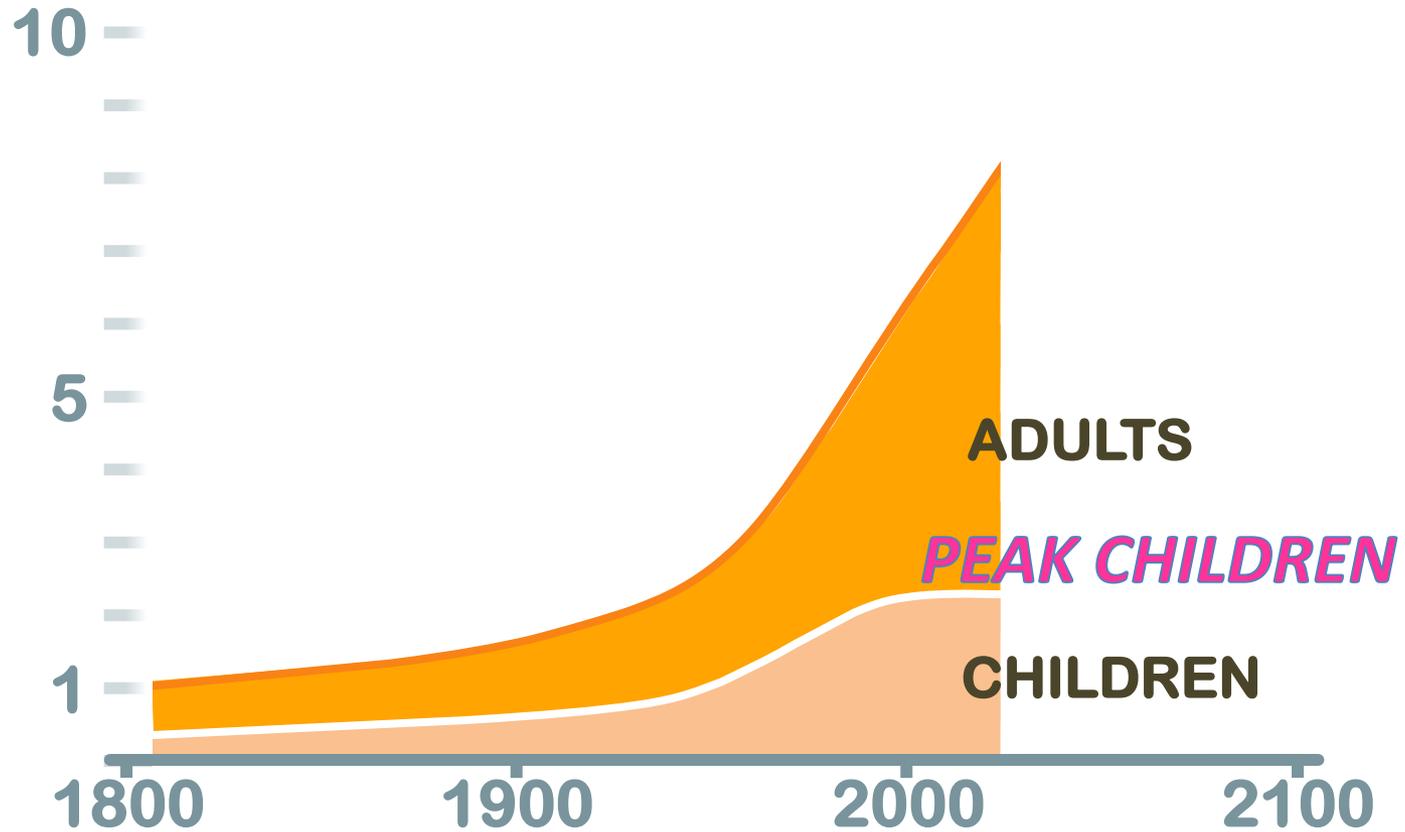


Global Child Health in a Turbulent World

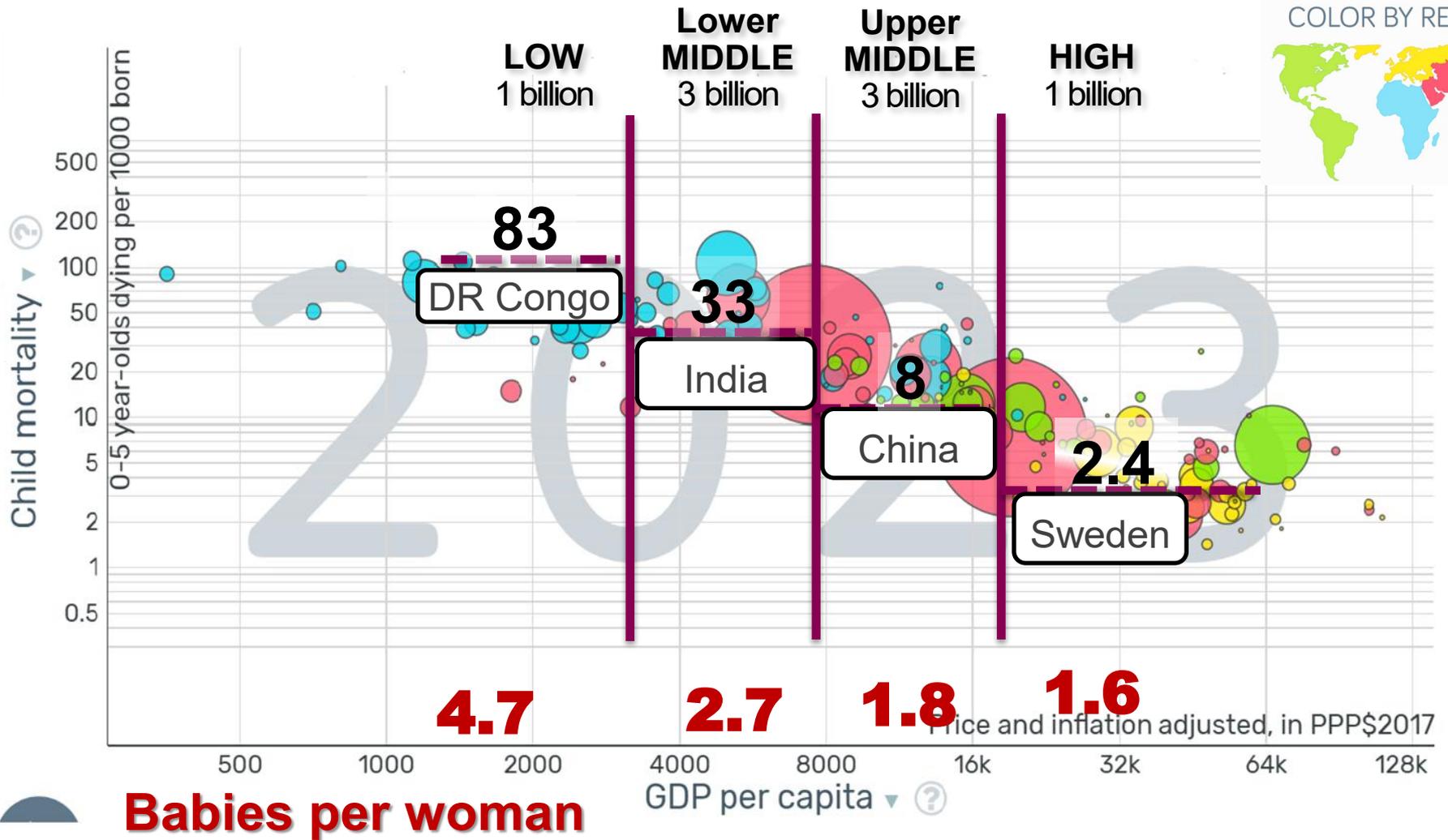
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WORLD POPULATION, billions



