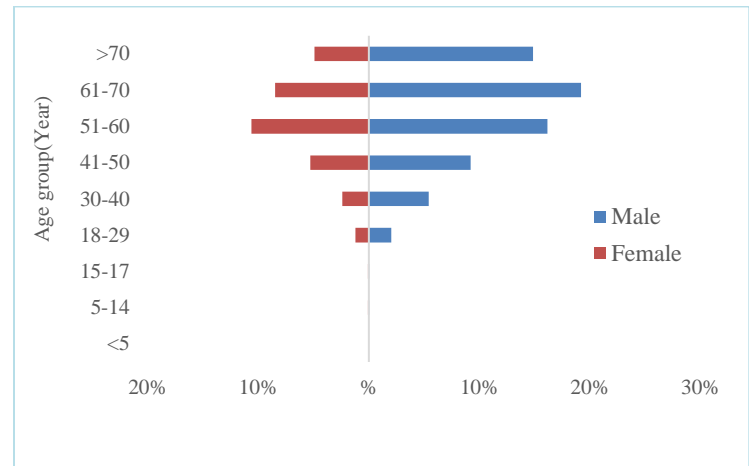


Figure 7: Proportion underlying conditions among COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 4 Sep 2021

