



### Highlights of the week

As of week 38, **759,407** samples have been tested for COVID-19 by both public and private laboratories. Of this number, **467,266 (61.5%)** samples were tested through public confirmatory laboratories.

In week 38, **487** new cases of COVID-19 (percent positivity **24.8**) and **9** new deaths were reported. This is a **1%** decrease in cases and **61%** decrease in deaths compared to week 37 (**Table 1**).

Cumulatively, **155,072** confirmed cases (overall percent positivity **33.1**) of COVID-19 with **7,200** associated deaths (**CFR=4.6%**) have been reported in Afghanistan since Feb 2020.

**Table 1: Afghanistan's COVID-19 epidemiological overview, as of week 38**

Indicator	New number in week 38	% of change compared to week 37	Cumulative number
# of COVID-19 samples tested in both public & private labs	2,367	14%	759,407
# of COVID-19 samples tested in public labs	1,960	-1%	467,266
# of COVID-19 lab confirmed cases (both public and private)	487	-1%	155,072
# Recovered/discharged	1,154	-77%	123,664 (79.7%)
# of COVID-19 associated death	9	-61%	7,200 (CFR=4.6)

**Table 2: COVID-19 cases by region, as of week 38**

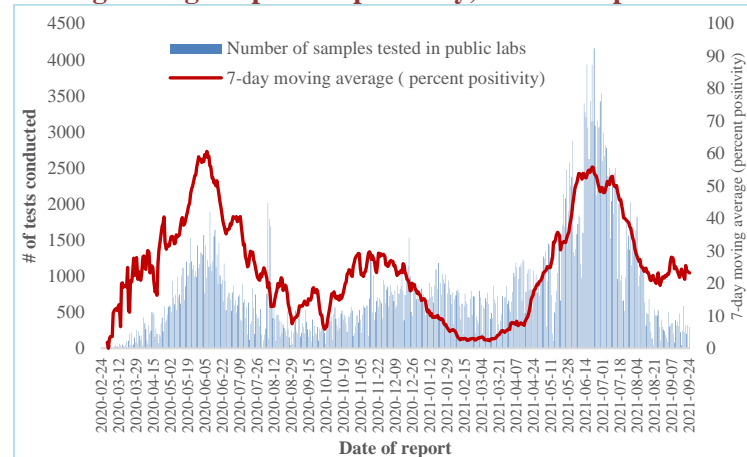
Region	# of new cases in week 38 (%)	% of change compared to week 37	Cumulative number (%)
Central East	8 (2%)	-27%	43,996 (28.4%)
Central West	2 (0.0%)	-78%	12,979 (8.4%)
East	21 (4%)	-5%	16,851 (10.9%)
North	130 (27%)	4233%	13,756 (8.9%)
North East	60 (12%)	-23%	16,946 (10.9%)
South	110 (23%)	47%	16,041 (10.3%)
South East	93 (19%)	-21%	10,448 (6.7%)
West	63 (13%)	-64%	24,055 (15.5%)
National	487 (100%)	-1%	155,072 (100%)

In week 38, the highest number of COVID-19 cases were reported in the North and South (**130** cases and **110** cases,

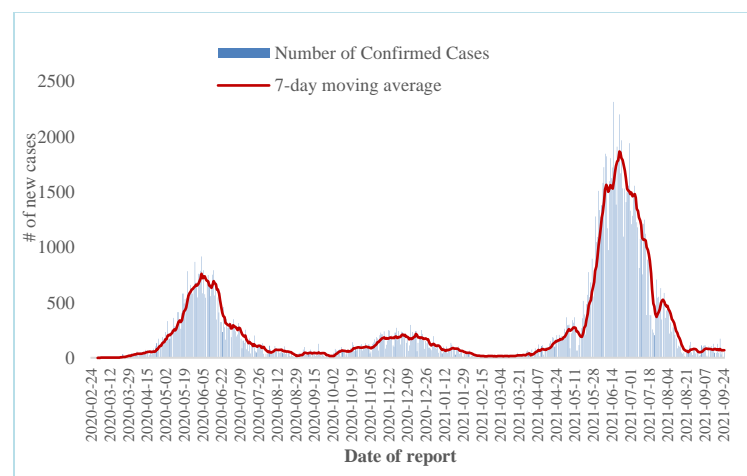
respectively) (**Table 2**). The top five provinces that reported positive cases include Balkh (**130** cases), Ghazni (**83** cases), Zabul (**65** cases), Badakhshan (**47** cases), and Kandahar (**42** cases).

Overall, Afghanistan has reported **4,692** confirmed cases and **95** 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.