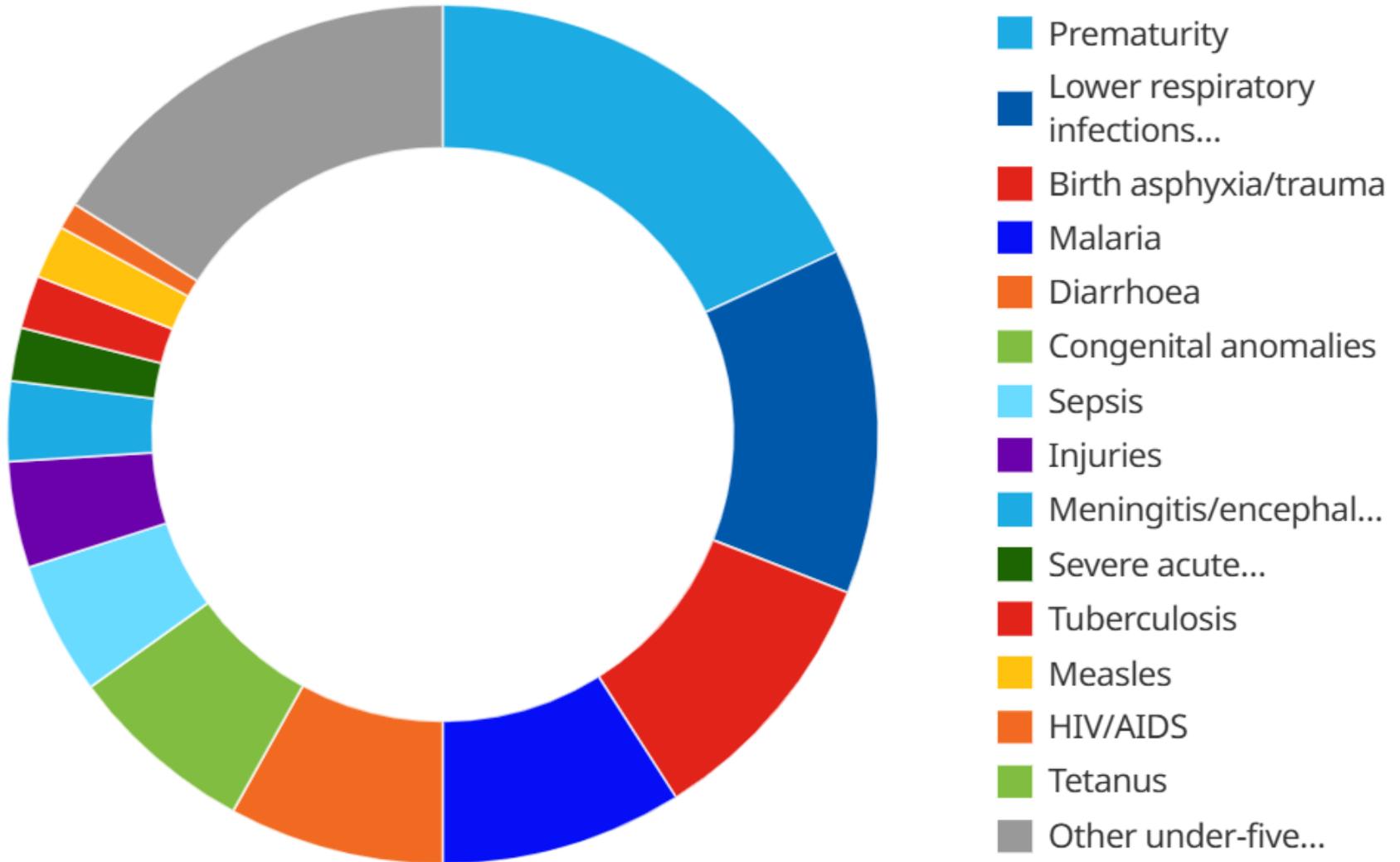
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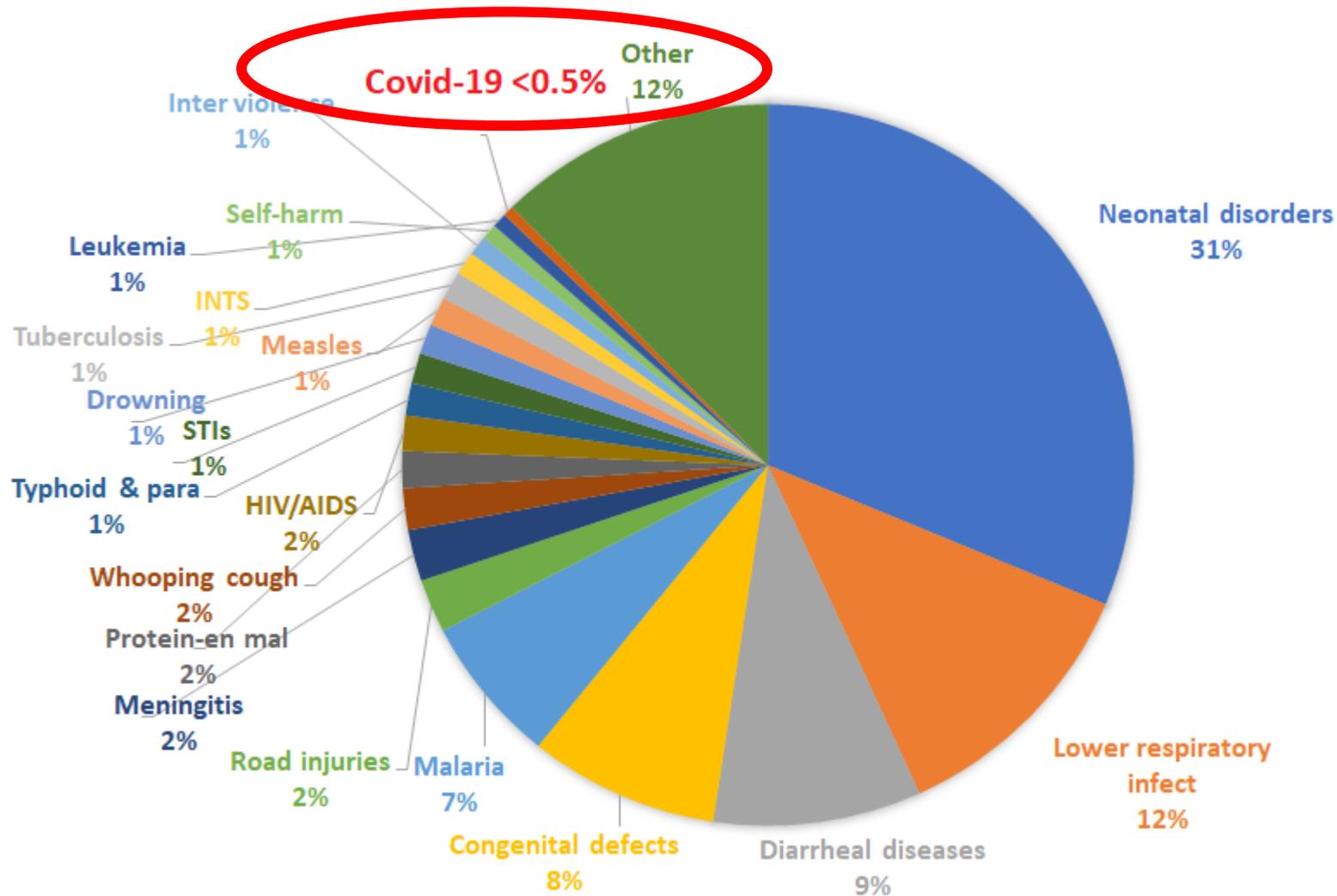
CHILD HEALTH INDICATORS

- Under-5-Mortality Rate (U5MR)
- Infant Mortality Rate (IMR)
- Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR)

