

Afghanistan

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Total population:	39 835 428
Gender F/M (%):	49.5 / 50.5
Population, age group <15 / ≥ 15 years (%):	43% / 57%
Life expectancy at birth (F/M, years): ¹	63 / 63
GDP (PPP int \$):	No data
Income status:	Low income
Number of 2 nd sub-national administrative level divisions, name:	399, District

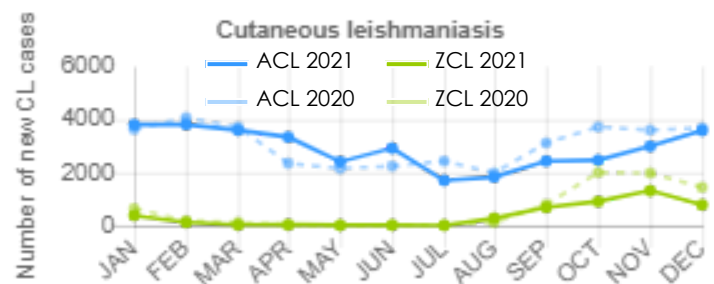
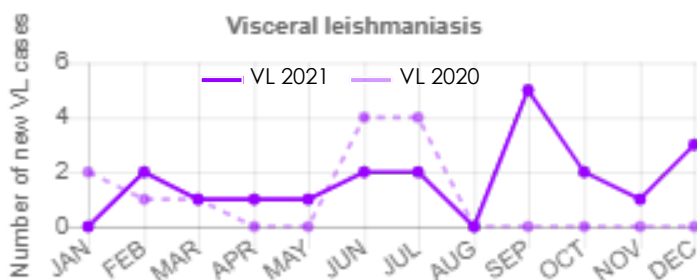
EPIDEMIOLOGY

	VL	ACL	ZCL	MCL
Endemicity status:	Endemic	Endemic	Endemic	Non endemic
Number of new cases (incidence):	20	34 971	4583	N/A
Number of relapses: ²	No data	916	0	N/A
Total number of cases:	20	35 887	4583	N/A
Imported cases (#, %):	No data	No data	No data	No data
Gender distribution (% F):	55	49	49	N/A
Age group distribution (% <5 / 5-14 / >14):	85 / 0 / 15	27 / 0 / 73	42 / 0 / 58	N/A
Incidence rate (cases/10 000 population in endemic areas):	No data	11.8	29.73	N/A
Number of endemic 2 nd sub-national administrative level divisions:	No data	352	15	N/A
Population at risk (% # at risk / total population): ³	0% 0 / 39 835 428	74% 29 639 650 / 39 835 428	4% 1 541 487 / 39 835 428	N/A
Was there any outbreak?	No	No	No	N/A
Number of new foci: ⁴	No data	No data	No data	N/A

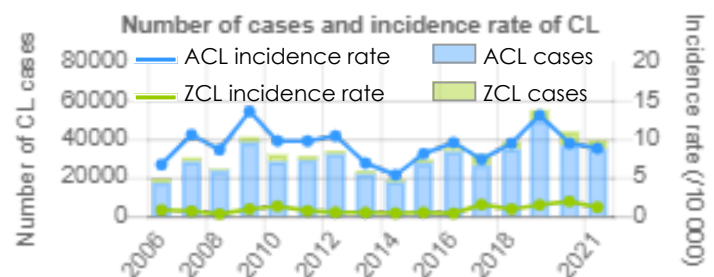
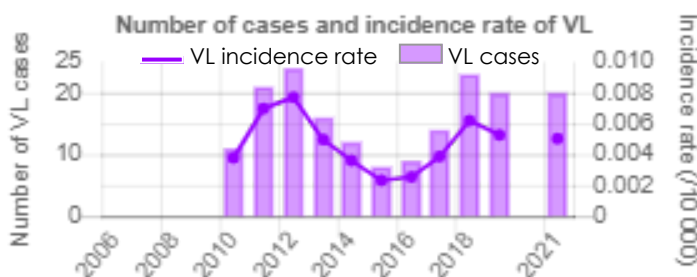
Monthly distribution of new cases (January-December)

2021	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
VL	0	2	1	1	1	2	2	0	5	2	1	3
ACL	3816	3818	3605	3344	2416	2925	1709	1834	2441	2471	2998	3594
ZCL	388	120	22	36	13	18	8	278	687	911	1319	783

N/A not applicable; VL = visceral leishmaniasis; ACL = anthroponotic cutaneous leishmaniasis; ZCL = zoonotic cutaneous leishmaniasis; MCL = mucocutaneous leishmaniasis



Number of new cases and Incidence rate/10 000 at the national level from 2006 to 2021



