



Highlights of the week

As of week 37, **757,040** samples have been tested for COVID-19 by both public and private laboratories. Of this number, **465,306 (61.4%)** samples were tested through public confirmatory laboratories.

In week 37, **491** new cases of COVID-19 (percent positivity **24.7**) and **23** new deaths were reported. This is a **12%** decrease in cases and **21%** decrease in deaths compared to week 36 (**Table 1**).

Cumulatively, **154,585** confirmed cases (overall percent positivity **33.2**) of COVID-19 with **7,191** associated deaths (**CFR=4.6%**) have been reported in Afghanistan since Feb 2020.

Table 1: Afghanistan's COVID-19 epidemiological overview, as of week 37

Indicator	New number in week 37	% of change compared to week 36	Cumulative number
# of COVID-19 samples tested in both public & private labs	2,071	3%	757,040
# of COVID-19 samples tested in public labs	1,980	-1%	465,306
# of COVID-19 lab confirmed cases (both public and private)	491	-12%	154,585
# Recovered/discharged	5,094	-9%	122,510(79.2%)
# of COVID-19 associated death	23	-21%	7,191 (CFR=4.6)

Table 2: COVID-19 cases by region, as of week 37

Region	# of new cases in week 37 (%)	% of change compared to week 36	Cumulative number (%)
Central East	11 (2%)	-27%	43,988 (28.5%)
Central West	9 (2%)	-44%	12,977 (8.4%)
East	22 (4%)	57%	16,830 (10.9%)
North	3 (1%)	0%	13,626 (8.8%)
North East	78 (16%)	-1%	16,886 (10.9%)
South	75 (15%)	14%	15,931 (10.3%)
South East	117 (24%)	5750%	10,355 (6.7%)
West	176(36%)	-52%	23,992 (15.5%)
National	491 (100%)	-12%	154,585 (100%)

In week 37, the highest number of COVID-19 cases were reported in the West and Southeast (**176** cases and **117**

cases, respectively) (**Table 2**). The top five provinces that reported positive cases include Herat (**168** cases), Ghazni (**91** cases), Badakhshan (**56** cases), Kandahar (**47** cases), and Zabul (**28** cases).

Overall, Afghanistan has reported **4,692** 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.

Figure 1: Number of PCR tests conducted and 7-day moving average of percent positivity, as of 18 Sep 2021

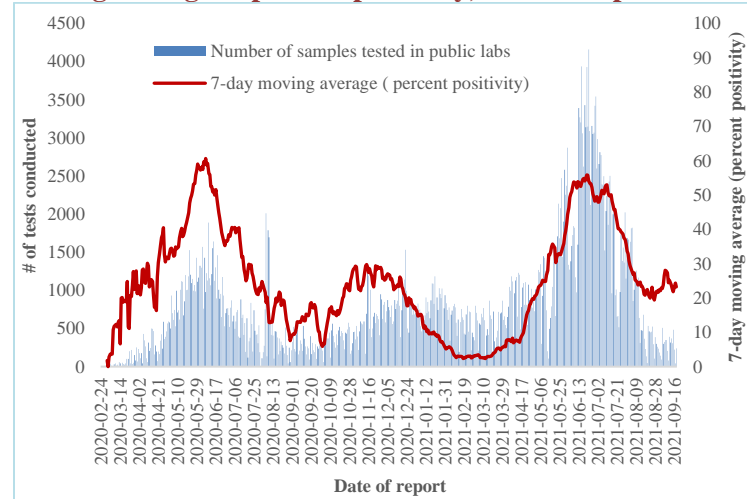


Figure 2: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan, as of 18 Sep 2021