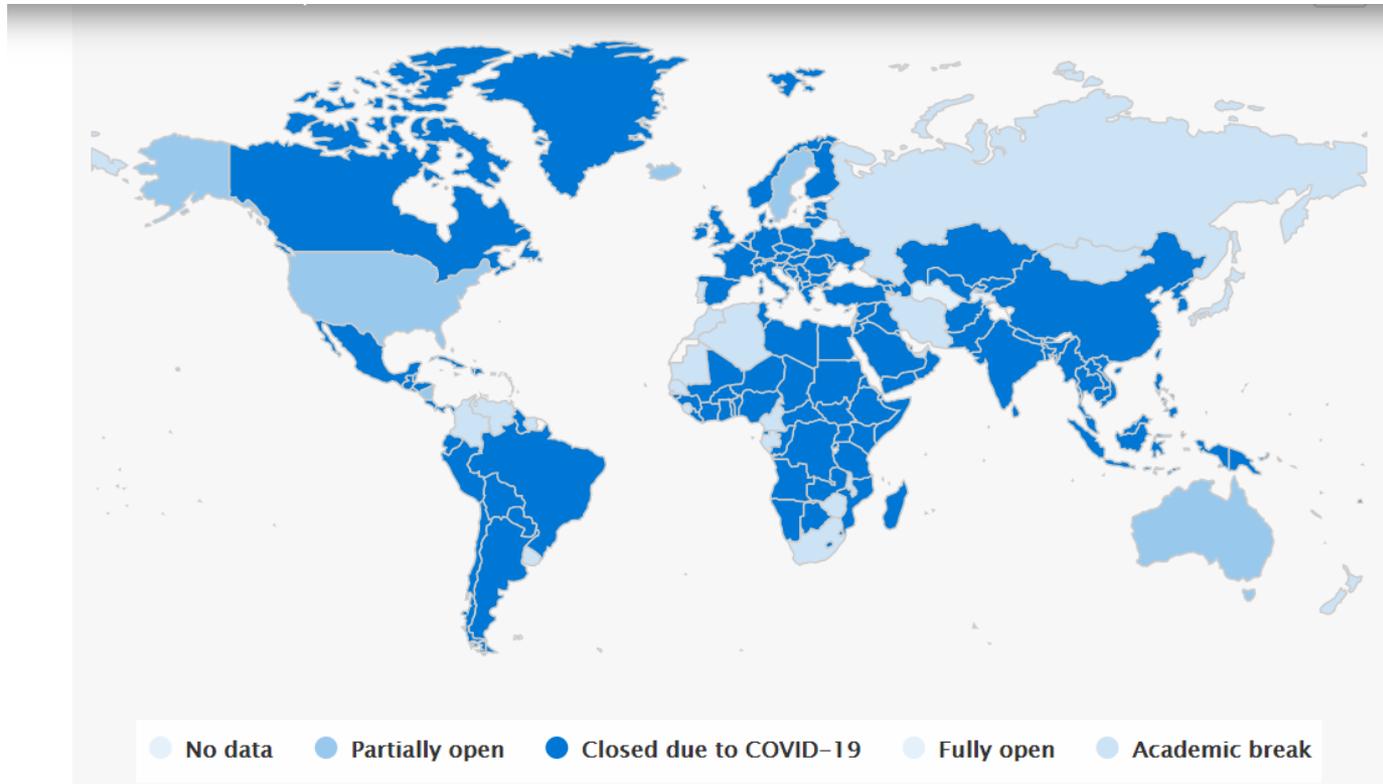
Cause of death distribution for under-five deaths, World (2024)



Direct consequences of Covid-19 on mortality among children & adolescents



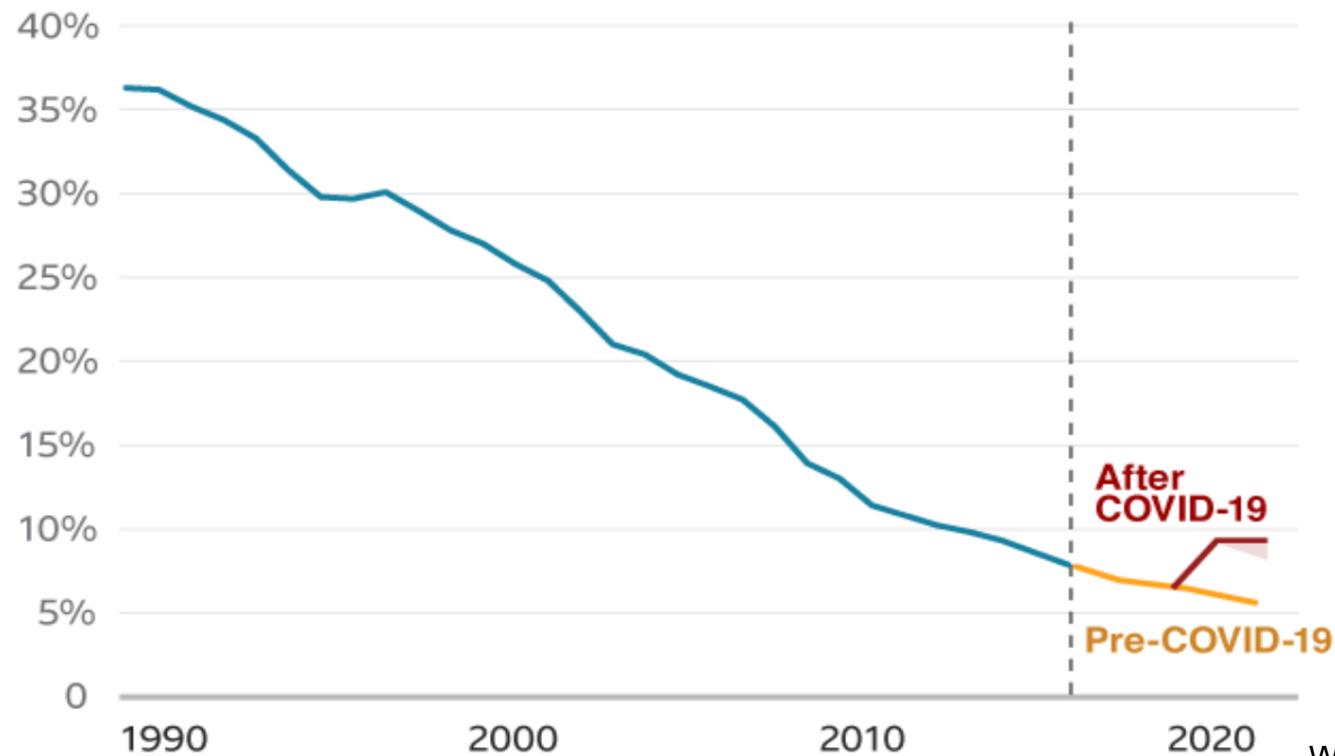
Interruption in essential services, education