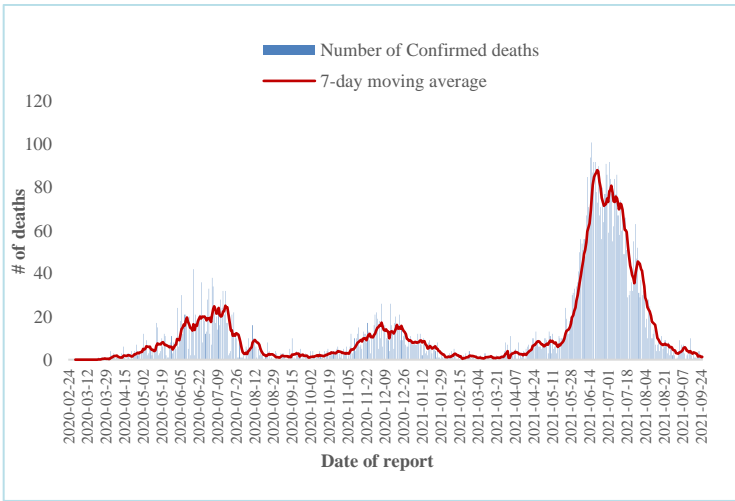
**Figure 1: Number of PCR tests conducted and 7-day moving average of percent positivity, as of 25 Sep 2021**



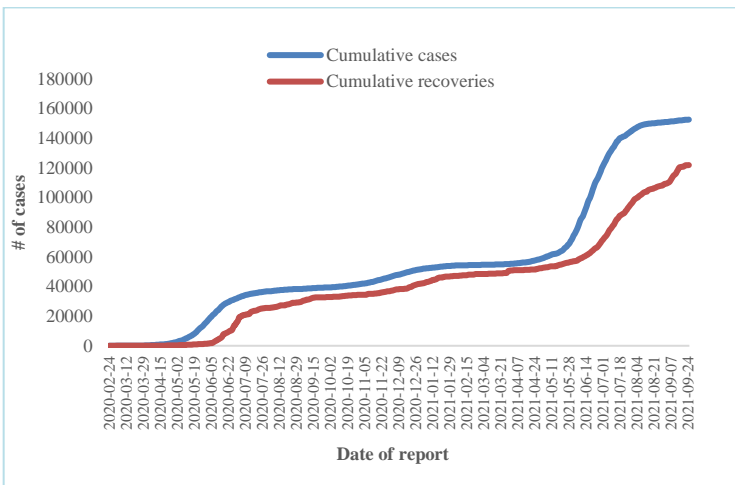
**Figure 2: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan, as of 25 Sep 2021**



**Figure 3: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 25 Sep 2021**

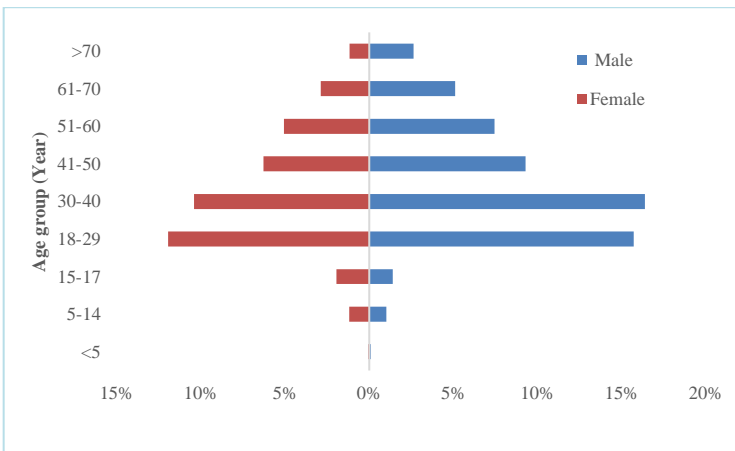


**Figure 4: Cumulative COVID-19 confirmed cases and recoveries, as of 25 Sep 2021**



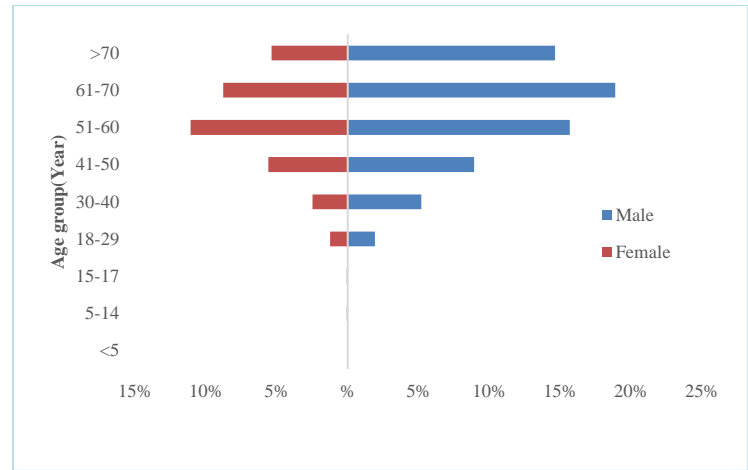
Of the confirmed COVID-19 cases, **59%** have been reported among males and **41%** among females. Majority of cases have been reported among those aged 18-40 years.

