



Highlights of the week

As of week 36, **754,969** samples have been tested for COVID-19 by both public and private laboratories. Of this number, **463,326 (61.3%)** samples were tested through public confirmatory laboratories.

In week 36, **560** new cases (Positivity rate **28**) of COVID-19 and **29** new deaths were reported. This is a **47%** increase in cases and **26%** increase in deaths compared to week 35 (**Table 1**).

Cumulatively, **154,094** confirmed cases (Overall positivity rate **33.2**) of COVID-19 with **7,169** associated deaths (**CFR=4.6%**) have been reported in Afghanistan since Feb 2020.

Table 1: Afghanistan's COVID-19 epidemiological overview, as of week 36

Indicator	New number in week 36	% of change compared to week 35	Cumulative number
# of COVID-19 samples tested in both public & private labs	2,017	14%	754,969
# of COVID-19 samples tested in public labs	1,996	16%	463,326
# of COVID-19 lab confirmed cases (both public and private)	560	47%	154,094
# Recovered/discharged	5,611	175%	117,579(76.3%)
# of COVID-19 associated death	29	26%	7,169 (CFR=4.6)

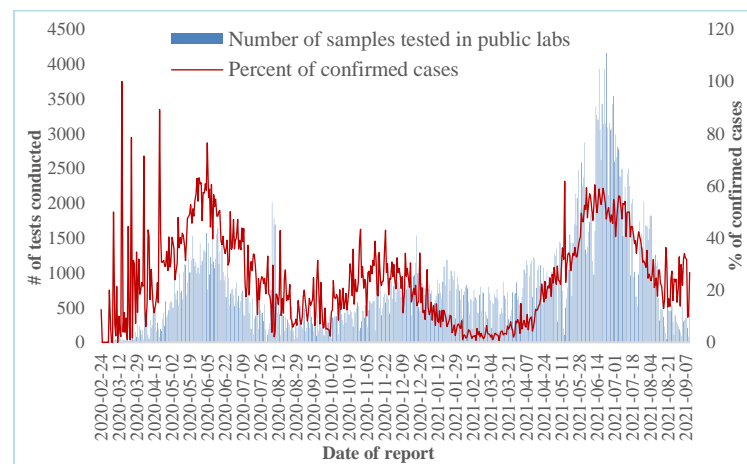
In week 36, the highest number of COVID-19 cases were reported in the West and South (**365** cases, **79** cases, respectively) (**Table 2**). The top five provinces that reported positive cases include Herat (**345** cases), Badakhshan (**69** cases), Zabul (**34** cases), Kandahar (**32** cases), and Bamyan (**16** 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 36

Region	# of new cases in week 36 (%)	% of change compared to week 35	Cumulative number (%)
Central East	15 (3%)	-64%	43,977 (28.5%)
Central West	16 (3%)	100%	12,968 (8.4%)
East	14 (3%)	100%	16,808 (10.9%)
North	3 (1%)	50%	13,623 (8.8%)
North East	79 (14%)	-16%	16,808 (10.9%)
South	66 (12%)	-32%	15,856 (10.3%)
South East	2 (0.3%)	0%	10,238 (6.6%)
West	365 (65%)	181%	23,816 (15.5%)
National	560 (100%)	47%	154,094 (100%)

Figure 1: Number of PCR tests conducted and percent of confirmed cases, as of 11 Sep 2021



COVID-19 vaccination highlights:

As of 11 Sep 2021, **2,126,303** individuals have been vaccinated against COVID-19. Of this number, **1,352,057 (63.5%)** individuals are fully vaccinated, and **774,246 (36.5%)** are partially vaccinated. Of the total number vaccinated, **59.2%** are males and **40.8%** are females, **161,566 (7.5%)** are HCWs, **29,972 (1.4%)** are IDPs living inside camps, and **13,541 (0.6%)** are returnees from neighboring countries.

Figure 2: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan, as of 11 Sep 2021