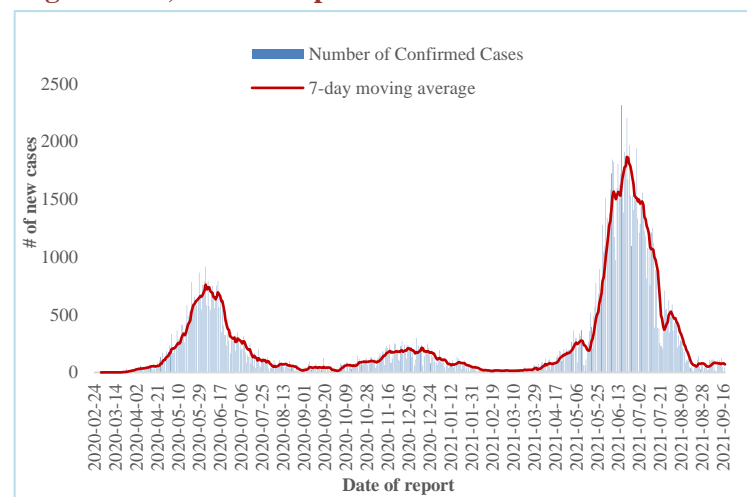


Figure 3: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 18 Sep 2021

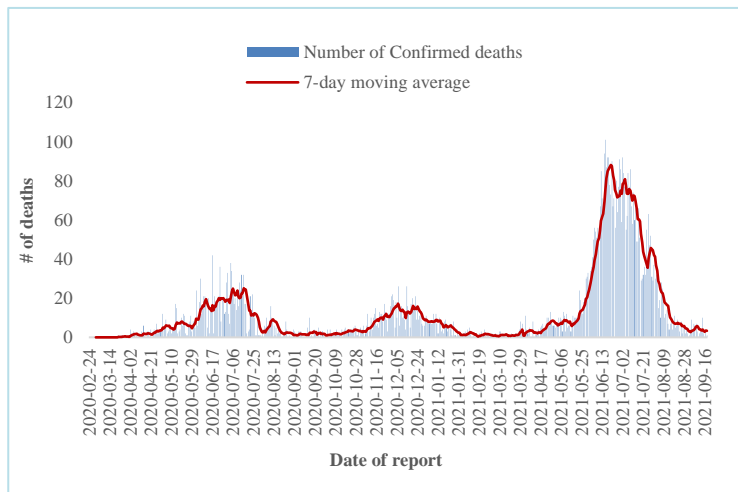
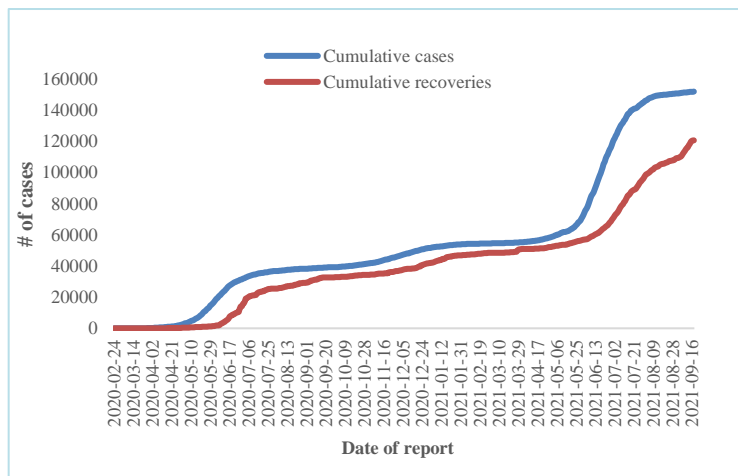
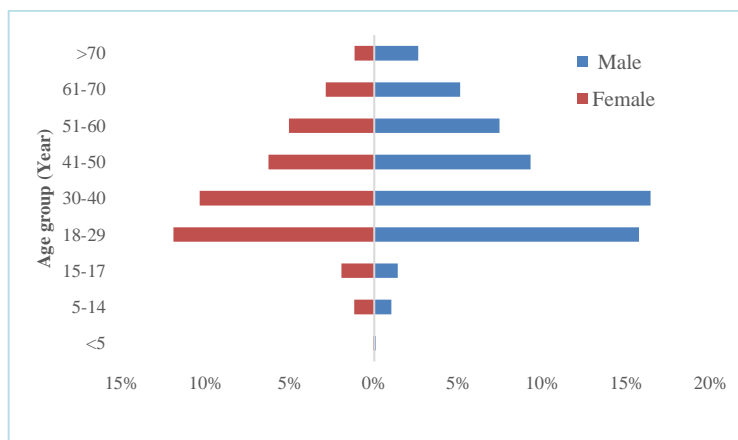


Figure 4: Cumulative COVID-19 confirmed cases and recoveries, as of 18 Sep 2021



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 18 Sep 2021



Of the COVID-19 associated deaths, **65%** were reported among males and **35%** 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 18 Sep 2021

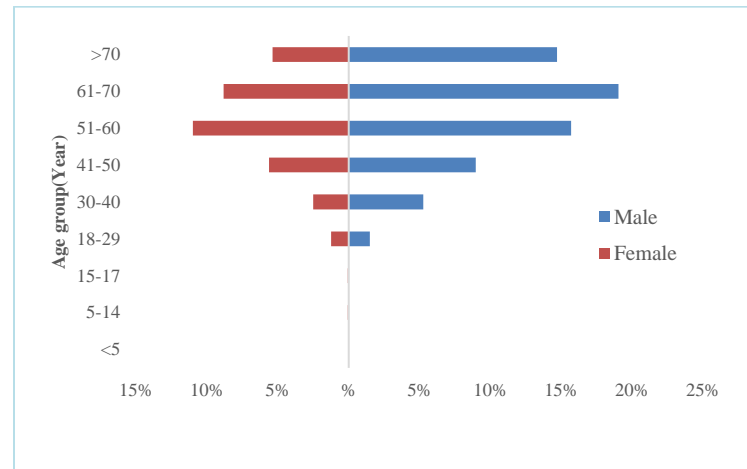
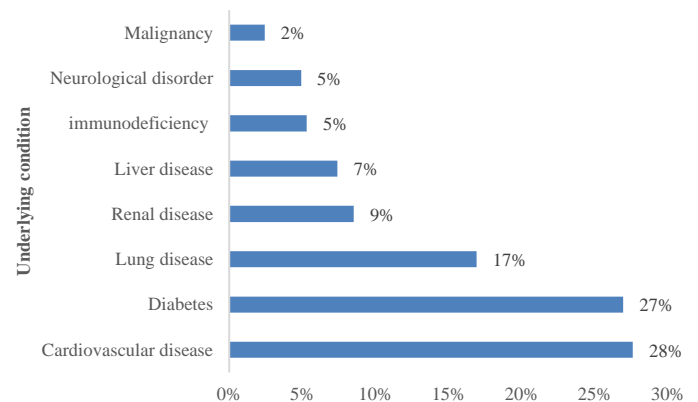


