



Highlights of the week

As of week 29, **691,109** samples have been tested for COVID-19 by both public and private laboratories. Of this number, **427,191** samples were tested through public confirmatory laboratories.

In week 29, **2,786** new cases of COVID-19 and **265** new deaths were reported. This is a **59%** decrease in cases and **37%** decrease in deaths compared to week 28 (**Table 1**).

Cumulatively, **144,285** confirmed cases of COVID-19 with **6,477** associated deaths (**CFR=4.4%**) have been reported in Afghanistan since Feb 2020.

Table 1: Afghanistan's COVID-19 epidemiological overview, as of week 29

Indicators	New number in week 29	% of change compared to week 28	Cumulative number
# of COVID-19 samples tested in both public & private labs	11,487	-48%	691109
# of COVID-19 samples tested in public labs	6,824	-52%	427191
# of COVID-19 lab confirmed cases (both public and private)	2,786	-59%	144285
# Recovered/discharged	4,366	-42%	93,059(64.4%)
# of COVID-19 associated death	265	-37%	6,477 (CFR=4.4)

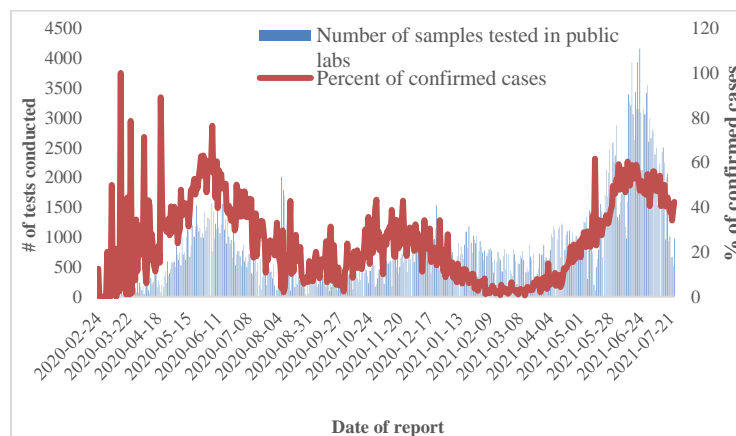
In week 29, the highest number of COVID-19 cases were reported in the west and central west (**546** cases, **463** cases, respectively) (**Table 2**). The top five provinces that reported positive cases include Herat (**413** cases), Kabul (**264** cases), Nangarhar (**235** cases), Daikundi (**188** cases), and Ghazni (**160** cases).

Overall, Afghanistan has reported **4,639** 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 29

Region	# of new cases in week 29 (%)	% of change compared to week 28	Cumulative number (%)
Central East	408 (15%)	-61%	42902(29.7%)
Central West	463 (17%)	-40%	12095 (8.4%)
East	367 (13%)	-64%	15649 (10.8%)
North	105 (4%)	-80%	12969 (9.0%)
North East	246 (9%)	-71%	15366 (10.6%)
South	301 (11%)	-58%	14997 (10.4%)
South East	350 (13%)	-34%	9382 (6.5%)
West	546 (20%)	-60%	20925 (14.5%)
National	2786 (100%)	-59%	144285 (100%)

Figure 1: Number of PCR tests conducted and percent of confirmed cases, as of 24 July 2021



COVID-19 vaccination highlights:

As of 24 July 2021, **1,197,448** individuals have been vaccinated against COVID-19. Of this number, **890,855 (73.5%)** individuals have received the first dose of the vaccine, and **321,297 (26.5%)** have received the second dose.

Of the total number vaccinated, **61.1%** are males and **38.9%** are females, **143,500 (12.0%)** are HCWs, **15,605 (1.3%)** are IDPs living inside camps, and **8,186 (0.6%)** are returnees from neighboring countries.

Figure 2: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan, as of 24 July 2021

