



Highlights of the week

As of week 28, **679,622** samples have been tested for COVID-19 by both public and private laboratories. Of this number, **420,367** samples were tested through public confirmatory laboratories.

In week 28, **6,820** new cases of COVID-19 and **422** new deaths were reported. This is a **21%** decrease in cases and **17%** decrease in deaths compared to week 27 (**Table 1**).

Cumulatively, **141,499** confirmed cases of COVID-19 with **6,212** associated deaths (**CFR=4.3%**) have been reported in Afghanistan since Feb 2020.

Table 1: Afghanistan's COVID-19 epidemiological overview, as of week 28

Indicators	New number in week 28	% of change compared to week 27	Cumulative number
# of COVID-19 samples tested in both public & private labs	22,273	-16%	679622
# of COVID-19 samples tested in public labs	14,226	-13%	420367
# of COVID-19 lab confirmed cases (both public and private)	6,820	-21%	141499
# Recovered/discharged	7,523	14%	88,600(62.6%)
# of COVID-19 associated death	422	-17%	6,212 (CFR=4.3)

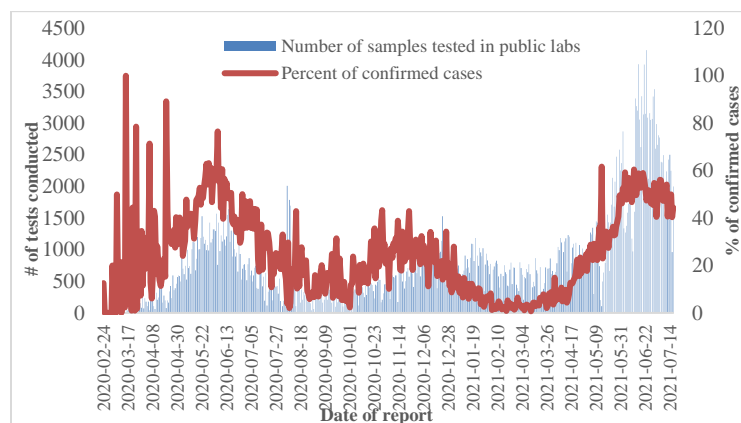
In week 28, the highest number of COVID-19 cases were reported in the west and central east (**1,357** cases, **1,038** cases, respectively) (**Table 2**). The top five provinces that reported positive cases include Herat (**948** cases), Kabul (**718** cases), Nangarhar (**562** cases), Daykundi (**285** cases), and Helmand (**269** cases).

Overall, Afghanistan has reported **4,634** 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 28

Region	# of new cases in week 28 (%)	% of change compared to week 27	Cumulative number (%)
Central East	1038 (15%)	-13%	42494 (30.0%)
Central West	775 (11%)	-12%	11632 (8.2%)
East	1031 (15%)	-13%	15282 (10.8%)
North	536 (8%)	10%	12864 (9.1%)
North East	834 (12%)	-16%	15120 (10.7%)
South	715 (10%)	-28%	14696 (10.4%)
South East	534 (8%)	-41%	9032 (6.4%)
West	1357 (20%)	-33%	20379 (14.4%)
National	6820 (100%)	-21%	141499 (100%)

Figure 1: Number of PCR tests conducted and percent of confirmed cases, as of 17 July 2021



COVID-19 vaccination highlights:

As of 17 July 2021, **1,128,663** individuals have been vaccinated against COVID-19. Of this number, **834,659 (74.0%)** individuals have received the first dose of the vaccine, and **294,004 (26.0%)** have received the second dose.

Of the total number vaccinated, **61.3%** are males and **38.7%** are females, **141,699 (12.5%)** are HCWs, **15,047 (1.3%)** are IDPs living inside camps, and **7,817 (0.6%)** are returnees from neighboring countries.

Figure 2: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan, as of 17 July 2021

