

## Highlights of the week

As of week 44, **776,358** samples have been tested for COVID-19 by both public and private laboratories. Of this number, **477,216 (61.4%)** samples were tested through public confirmatory laboratories.










In week 44, a total of 1,223 samples tested in public labs, of which **161** samples tested positive for COVID-19 (percent positivity **13.1**) and **7** new deaths were reported. This is a **39%** decrease in cases and **70%** decrease in deaths compared to week 43 (**Table 1**).

Cumulatively, **156,295** confirmed cases (overall percent positivity **32.7**) of COVID-19 with **7,287** associated deaths (**CFR=4.6%**) have been reported in Afghanistan since Feb 2020.

**Table 1: Afghanistan's COVID-19 epidemiological overview, as of week 44**

Indicator	New number in week 44	% of change compared to week 43	Cumulative number
# of COVID-19 samples tested in both public & private labs	2,770	-23%	776,358
# of COVID-19 samples tested in public labs	1,223	-42%	477,216
# of COVID-19 lab confirmed cases (Public Labs )	161	-39%	156,295
# Recovered/discharged	245	-76%	128,952 (82.5%)
# of COVID-19 associated death	7	-70%	7,287 (CFR=4.6)

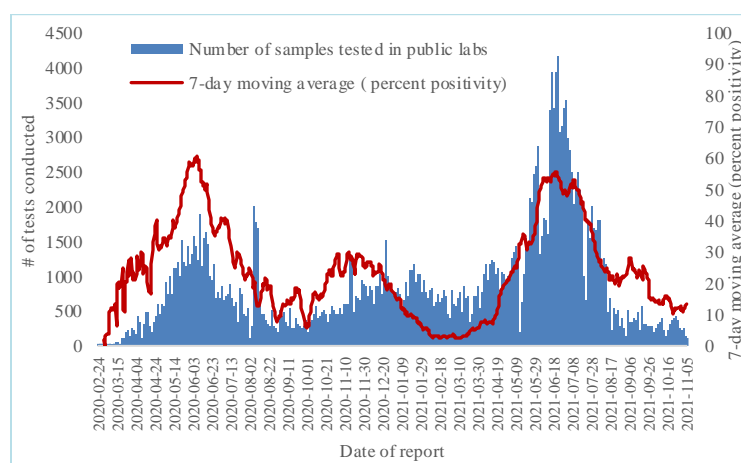
**Table 2: COVID-19 cases by region, as of week 44**

Region	Epi-curve	# of new cases in week 44 (%)	% of change compared to week 43	Cumulative number (%)
Central East		2 (1 %)	-50%	44,043 (28.2%)
Central West		14 (9%)	56%	13,011 (8.3%)
East		41 (25%)	-13%	17,086 (10.9%)
North		20 (12%)	100%	13,688 (8.8%)
North East		24 (15%)	-45%	17,208 (11%)
South		41 (25%)	-64%	16,519 (10.6%)
South East		14 (9%)	250%	10,493 (6.7%)
West		5 (3%)	-85%	24,247 (15.5%)
National		161 (100%)	-39%	156,295 (100%)




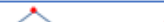





In week 44, the highest number of COVID-19 cases were reported in the South and East (**41** cases and **41** cases, respectively) (**Table 2**). The top five provinces that reported positive cases include Nangarhar (**41** cases), Kandahar (**25** cases), Wardak (**14** cases), Balkh (**13** cases), and Takhar (**12** cases).

Overall, Afghanistan has reported **4,698** confirmed cases and **96** 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.

