



### Highlights of the week

As of week 32, **744,706** samples have been tested for COVID-19 by both public and private laboratories. Of this number, **454,459 (61%)** samples were tested through public confirmatory laboratories.

In week 32, **1,364** new cases of COVID-19 and **89** new deaths were reported. This is a **51%** decrease in cases and **45%** decrease in deaths compared to week 31 (**Table 1**).

Cumulatively, **152,142** confirmed cases of COVID-19 with **7,025** associated deaths (**CFR=4.6%**) have been reported in Afghanistan since Feb 2020.

**Table 1: Afghanistan's COVID-19 epidemiological overview, as of week 32**

Indicator	New number in week 32	% of change compared to week 31	Cumulative number
# of COVID-19 samples tested in both public & private labs	15,488	-20%	744,706
# of COVID-19 samples tested in public labs	6,076	-41%	454,459
# of COVID-19 lab confirmed cases (both public and private)	1,364	-51%	152,142
# Recovered/discharged	2,821	-34%	106,210(69.8%)
# of COVID-19 associated death	89	-45%	7,025 (CFR=4.6)

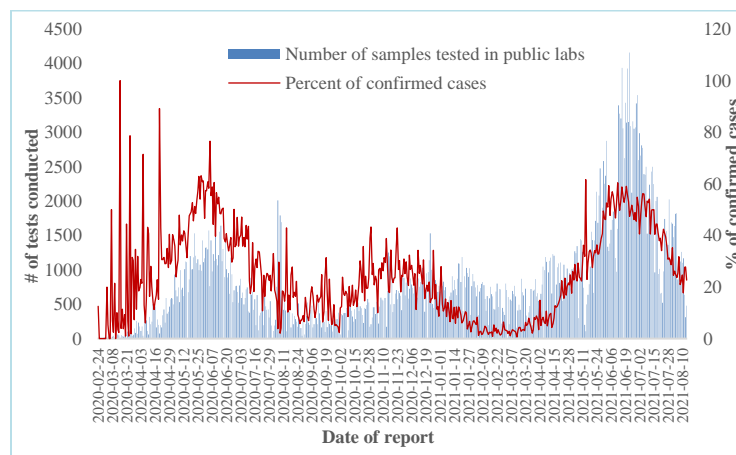
In week 32, the highest number of COVID-19 cases were reported in the west and East (**344** cases, **253** cases, respectively) (**Table 2**). The top five provinces that reported positive cases include Herat (**267** cases), Nangarhar (**233** cases), Kabul (**116** cases), Daykundi (**109** cases), and Badakhshan (**82** cases).

Overall, Afghanistan has reported **4,687** 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 32**

Region	# of new cases in week 32 (%)	% of change compared to week 31	Cumulative number (%)
Central East	118 (9%)	-61%	43,829(28.8%)
Central West	162 (12%)	-47%	12,916 (8.5%)
East	253 (19%)	-46%	16,721 (11.1%)
North	127 (9%)	-51%	13,543 (8.9%)
North East	139 (10%)	-55%	16,346 (10.7%)
South	115 (8%)	7%	15,491 (10.2%)
South East	106 (8%)	-67%	10,206 (6.7%)
West	344 (25%)	-52%	23,090 (15.2%)
National	1364(100%)	-51%	152,142 (100%)

