Upcoming UNESCAP Stats Café Series on "Excess mortality and the importance of data in the fight against COVID-19"

Wednesday, 20 April 2022 from 13:00-14:30 hours, Bangkok time (UTC +7), verify your time here.

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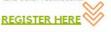
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BACKGROUND

This Stats Café builds on an earlier session on COVID-19 and death which featured towards the beginning of the we any closer to estimating the pandemic in mid-2020. Since then, over five million COVID-19 deaths have been reported, however, estimates predict that the global excess deaths may be two to four times higher than those officially recorded. Being able to ascertain the true impact of COVID-19 on mortality to try to understand just human lives is critical for informing resource allocation and assessing the effectiveness of public health estimates measure the gap interventions as the pandemic between the number of deaths in evolves. However, many countries an average year under normal still lack functioning civil registration and vital statistics systems to provide accurate, complete and timely data on deaths and causes of changes as far as possible. This death. This, coupled with the Stats Café aims to share a differences in how countries test snapshot of some of the varied and report COVID-19 deaths, makes approaches taken by countries it challenging to measure the true and organizations to produce loss of life from the pandemic. The COVID-19 mortality rate has also sparked heated discussions among the general public, with false claims circulating online that the number of COVID-19 deaths have been inflated in order to justify lockdowns and other restrictions













"More than two years into the pandemic, several vaccines and new treatments have been developed, but are true death toll of COVID-19?"

Demographers, data scientists, and epidemiologists have turned to the estimation of excess how many people died as a result estimates of excess mortality, as well as providing a journalistic insight of best practices in reporting on it.

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