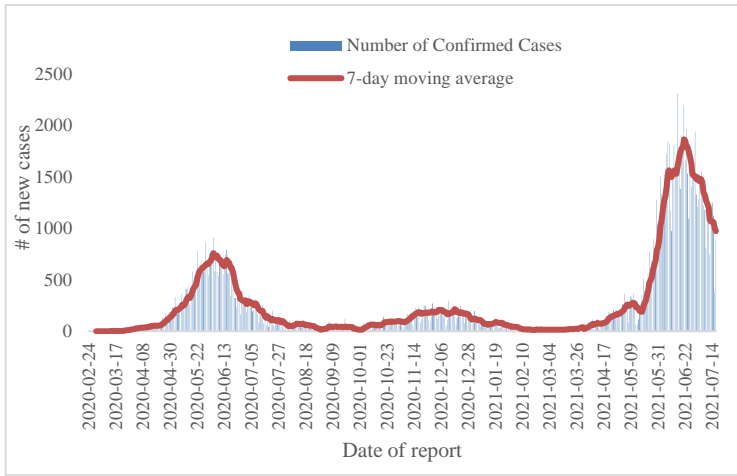


Figure 3: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 17 July 2021

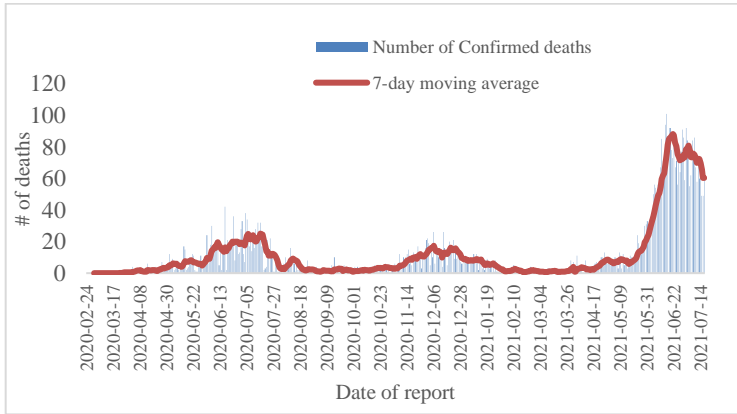
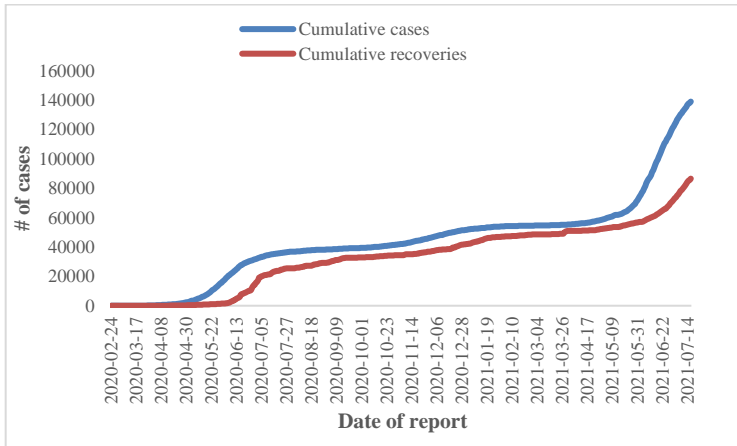
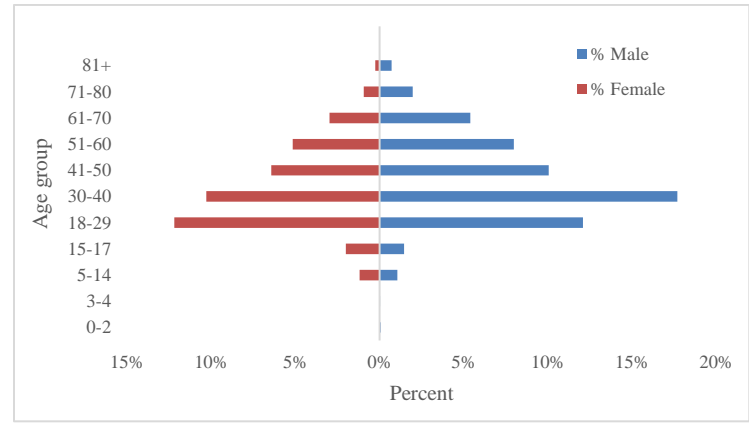


Figure 4: Cumulative COVID-19 confirmed cases and recoveries, as of 17 July 2021



Of the confirmed COVID-19 cases, **61.3%** have been reported among males and **38.7%** among females. Majority of cases have been reported among those aged 30-40 years.

Figure 5: Age distribution percentage of COVID-19 cases, 24 Feb 2020 to 17 July 2021



Of the COVID-19 associated deaths, **64.0%** were reported among males and **36.0%** 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 17 July 2021

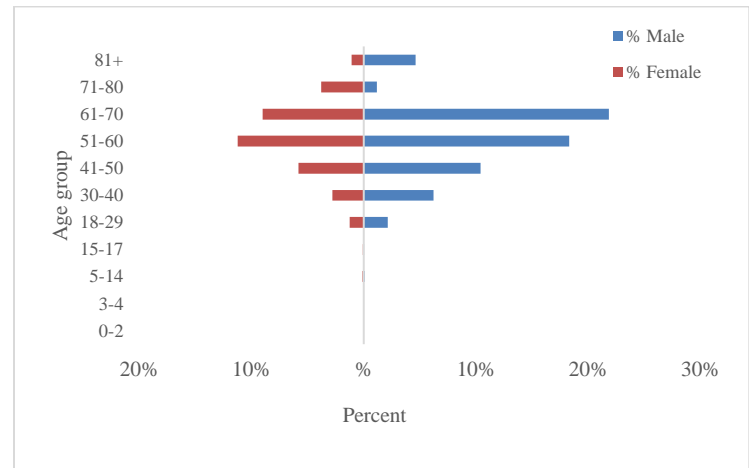


Figure 7: Proportion underlying conditions among COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 17 July 2021