UNESCO,
School closures April 2020

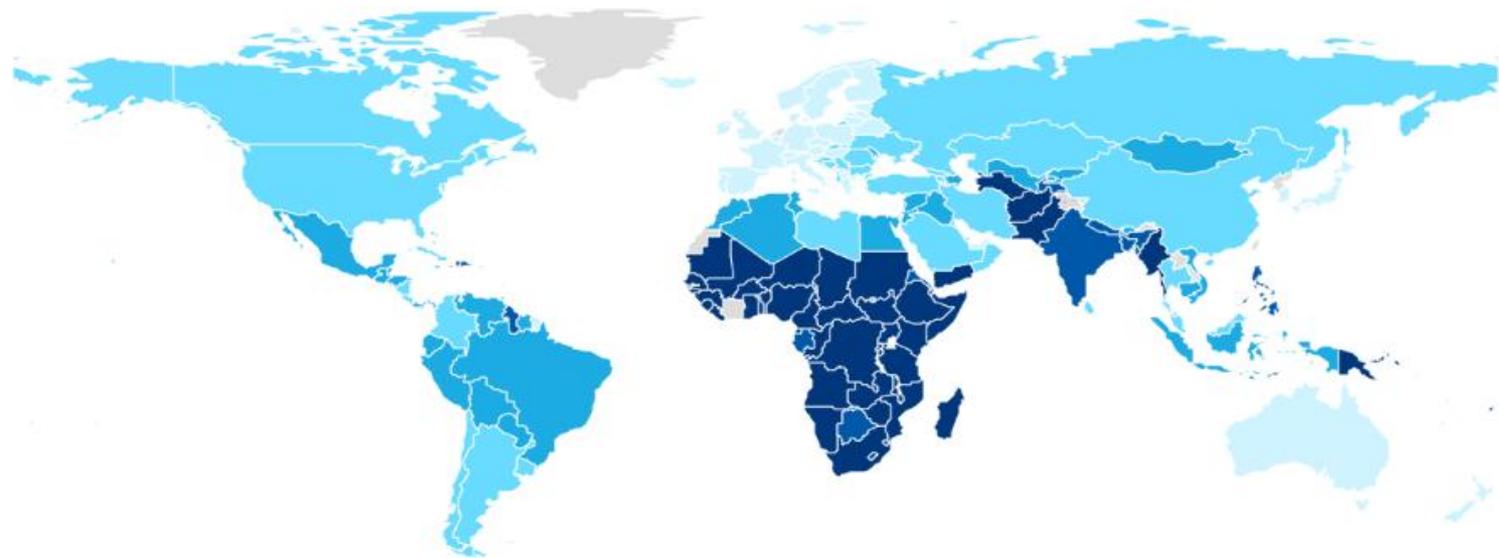
Increasing poverty and inequality

Poverty rates (%) and number of poor people (millions) living on less than \$1.90/day



World Bank, BBC

UNDER-FIVE-MORTALITY PER REGION



● ≤5 ● 5 to 12 ● 12 to 25 ● 25 to 35 ● >35

Totally, 5 million children die before their 5th birthday every year (2024)

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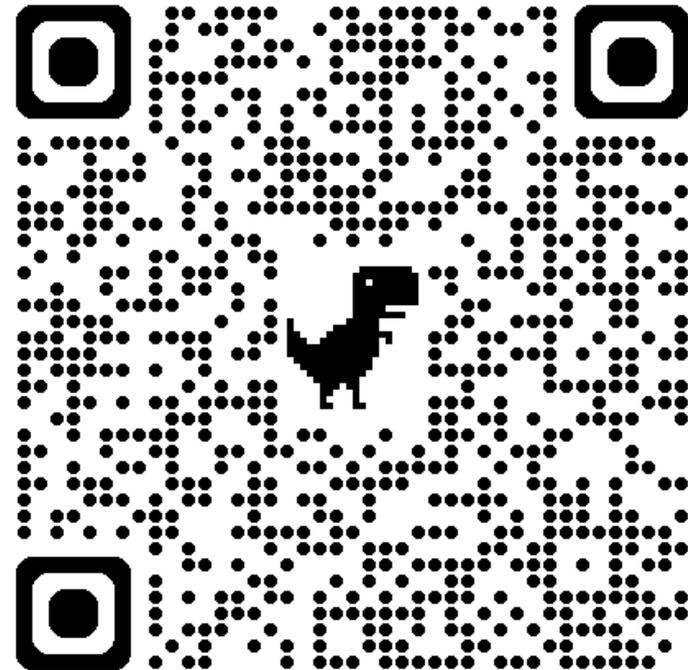
Which are the biggest challenges for global child health in the world, according to you