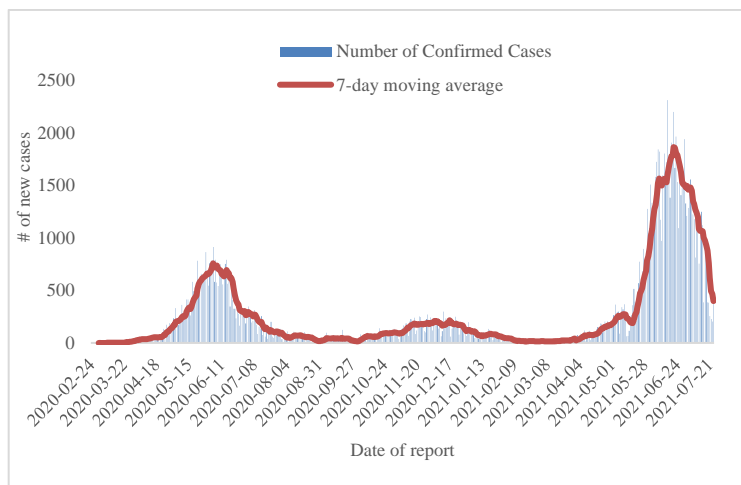


Figure 3: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 24 July 2021

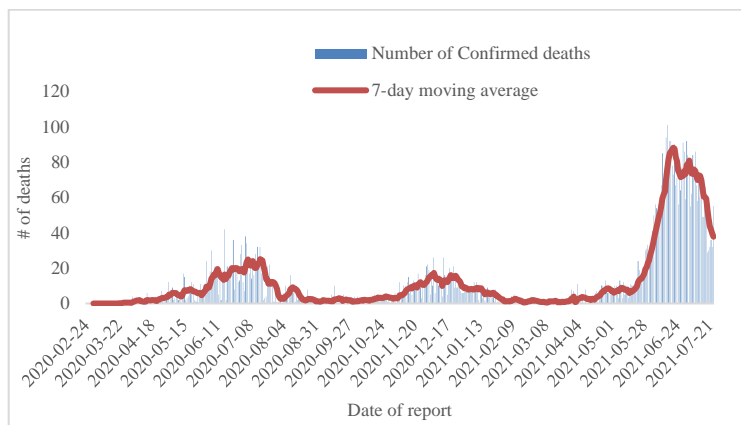
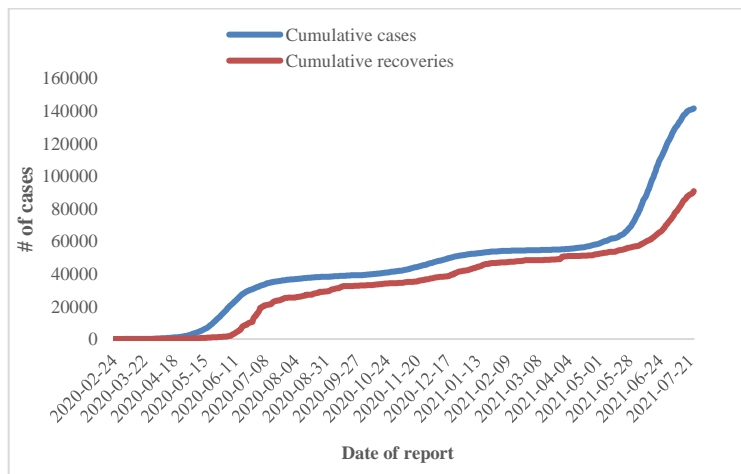
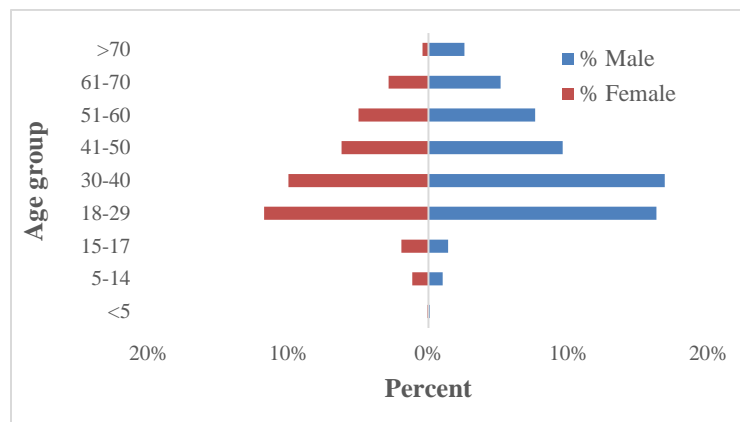


Figure 4: Cumulative COVID-19 confirmed cases and recoveries, as of 24 July 2021



Of the confirmed COVID-19 cases, **60.0%** have been reported among males and **40.0%** 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 24 July 2021



Of the COVID-19 associated deaths, **67.0%** were reported among males and **33.0%** 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 24 July 2021

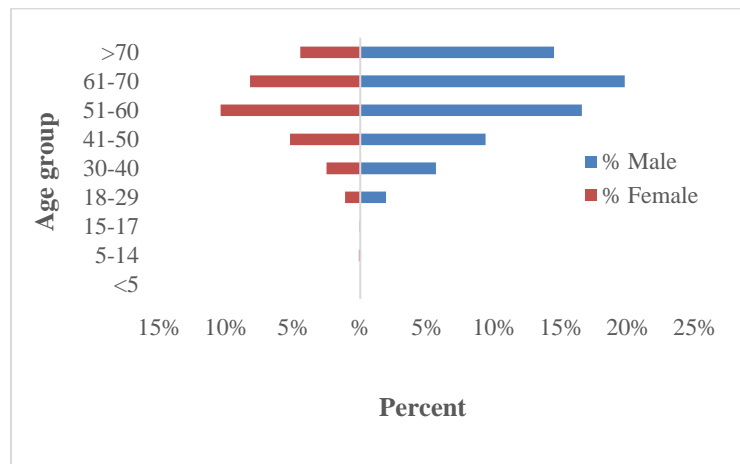


Figure 7: Proportion underlying conditions among COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 24 July 2021

