

## Highlights of the week

As of week 25 of 2021, a total of **597,623** samples have been tested for COVID-19 through both public and private laboratories. Of this, **368,408** samples have been tested only through public COVID-19 confirmatory laboratories.

Cumulatively, **115,751** cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed and **4,729** associated deaths (**CFR=4.0%**) have been reported in Afghanistan since Feb 2020. In week 25, some **11,849** new cases of COVID-19 and **515** new deaths were reported. This is a **5%** decrease in cases and **14%** decrease in deaths compared to week 24. (Table 1).

**Table 1: Afghanistan's COVID-19 epidemiological overview, as of week 25**

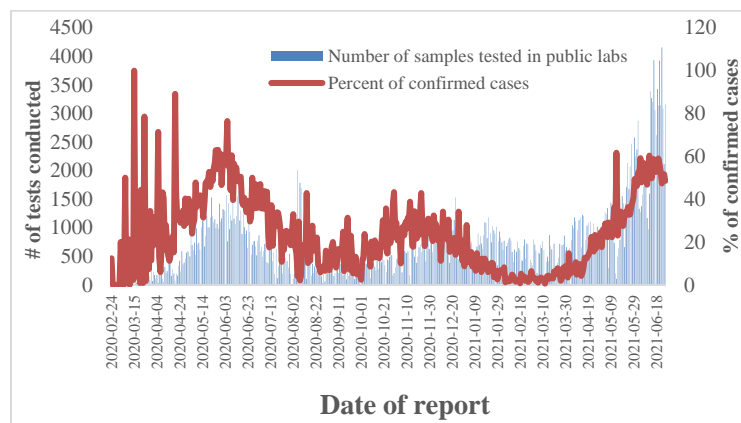
Indicators	New number in week 25	% of change compared to week 24	Cumulative number
# of COVID-19 samples tested in both public & private labs	35,122	2%	597623
# of COVID-19 samples tested in public labs	22,435	-2%	368408
# of COVID-19 lab confirmed cases (both public and private)	11,849	-5%	115751
# Recovered/discharged	3,811	27%	68,212(59%)
# of COVID-19 associated death	515	-14%	4,729 (CFR=4.0)

In week 25, the highest number of cases were reported in the central east and north (**2,381** cases and **1,716** cases, respectively) (Table 2). The top five provinces that reported positive COVID-19 cases included Kabul (**1,746** cases), Nangarhar (**996** cases), Bamyan (**621** cases), Balkh (**620** cases), and Takhar (**597** cases). Overall, **4,476** confirmed cases of COVID-19 and **92** associated deaths have been reported among healthcare workers (HCWs) in the country 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 25**

Region	# of new cases in week 25 (%)	% of change compared to week 24	Cumulative number (%)
Central East	2381 (20%)	-39%	38619 (33.4%)
Central West	1600 (14%)	22%	9027 (7.8%)
East	1532 (13%)	23%	11655 (10.1%)
North	1716 (14%)	27%	10834 (9.4%)
North East	1498 (13%)	4%	11936 (10.3%)
South	1169 (10%)	-14%	11752 (10.2%)
South East	799 (7%)	2%	6719 (5.8%)
West	1154 (10%)	11%	15209 (13.1%)
National	11849 (100%)	-5%	115751 (100%)

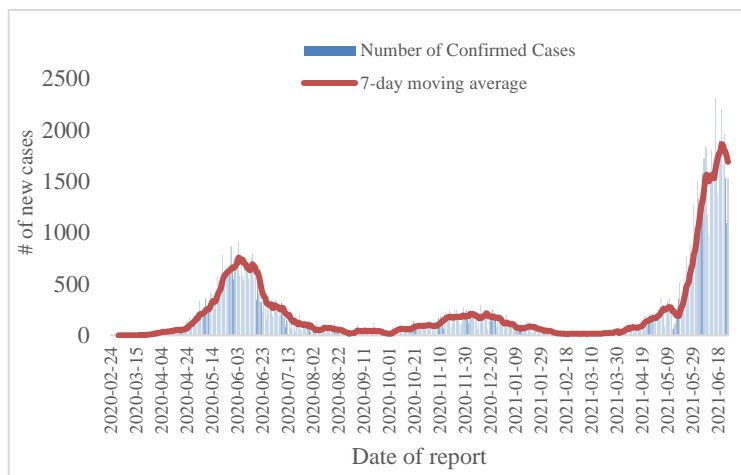
**Figure 1: Number of PCR tests conducted and percent of confirmed cases, as of 26 June 2021**