Figure 7: Proportion underlying conditions among COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 18 Sep 2021



COVID-19 Vaccination highlights



Figure 8: Percentage of vaccinated individuals in targeted groups

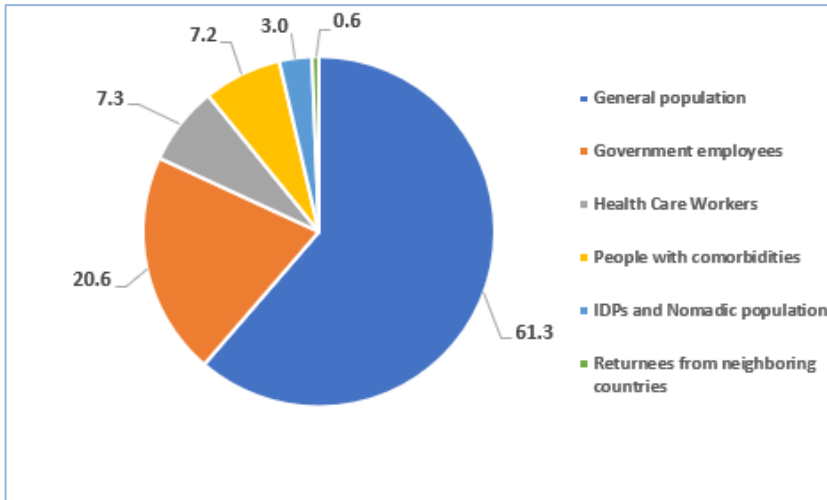


Figure 9: Percentage of vaccinated individuals by gender groups

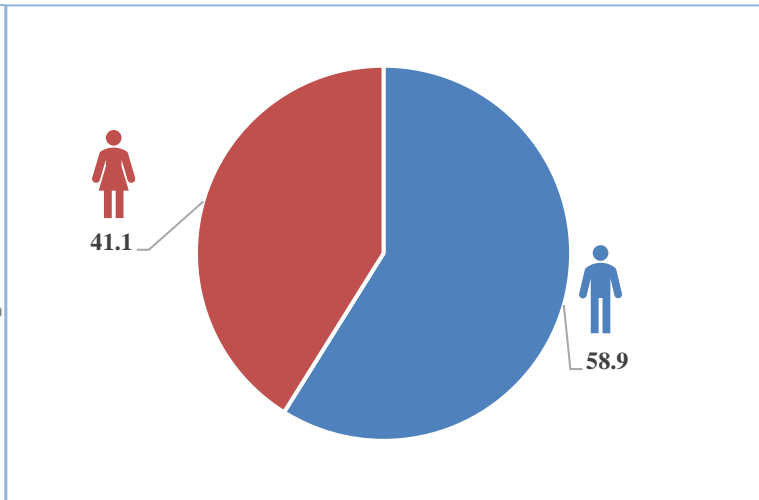
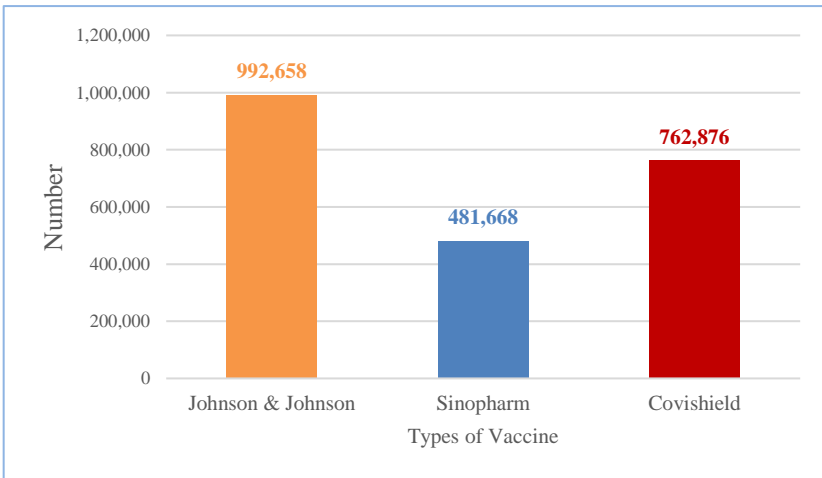


Figure 10: Vaccination doses administered by vaccine type



Data source: DHIS2-MoPH-Afghanistan
 Total population: 31,390,171 (Ref: <http://covid.moph-dw.org/#/>)
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