**Figure 1: Number of PCR tests conducted and percent of confirmed cases, as of 14 Aug 2021**

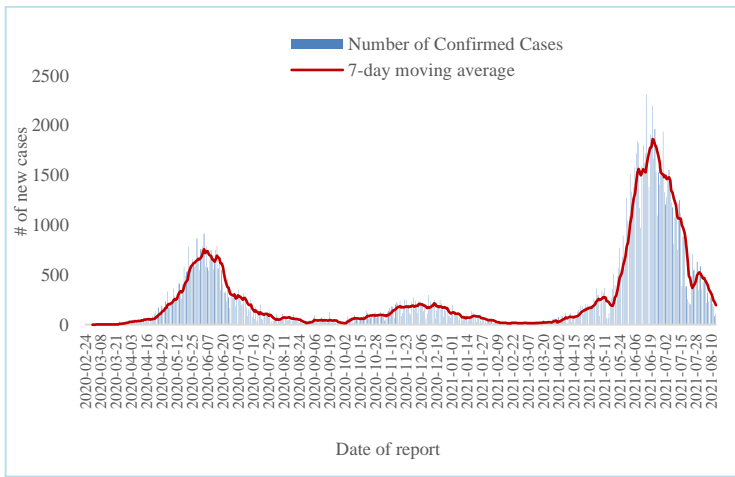


### COVID-19 vaccination highlights:

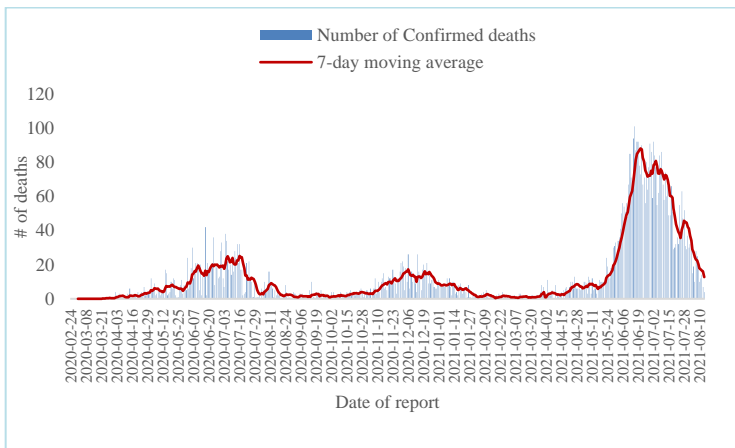
As of 14 Aug 2021, **1,872,268** individuals have been vaccinated against COVID-19. Of this number, **1,106,261 (59%)** individuals are fully vaccinated, and **770,317 (41%)** are partially vaccinated.

Of the total number vaccinated, **59.9%** are males and **40.1%** are females, **157,766 (8.4%)** are HCWs, **23,777 (1.2%)** are IDPs living inside camps, and **11,564 (0.6%)** are returnees from neighboring countries.

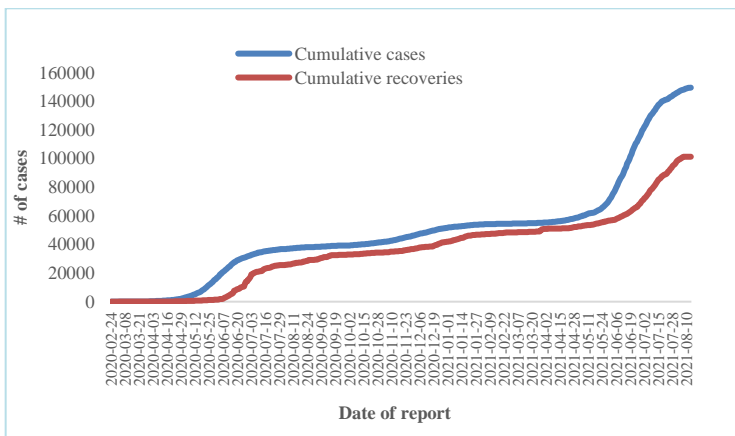
**Figure 2: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan, as of 14 Aug 2021**



**Figure 3: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 14 Aug 2021**

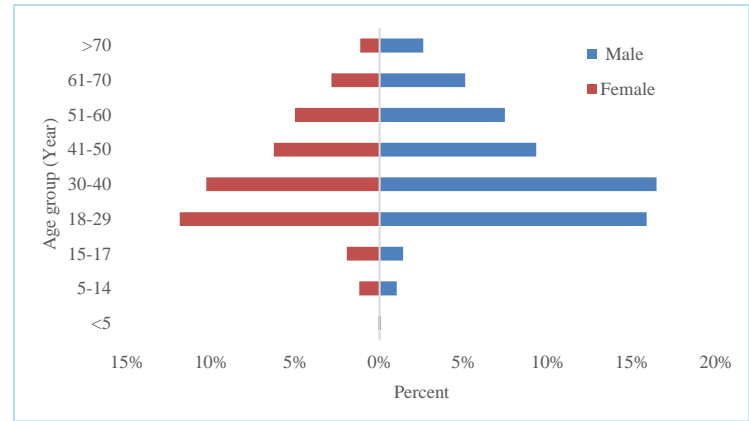


**Figure 4: Cumulative COVID-19 confirmed cases and recoveries, as of 14 Aug 2021**



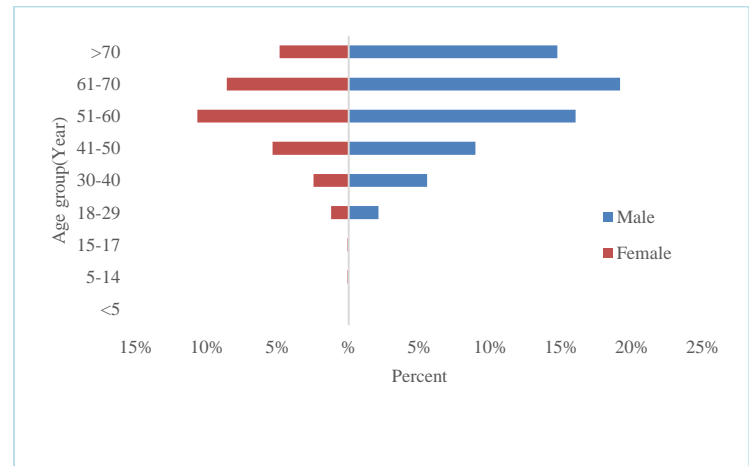
Of the confirmed COVID-19 cases, **59.2%** have been reported among males and **40.8%** among females. Majority of cases have been reported among those aged 18-29 years.

**Figure 5: Age distribution percentage of COVID-19 cases, 24 Feb 2020 to 14 Aug 2021**



Of the COVID-19 associated deaths, **66%** were reported among males and **34%** 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 14 Aug 2021**



**Figure 7: Proportion underlying conditions among COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 14 Aug 2021**