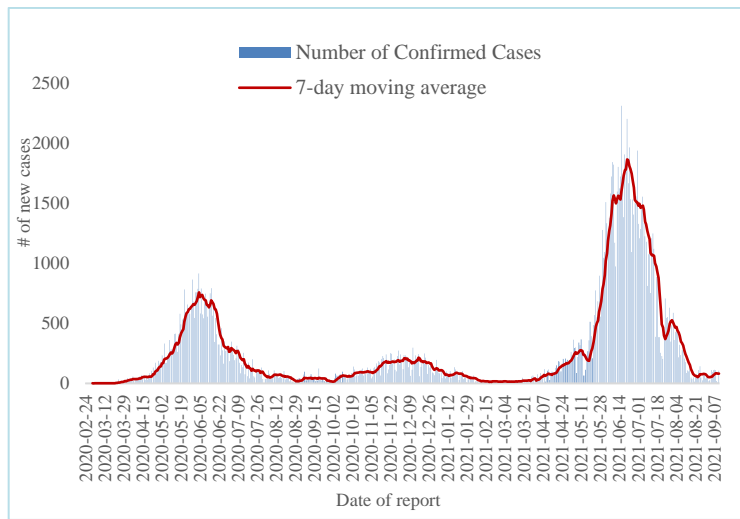


Figure 3: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 11 Sep 2021

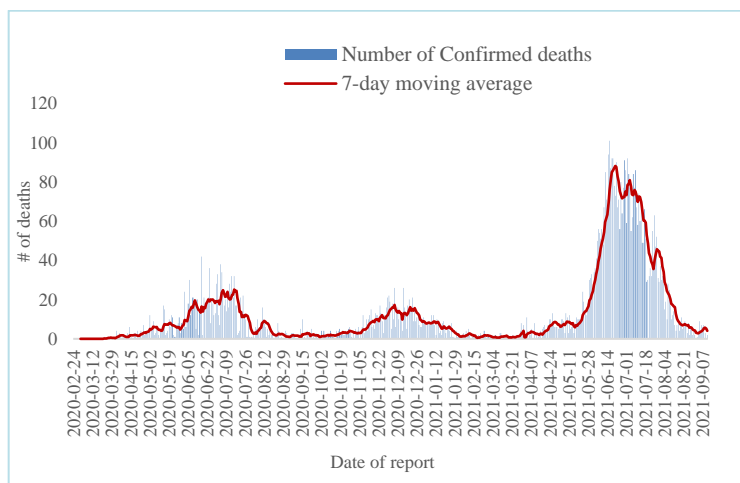
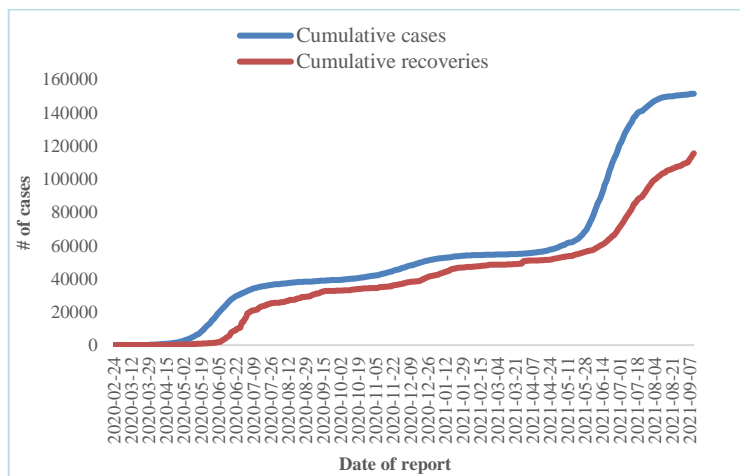
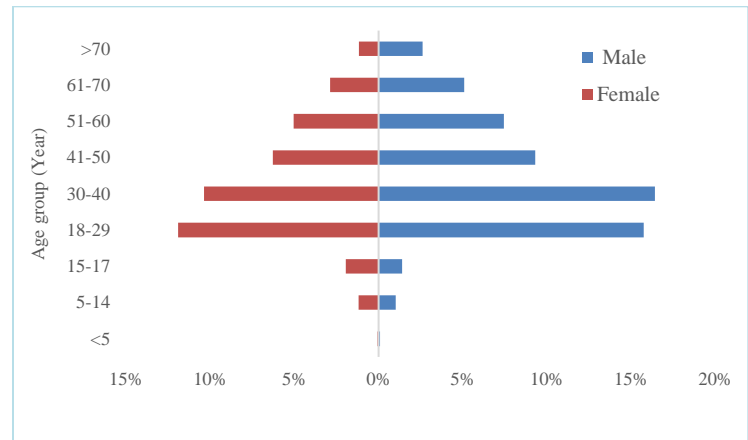


Figure 4: Cumulative COVID-19 confirmed cases and recoveries, as of 11 Sep 2021



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 11 Sep 2021



Of the COVID-19 associated deaths, **65.4%** were reported among males and **34.6%** 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 11 Sep 2021

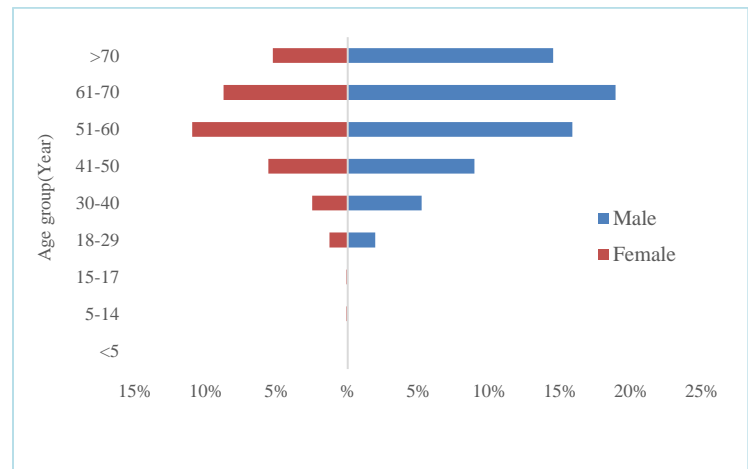


Figure 7: Proportion underlying conditions among COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 11 Sep 2021