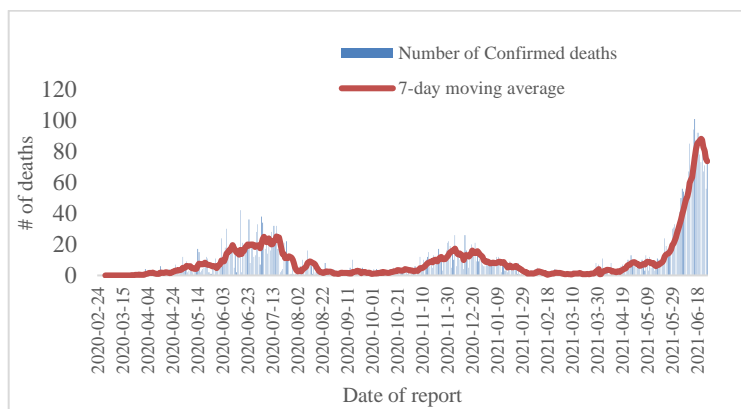
## COVID-19 vaccination highlights

**849,360** individuals have been vaccinated against COVID-19 as of 26 June 2021. Of this, **663,067 (78.0%)** individuals have received the first dose of the vaccine, and **186,293 (21%)** have received the second dose. Of the total people vaccinated, **63.0%** are males and **37.0%** are females, **130,909 (15.4%)** are HCWs, **11,467 (1.3%)** are those living in IDP camps, and **5,899 (0.6%)** are returnees from neighboring countries.

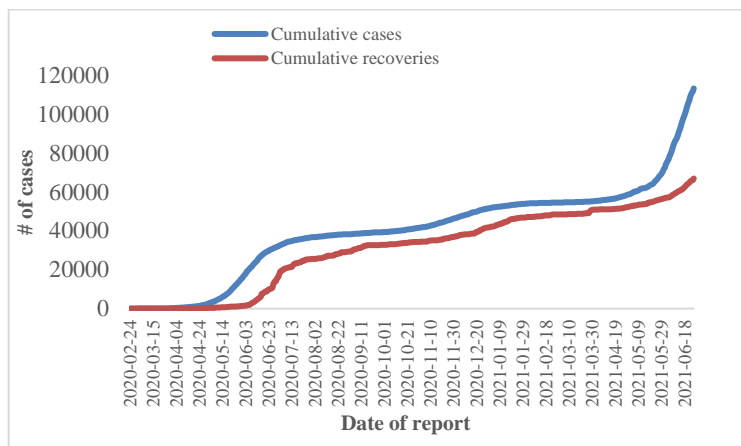
**Figure 2: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan, as of 26 June 2021**



**Figure 3: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 26 June 2021**

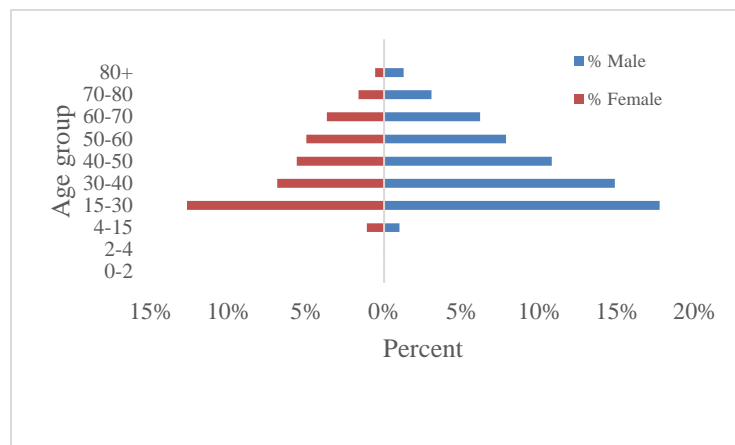


**Figure 4: Cumulative COVID-19 confirmed cases and recoveries, as of 26 June 2021**



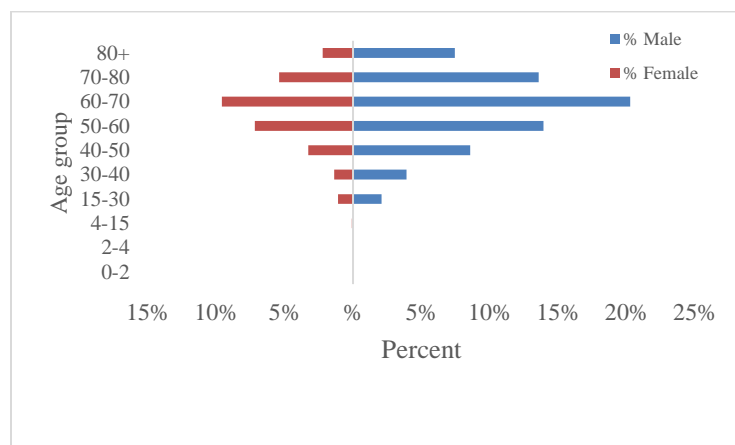
Of the confirmed COVID-19 cases, **64.0%** have been reported among males and **36.0%** among females. Majority of cases have been reported among those aged 15-30 years.

**Figure 5: Percentage age distribution of COVID-19 cases, 24 Feb 2020 to 26 June 2021**



Of the COVID-19 associated deaths, **70%** were reported among males and **30%** 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 26 June 2021**



**Figure 7: Proportion of underlying conditions among COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 26 June 2021**