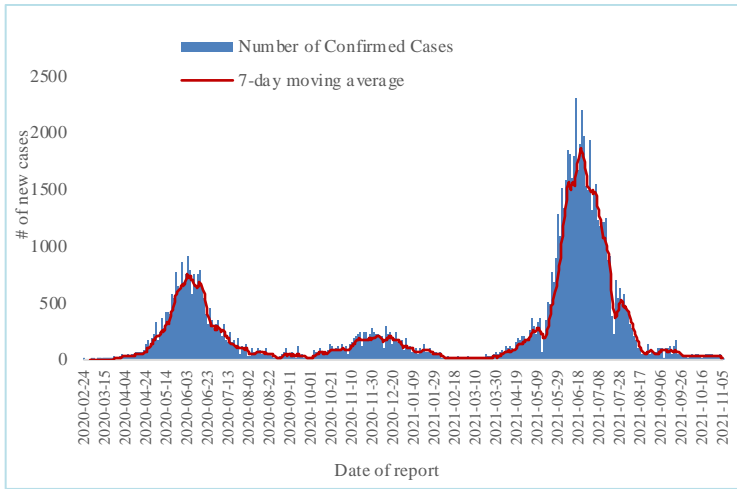
**Figure 1: Number of PCR tests conducted and 7-day moving average of percent positivity, as of 6 Nov 2021**



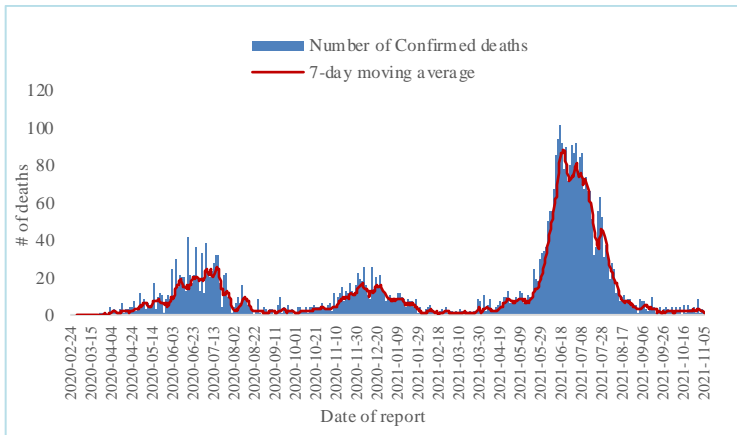
**Table 3: COVID-19 Epi-curve for the last 8 weeks by region, as of week 44**

Region	Epi-curve	Cumulative cases %
Central East		2.8
Central West		1.9
East		12.1
North		7.9
North East		17.3
South		28.9
South East		11.0
West		18.1
National		2,295(100%)

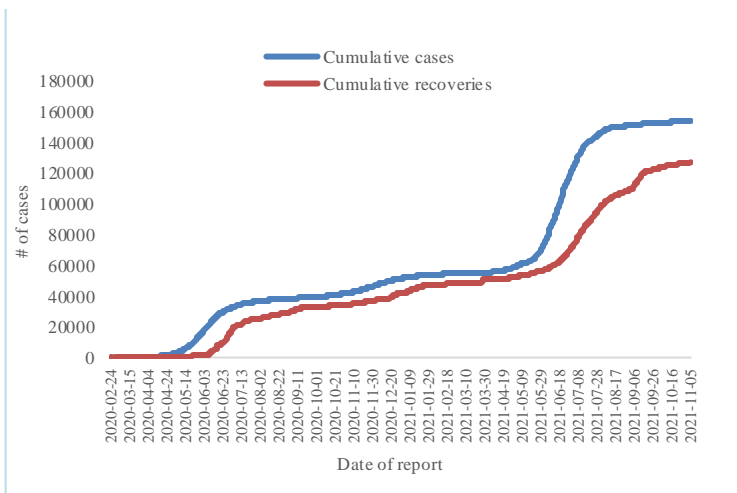
**Figure 2: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan, as of 6 Nov 2021**



