



Highlights of the week

As of week 33, **748,284** samples have been tested for COVID-19 by both public and private laboratories. Of this number, **456,922 (61%)** samples were tested through public confirmatory laboratories.

In week 33, **438** new cases of COVID-19 and **50** new deaths were reported. This is a **68%** decrease in cases and **44%** decrease in deaths compared to week 32 (**Table 1**).

Cumulatively, **152,583** confirmed cases of COVID-19 with **7,076** associated deaths (**CFR=4.6%**) have been reported in Afghanistan since Feb 2020.

Table 1: Afghanistan's COVID-19 epidemiological overview, as of week 33

Indicator	New number in week 33	% of change compared to week 32	Cumulative number
# of COVID-19 samples tested in both public & private labs	3,573	-77%	748,284
# of COVID-19 samples tested in public labs	2,463	-59%	456,922
# of COVID-19 lab confirmed cases (both public and private)	438	-68%	152,583
# Recovered/discharged	2,313	-18%	108,262(70.9%)
# of COVID-19 associated death	50	-44%	7,076 (CFR=4.6)

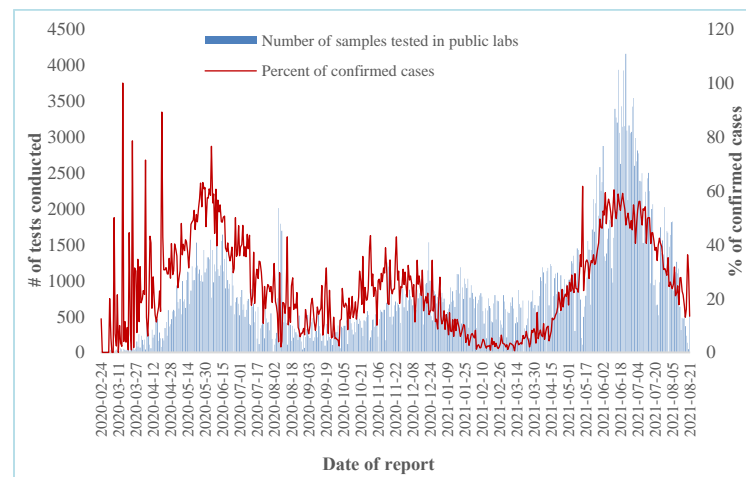
In week 33, the highest number of COVID-19 cases were reported in the North East and West (**151** cases, **125** cases, respectively) (**Table 2**). The top five provinces that reported positive cases include Badakhshan (**99** cases), Badghis (**91** cases), Kandahar (**51** cases), Kabul (**32** cases), and Balkh (**30** 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 33

Region	# of new cases in week 33 (%)	% of change compared to week 32	Cumulative number (%)
Central East	33 (8%)	-72%	43,862(28.7%)
Central West	0 (0%)	-100%	12,919 (8.5%)
East	19 (4%)	-92%	16,740 (11.1%)
North	30 (7%)	-76%	13,573 (8.9%)
North East	151 (34%)	9%	16,497 (10.8%)
South	63 (14%)	-45%	15,554 (10.2%)
South East	17 (4%)	-84%	10,223 (6.7%)
West	125 (29%)	-64%	23,215 (15.2%)
National	438(100%)	-68%	152,583 (100%)

Figure 1: Number of PCR tests conducted and percent of confirmed cases, as of 21 Aug 2021



COVID-19 vaccination highlights:

As of 21 Aug 2021, **1,912,565** individuals have been vaccinated against COVID-19. Of this number, **1,141,713 (59.6%)** individuals are fully vaccinated, and **770,852 (40.4%)** are partially vaccinated. Of the total number vaccinated, **58.8%** are males and **41.2%** are females, **158,657 (8.2%)** are HCWs, **27,128 (1.4%)** are IDPs living inside camps, and **11,738 (0.6%)** are returnees from neighboring countries.

Figure 2: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan, as of 21 Aug 2021

