



Highlights of the week

As of week 22, of 2021, a total of **497,018** samples have been tested for COVID-19 through both public and private laboratories. Of this, **303,461** samples have been tested only through public COVID-19 confirmatory laboratories.

Cumulatively, **80,841** cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed and **3,187** associated deaths (**CFR=4.0**) have been reported in Afghanistan since Feb 2020. In week 22, some **9,137** new cases of COVID-19 and **243** new deaths were reported. This is a **90%** increase in cases and **77%** increase in deaths compared to week 21. (**Table 1**).

Table 1: Afghanistan's COVID-19 epidemiological overview as of week 22

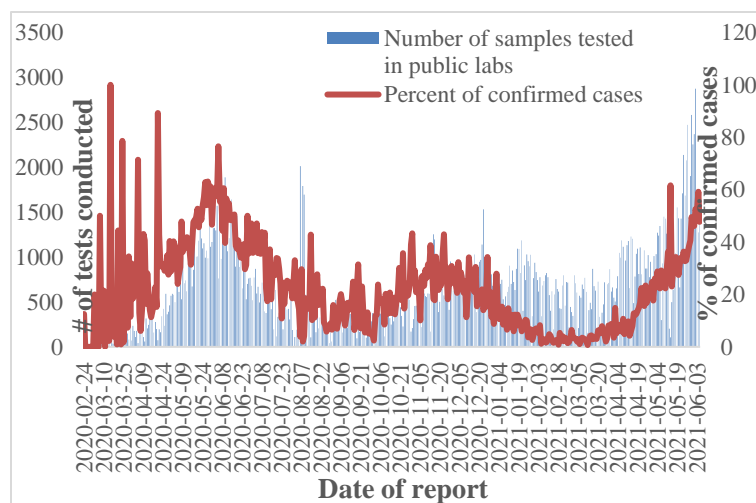
Indicators	New number in week 22	% of change compared to week 21	Cumulative number
# of COVID-19 samples tested in both public & private labs	27918	20%	497018
# of COVID-19 samples tested in public labs	18001	34%	303461
# of COVID-19 lab confirmed cases (both public and private)	9137	90%	80841
# of COVID-19 hospitalized cases	123	-21%	7032
# ICU admission	42	-18%	2350
# Recovered/discharged	1176	-15%	58622(72.7%)
# of COVID-19 associated death	243	77%	3187 (CFR=4.0)

In week 22, the highest number of cases were reported in the central east, and north east regions (**3,425** cases, **1,454** cases, respectively) (**Table 2**). The top five provinces that reported positive COVID-19 cases included Kabul (**2,739** cases), Balkh (**922** cases), Kandahar (**625** cases), Kunduz (**519** cases), and Nangarhar (**401** cases). Overall, **4,411** confirmed cases of COVID-19 and **91** associated deaths have been reported among healthcare workers (HCWs) in the country since 2020. To date, Herat, Kabul, Nangarhar and Balkh reported the highest number of positive cases among HCWs.

Table 2: COVID-19 cases by region as of week 22

Region	# of new cases in week 22 (%)	% of change compared to week 21	Cumulative number (%)
Central East	3550 (39%)	116%	28771 (35.6%)
Central West	680 (7%)	109%	4915 (6.1%)
East	579 (6%)	60%	7933 (9.8%)
North	1221 (13%)	201%	6821 (8.4%)
North East	1454 (16%)	102%	7531 (9.3%)
South	836 (9%)	-20%	8087 (10%)
South East	492 (6%)	189%	4487 (5.6%)
West	325 (4%)	141%	12296 (15.2%)
National	9137 (100%)	90%	80841 (100%)

Figure 1: Number of PCR tests conducted and percent of confirmed cases as of 5 June 2021



COVID-19 vaccination highlights:

637,794 individuals have been vaccinated against COVID-19 as of 5 June 2021. Of this, **482,455** individuals have received the first dose of the vaccine, and **155,339** have received the second dose. Of the total people vaccinated, **64.7%** are males and **35.3%** are females, **120,714 (18.9%)** are HCWs, **9,219 (1.4%)** are those living in IDP camps, and **4,289 (0.6%)** are returnees from neighboring countries.

Figure 2: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan as of 5 June 2021

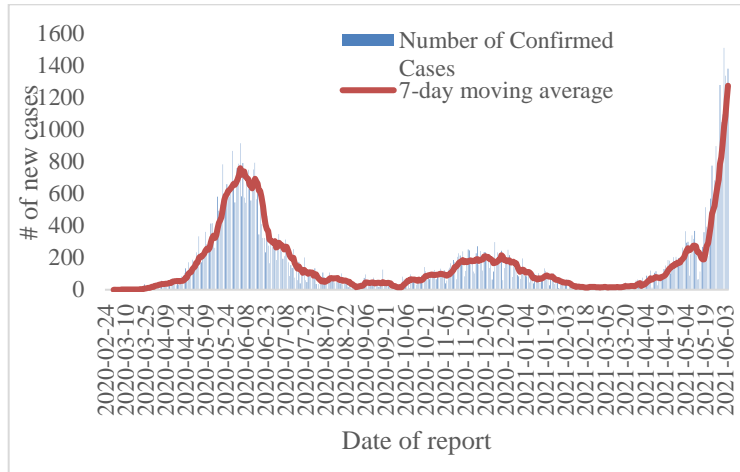


Figure 3: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 associated deaths as of 5 June 2021