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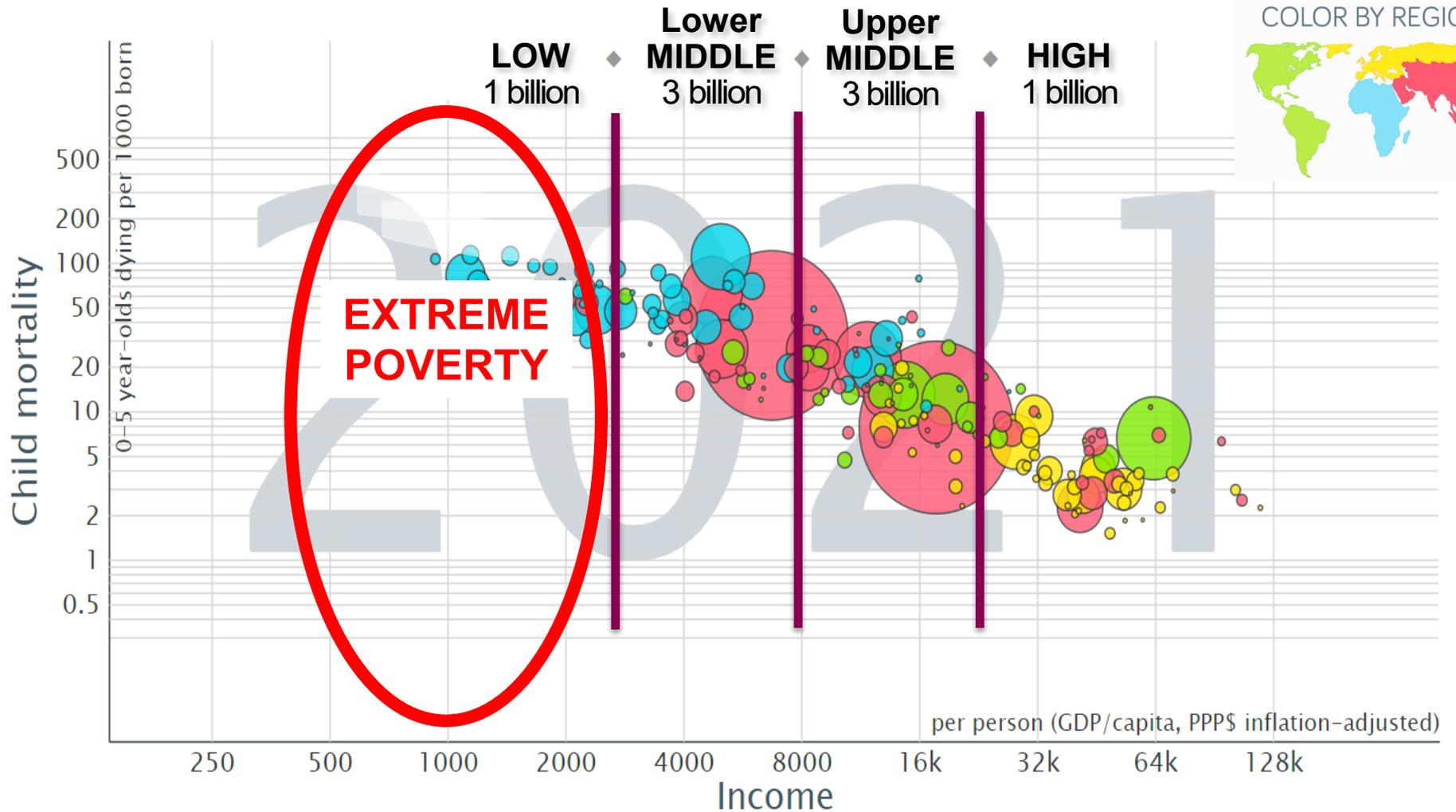
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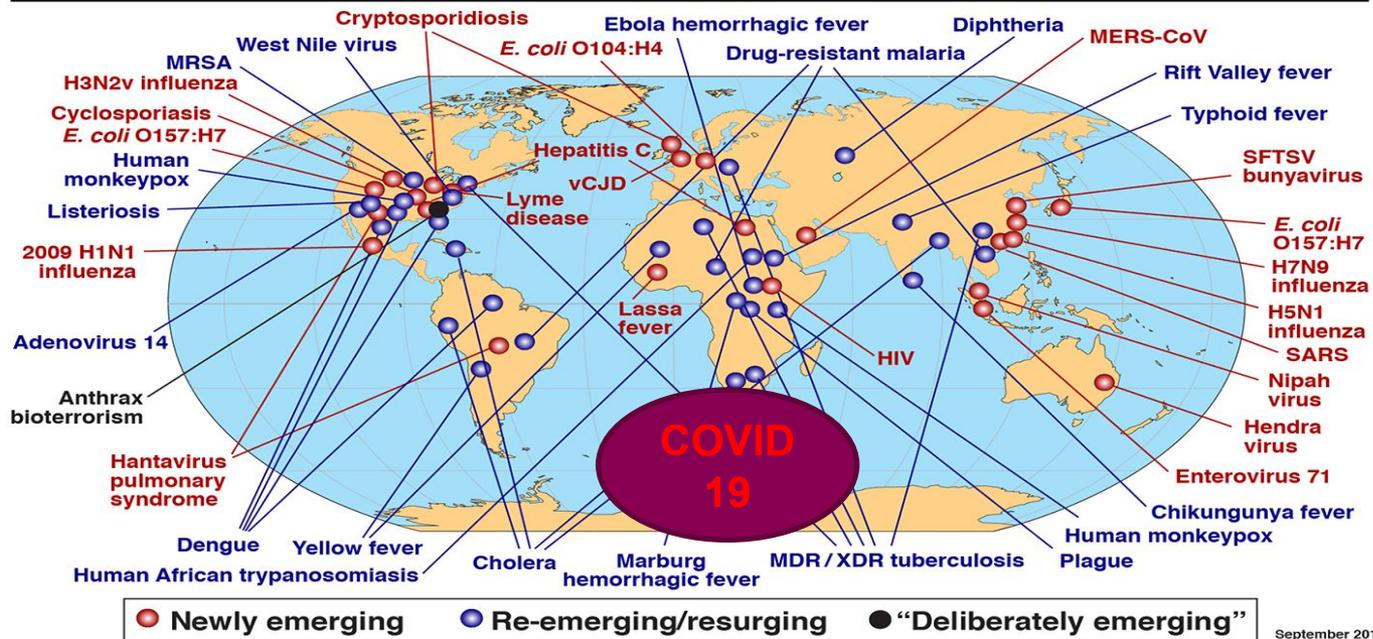
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New and old infections & Antibiotic resistance

