



Highlights of the week

As of week 34, **751,100** samples have been tested for COVID-19 by both public and private laboratories. Of this number, **459,604 (61.1%)** samples were tested through public confirmatory laboratories.

In week 34, **556** new cases (percent positivity=**20.7**) of COVID-19 and **40** new deaths were reported. This is a **27%** increase in cases and **20%** decrease in deaths compared to week 33 (**Table 1**).

Cumulatively, **153,144** confirmed cases (percent positivity=**33.3**) of COVID-19 with **7,116** associated deaths (**CFR=4.6%**) have been reported in Afghanistan since Feb 2020.

Table 1: Afghanistan's COVID-19 epidemiological overview, as of week 34

Indicator	New number in week 34	% of change compared to week 33	Cumulative number
# of COVID-19 samples tested in both public & private labs	2,775	-22%	751,100
# of COVID-19 samples tested in public labs	2,682	9%	459,604
# of COVID-19 lab confirmed cases (both public and private)	556	27%	153,144
# Recovered/discharged	1,669	-28%	109,921(71.7%)
# of COVID-19 associated death	40	-20%	7,116 (CFR=4.6)

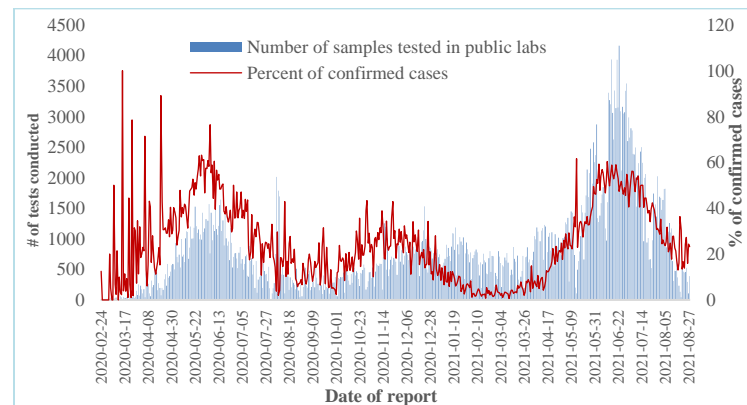
In week 34, the highest number of COVID-19 cases were reported in the South and Northeast regions (**139** cases, **134** cases, respectively) (**Table 2**). The top five provinces that reported positive cases include Badakhshan (**91** cases), Zabul (**85** cases), Badghis (**77** cases), Kabul (**58** cases), and Kandahar (**50** 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 34

Region	# of new cases in week 34 (%)	% of change compared to week 33	Cumulative number (%)
Central East	58 (10%)	76%	43,920 (28.7%)
Central West	16 (3%)	NA	12,940 (8.4%)
East	47 (8%)	147%	16,787 (11.1%)
North	45 (8%)	50%	13,618 (8.9%)
North East	134 (24%)	-11%	16,631 (10.9%)
South	139 (25%)	121%	15,693 (10.2%)
South East	11 (2%)	-35%	10,234 (6.7%)
West	106 (19%)	-15%	23,321 (15.2%)
National	556 (100%)	27%	153,144 (100%)

Figure 1: Number of PCR tests conducted and percent of confirmed cases, as of 28 Aug 2021



COVID-19 vaccination highlights:

As of 28 Aug 2021, **1,979,965** individuals have been vaccinated against COVID-19. Of this number, **1,207,718 (60.9%)** individuals are fully vaccinated, and **772,274 (39.1%)** are partially vaccinated. Of the total number vaccinated, **59.7%** are males and **40.3%** are females, **159,858 (8%)** are HCWs, **28,285 (1.4%)** are IDPs living inside camps, and **12,474 (0.6%)** are returnees from neighboring countries.

Figure 2: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan, as of 28 Aug 2021