**Figure 3: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 6 Nov 2021**

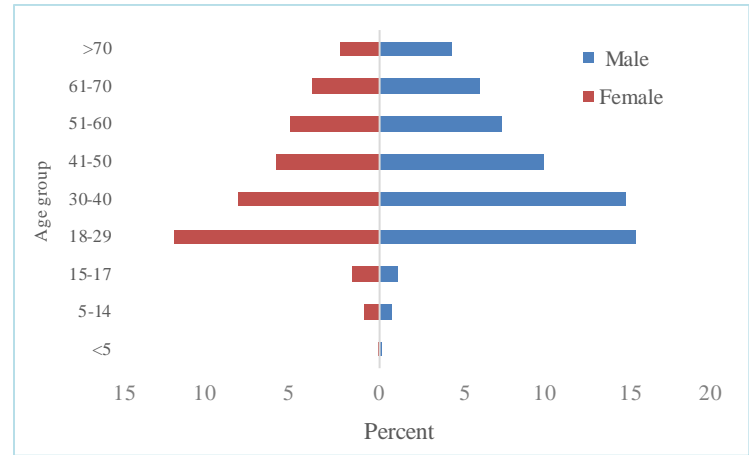


**Figure 4: Cumulative COVID-19 confirmed cases and recoveries, as of 6 Nov 2021**



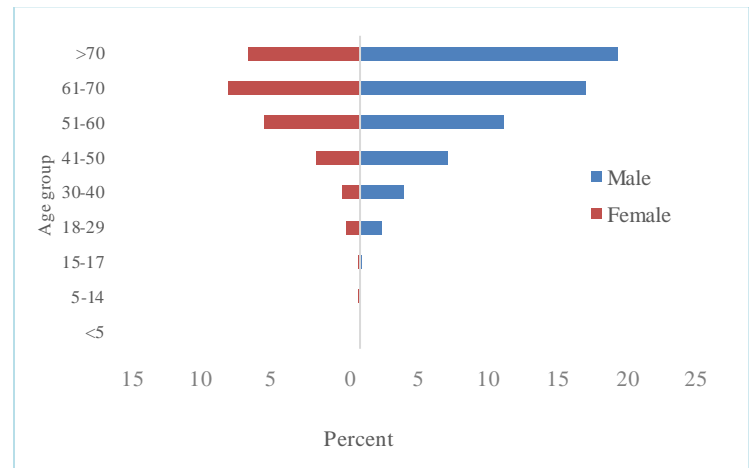
Of the confirmed COVID-19 cases, **58%** have been reported among males and **42%** among females. Majority of cases have been reported among those aged 18-40 years.

**Figure 5: Age distribution percentage of COVID-19 cases, 24 Feb 2020 to 6 Nov 2021**

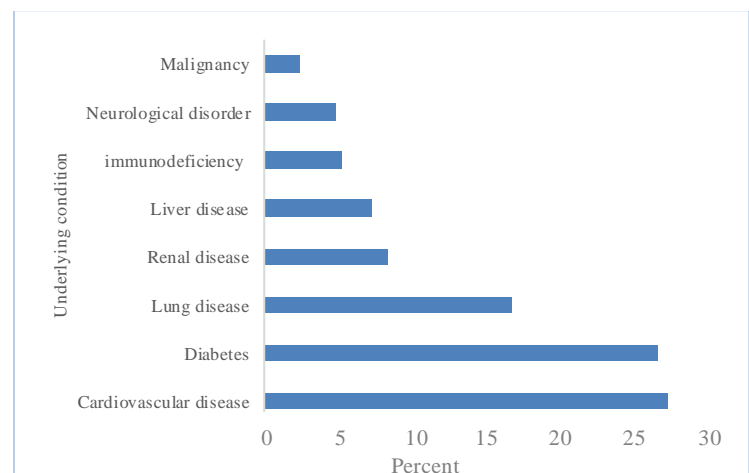


Of the COVID-19 associated deaths, **65%** were reported among males and **35%** among females. The trend indicates that deaths increased by age group, with most reported among Over 70 years old.