Global Examples of Emerging and Re-Emerging Infectious Diseases





“The life of every child born today will be profoundly affected by climate change, with populations around the world increasingly facing extremes of weather, food and water insecurity, changing patterns of infectious disease, and a less certain future.

Without accelerated intervention, this new era will come to define the health of people at every stage of their lives.”

The Lancet Countdown Report 2019





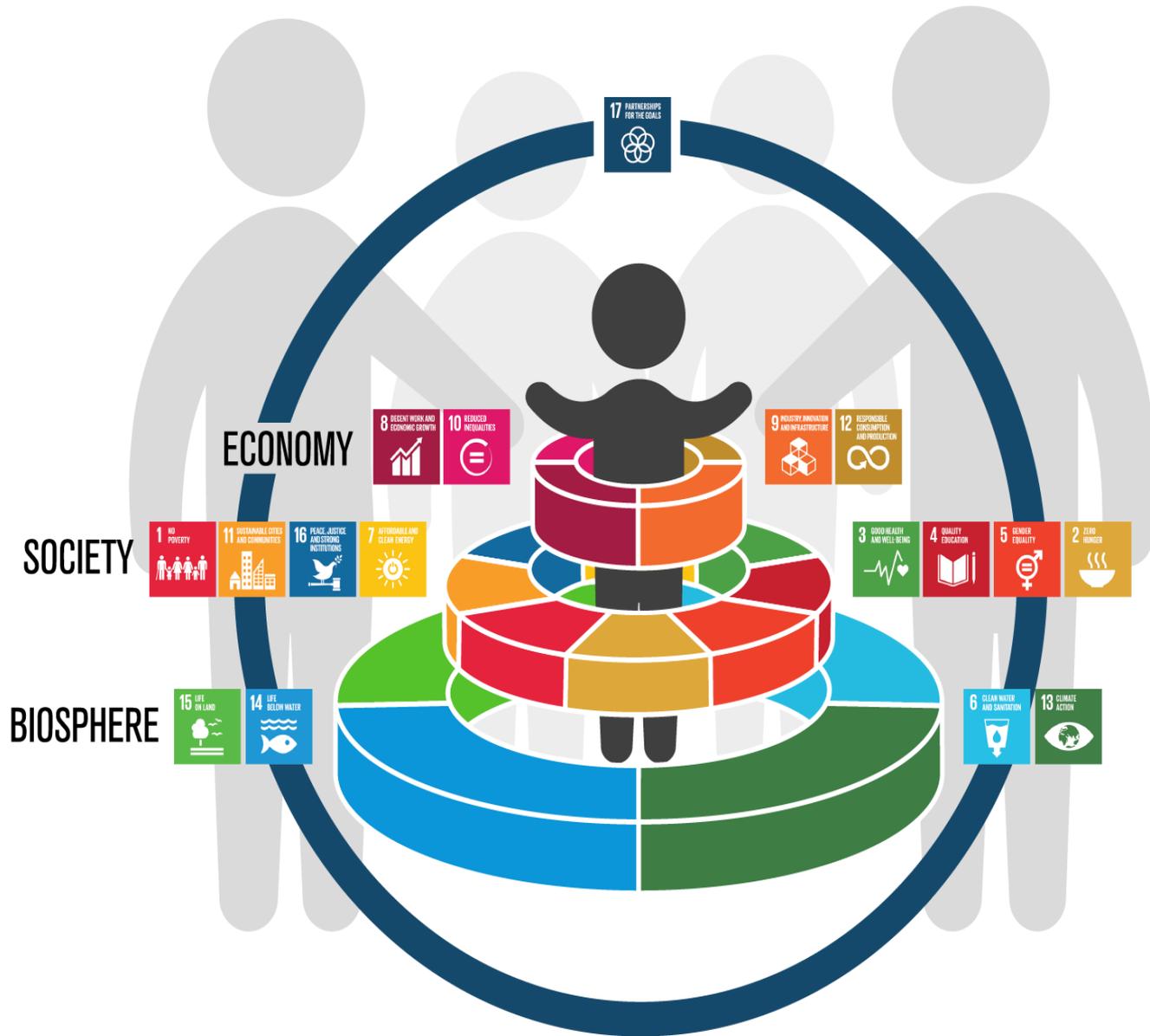
War and National





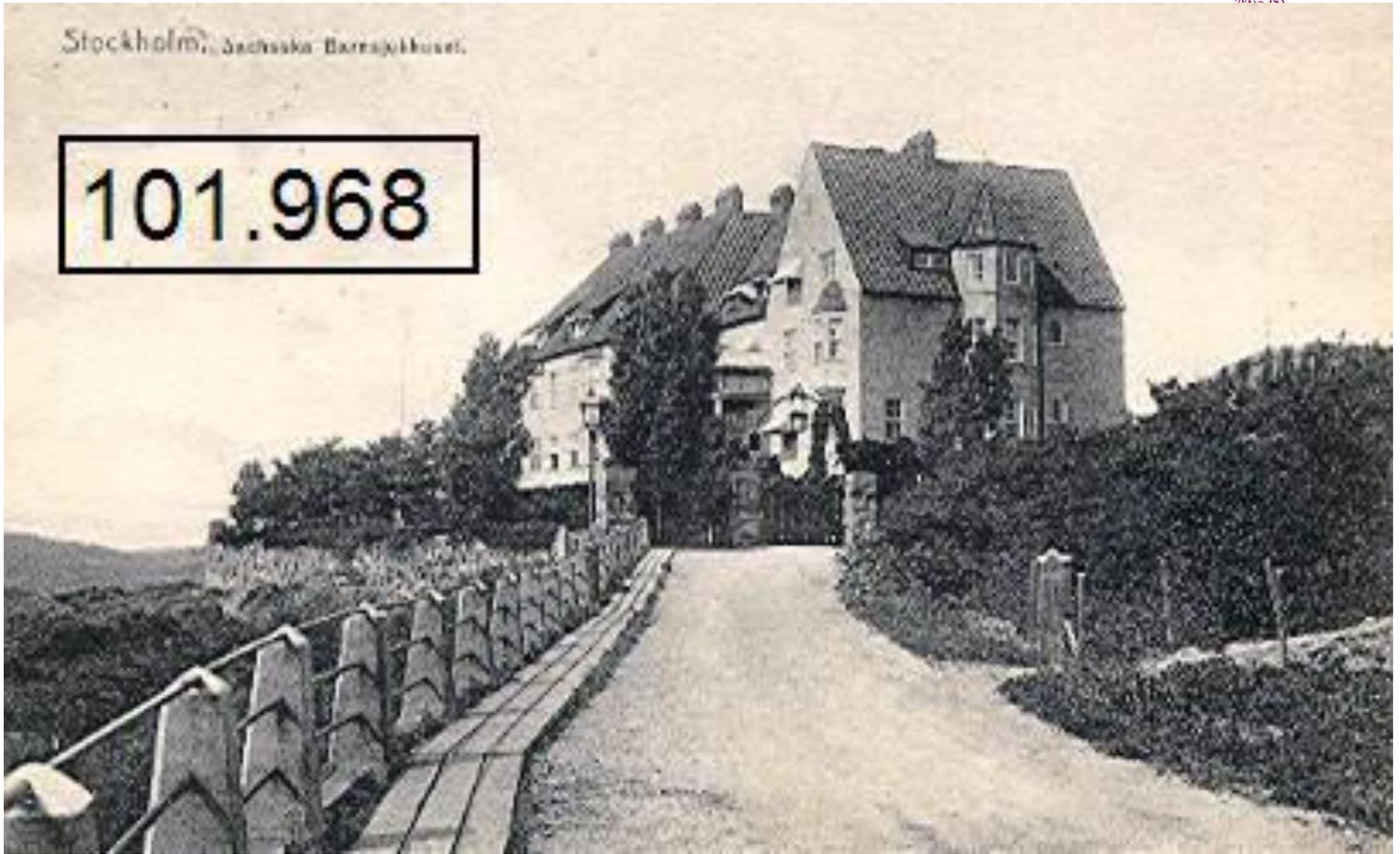
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

<p>1 NO POVERTY</p>	<p>2 ZERO HUNGER</p>	<p>3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING</p>	<p>4 QUALITY EDUCATION</p>	<p>5 GENDER EQUALITY</p>	<p>6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION</p>
<p>7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY</p>	<p>8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</p>	<p>9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</p>	<p>10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES</p>	<p>11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES</p>	<p>12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION</p>
<p>13 CLIMATE ACTION</p>	<p>14 LIFE BELOW WATER</p>	<p>15 LIFE ON LAND</p>	<p>16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</p>	<p>17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS</p>	<p> SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS</p>



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Tools

- www.gapminder.org
- www.ourworldindata.org
- www.healthdata.org

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