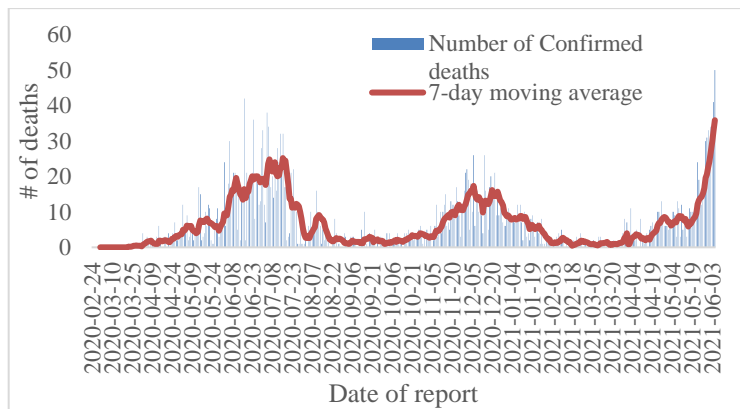
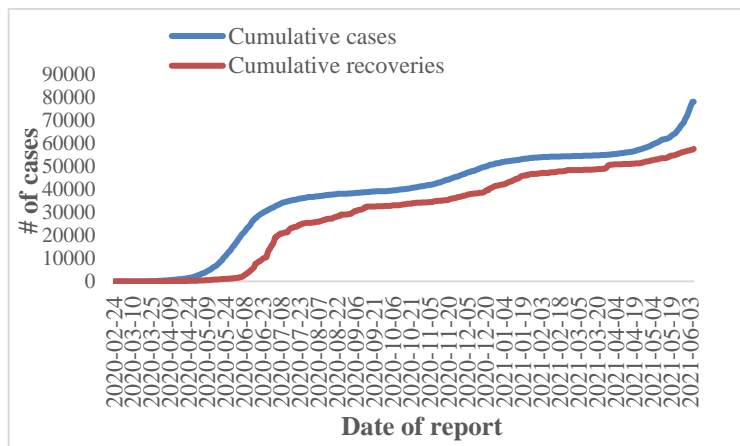
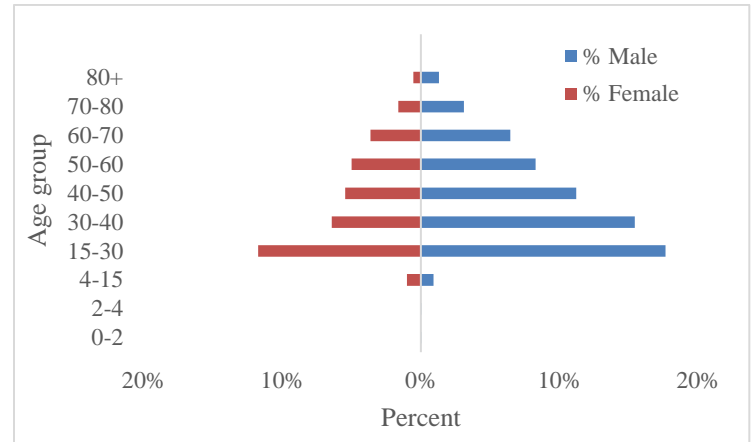


Figure 4: Cumulative COVID-19 confirmed cases and recoveries as of 5 June 2021



Of the confirmed COVID-19 cases, **64.4%** have been reported among males and **35.6%** among females. Majority of cases have been reported among those aged 15-30 years.

Figure 5: Percentage age distribution of COVID-19 cases, 24 Feb 2020 to 5 June 2021



Of the COVID-19 associated deaths, **71.0%** were reported among males and **28.9%** among females. The trend indicates that deaths increased by age group, with most reported among 60-70 years old.

Figure 6: Percentage age distribution of COVID-19 associated deaths, 24 Feb 2020 to 5 June 2021

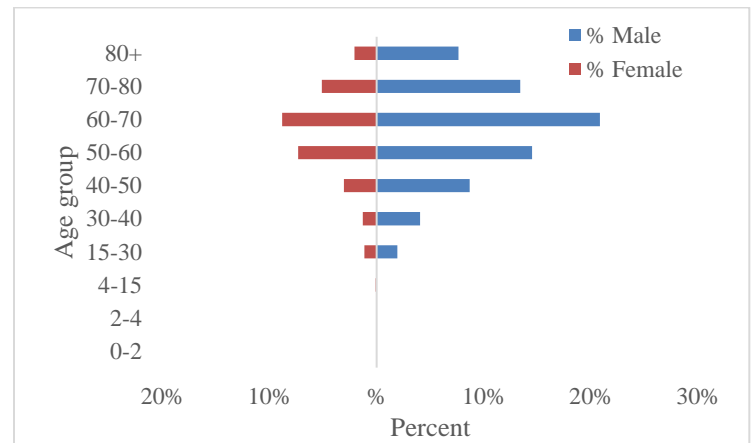


Figure 7: Proportion underlying conditions among COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 5 June 2021