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



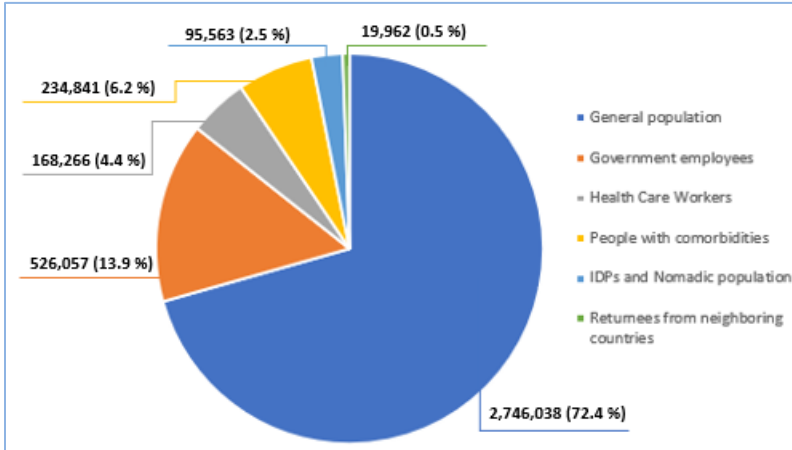
**Figure 7: Proportion underlying conditions among COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 6 Nov 2021**



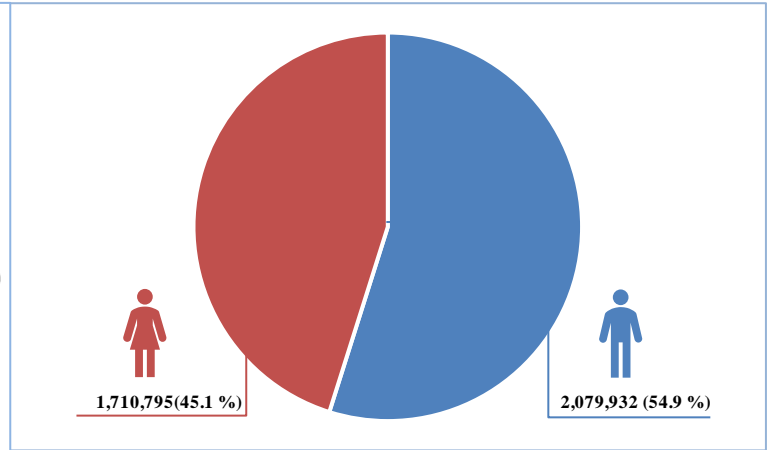
# COVID-19 Vaccination highlights



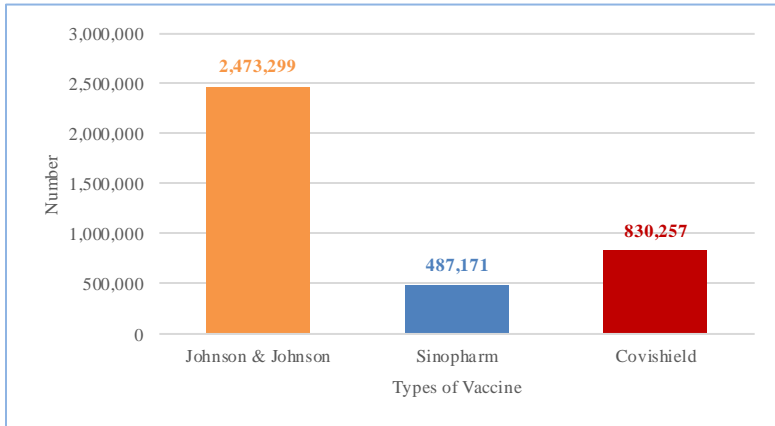
**Figure 8: Percentage of vaccinated individuals in target groups, as of 6 Nov 2021**



**Figure 9: Vaccinated individuals by gender, as of 6 Nov 2021**



**Figure 10: Vaccination doses administered by vaccine type, as of 6 Nov 2021**



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