**Figure 5: Age distribution percentage of COVID-19 cases, 24 Feb 2020 to 25 Sep 2021**

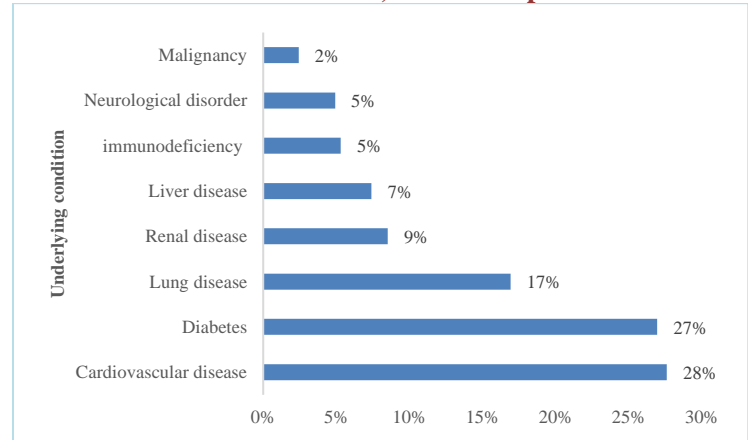


Of the COVID-19 associated deaths, **65%** were reported among males and **35%** among females. The trend indicates that deaths increased by age group, with most reported among 61-70 years old.

**Figure 6: Age distribution percentage of COVID-19 associated deaths, 24 Feb 2020 to 25 Sep 2021**



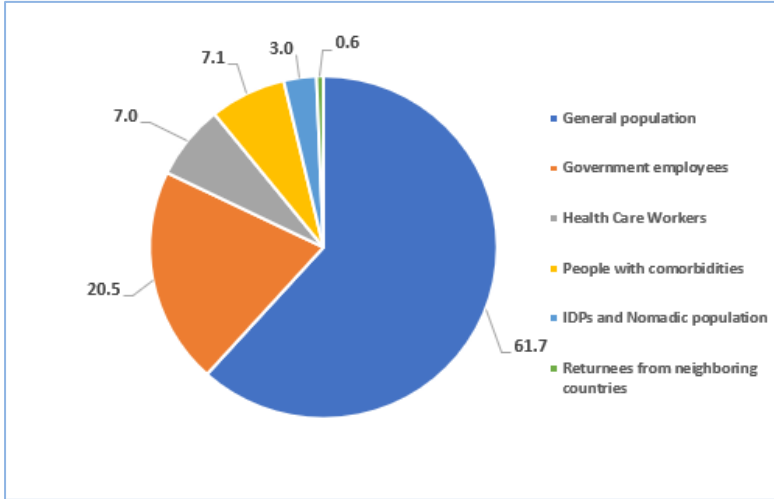
**Figure 7: Proportion underlying conditions among COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 25 Sep 2021**



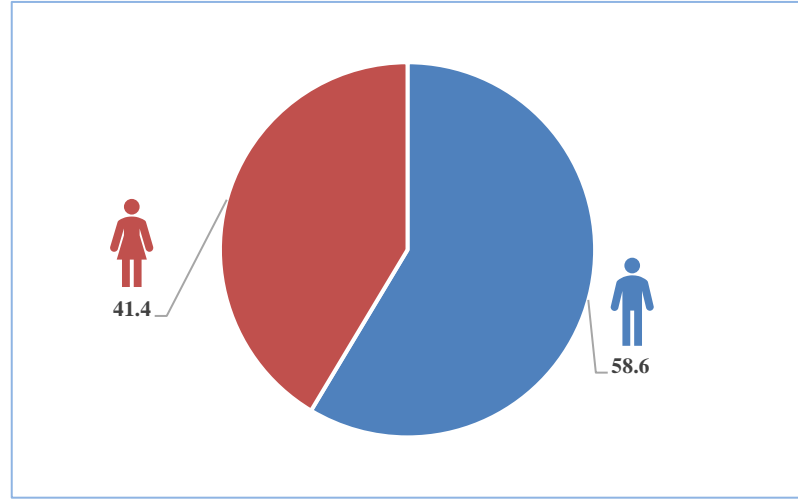
# COVID-19 Vaccination highlights



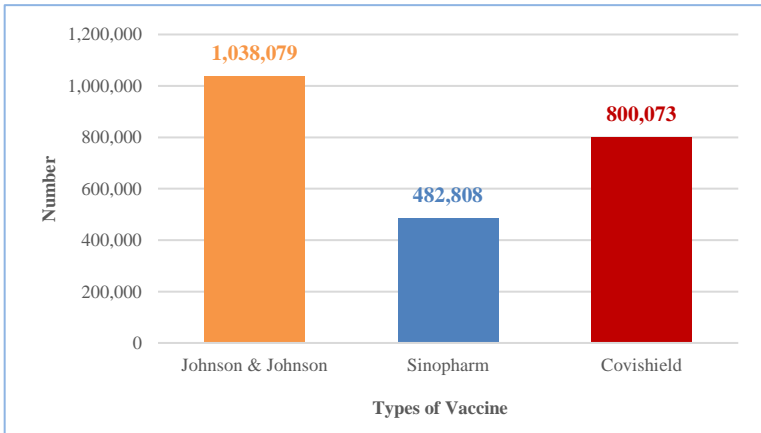
**Figure 8: Percentage of vaccinated individuals in targeted groups**



**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/#/>)  
 Public dashboard: <http://covid.moph-dw.org/#/>