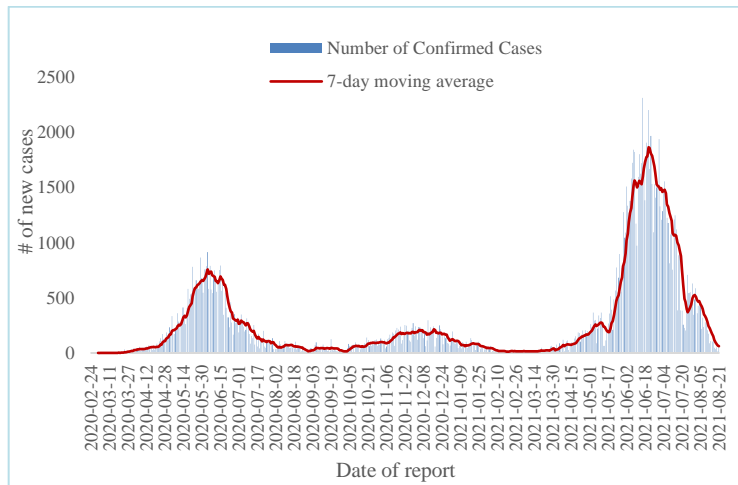


Figure 3: Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 21 Aug 2021

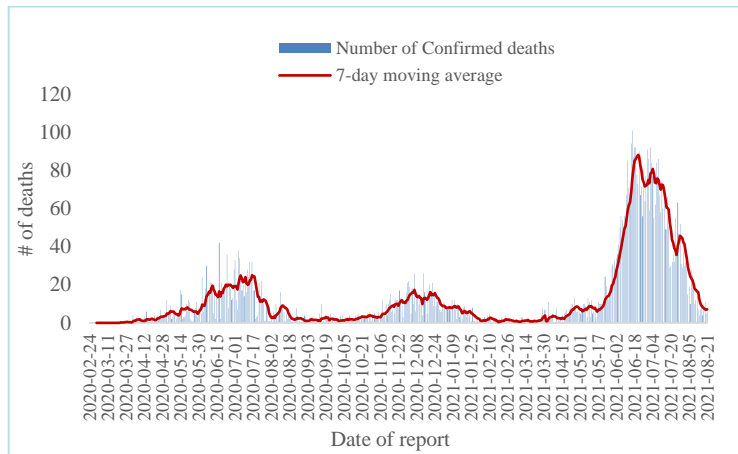
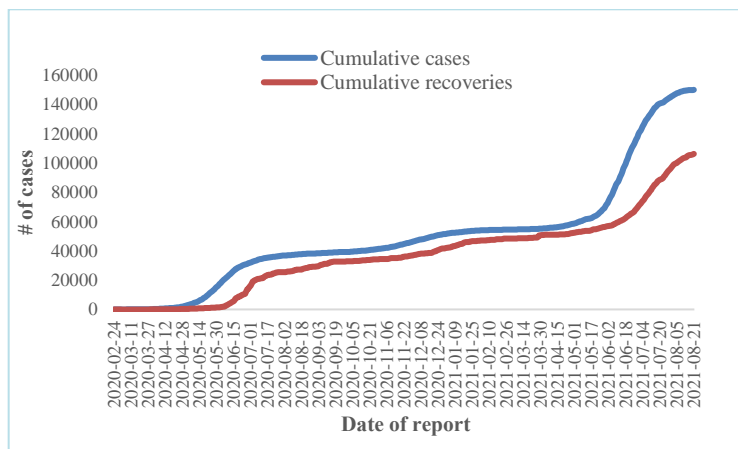
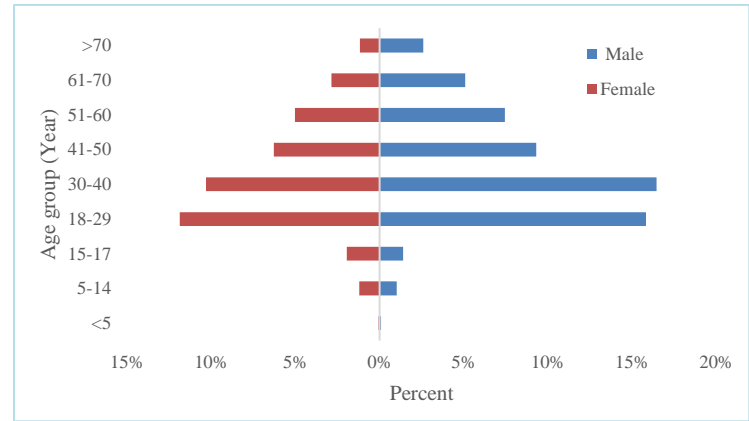


Figure 4: Cumulative COVID-19 confirmed cases and recoveries, as of 21 Aug 2021



Of the confirmed COVID-19 cases, **59.1%** have been reported among males and **40.9%** 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 21 Aug 2021



Of the COVID-19 associated deaths, **66.3%** were reported among males and **33.7%** 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 21 Aug 2021

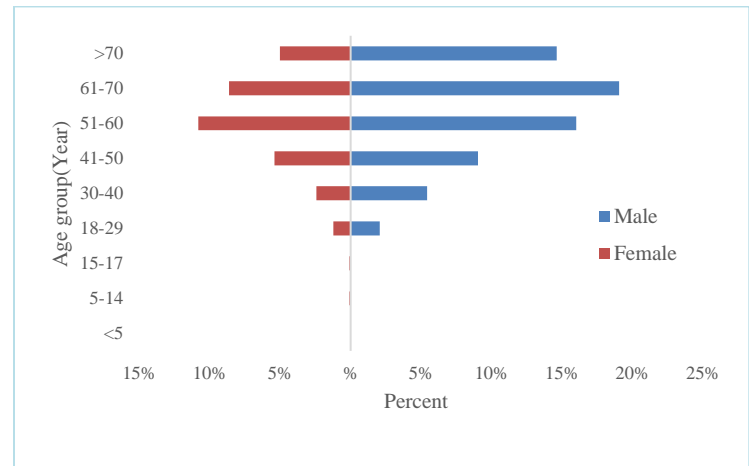


Figure 7: Proportion underlying conditions among COVID-19 associated deaths, as of 21 Aug 2021