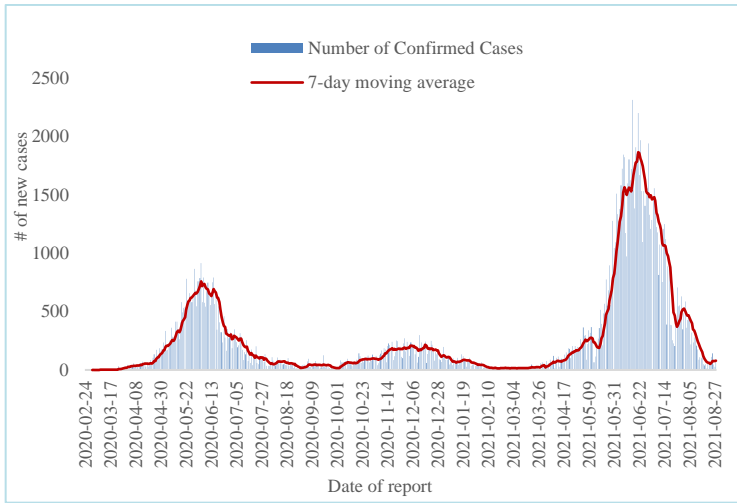


Figure 3: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 28 Aug 2021

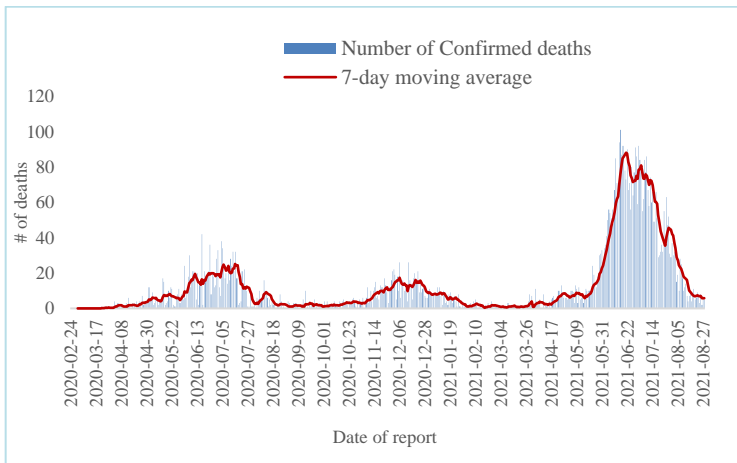
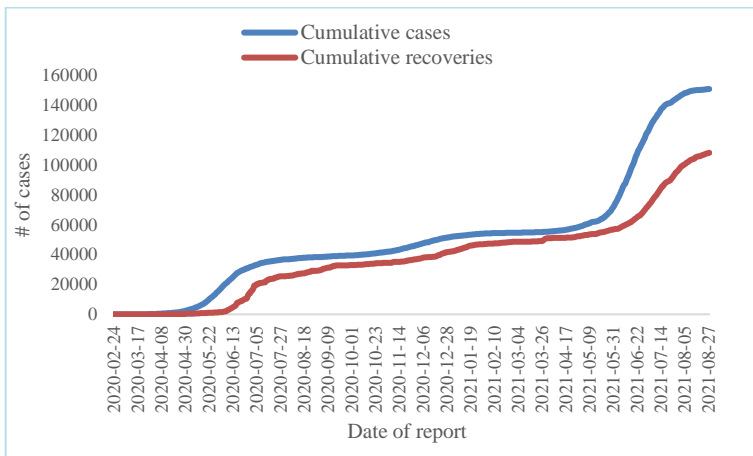
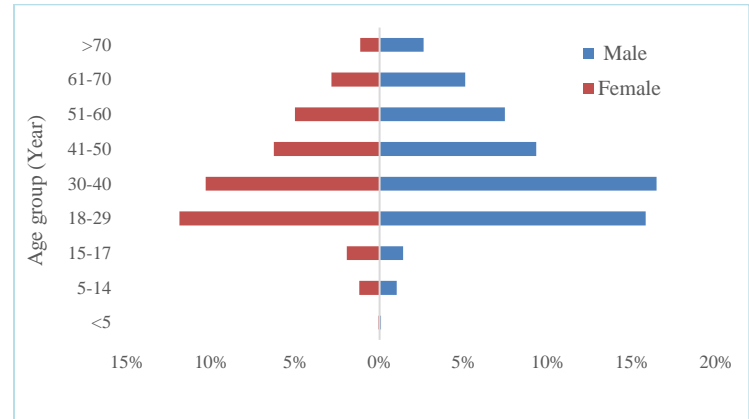


Figure 4: Cumulative COVID-19 confirmed cases and recoveries, as of 28 Aug 2021



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 28 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 28 Aug 2021

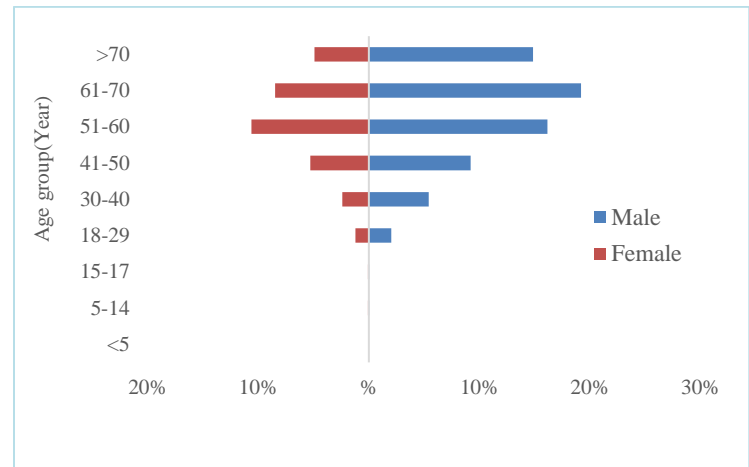


Figure 7: Proportion underlying conditions among COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 28 Aug 2021