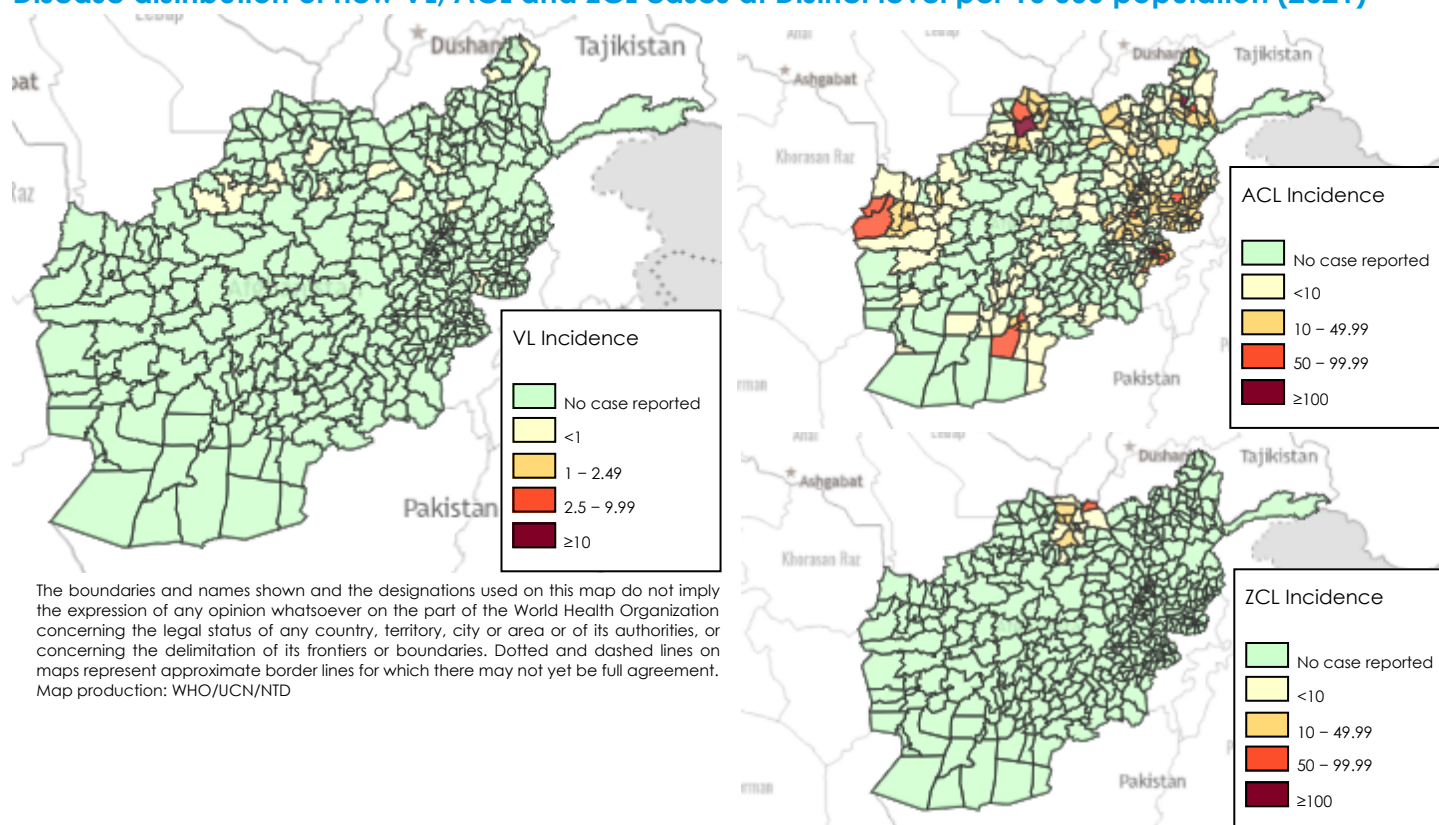
¹2020 data used for "Life expectancy at birth (F/M, years)"

²Relapse in this country is defined for CL as: "Poor response to local or systemic treatment and the physician decides to start a new course"

³Defined as "Number of people living in 2nd sub-national administrative level endemic areas"

⁴Defined as "In this reporting period, an area at the 2nd sub-national administrative level reporting cases for the first time ever"

Disease distribution of new VL, ACL and ZCL cases at District level per 10 000 population (2021)



CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE

Year Leishmaniasis National Control Programme (LNCP) was established:	1968
Type of surveillance (CL / VL):	Integrated / No data
Is there a vector control programme?	No
Type of insecticide used for Indoor residual Spraying (IRS):	NA
Year latest national guidelines (CL / VL):	2004 / No data
Is leishmaniasis notifiable (mandatory report)? (CL / VL):	No / No data
Is there a reservoir host control programme?	No data
Number of leishmaniasis health facilities (CL / VL):	991 / No data

DIAGNOSIS

	VL	ACL	ZCL	MCL
Number of people screened actively for:	No data	No data	No data	N/A
Number of people screened passively for:	No data	No data	No data	N/A
VL cases diagnosed by RDT (% , # RDT+ / new VL cases):	10% (2/20)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proportion of positive RDT (% , # RDT+ / total RDT):	No data	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cases diagnosed by direct exam (parasitology) (% , # slides + / total cases):	85% (17/20)	35% (12 189/34 971)	No data	N/A
Proportion of positive slides (% , # slides + / total slides):	No data	No data	No data	N/A
Cases diagnosed clinically (% , # clinical cases / total cases):	5% (1/20)	65% (22 782/34 971)	No data	N/A
Percentage of cases with HIV-VL coinfection:	No data	N/A	N/A	N/A

N/A not applicable; RDT = rapid diagnostic test; HIV = human immunodeficiency virus

TREATMENT AND MEDICINES

- ▶ Is treatment provided for free in the public sector? (CL / VL): Yes / No data
- ▶ Antileishmanial medicines included in the National Medicine List: Meglumine antimoniate, Sodium stibogluconate (SSG)

INITIAL TREATMENT OUTCOME FOR NEW CASES

	VL	ACL	ZCL
Cases that completed treatment (% , # completed treatment / new cases):	No data	40% (13 887/34 971)	28% (1286/4583)
Initial cure rate (% , # cases initially cured / new cases):	No data	No data	No data
Failure rate (% , # cases with treatment failure / new cases): ⁵	No data	No data	No data
Case fatality rate (% , # cases who died / new cases):	No data	No data	No data

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⁵Failure in this country is defined for CL as: "A patient who is not cured at the end of second course of the treatment"