

## **WHO UN DESA Technical Advisory Group on COVID-19 Mortality Assessment**

### **Working group 1: Global mortality estimates including COVID-19**

#### **Background**

In the context of the work of Technical Advisory Group on COVID-19 Mortality Assessment, jointly established by WHO and UN DESA, the working group on global mortality estimates Including COVID-19 will focus on methods and data for estimating total numbers of deaths attributable to COVID-19 and for assessing the direct and indirect impacts of the pandemic on mortality by age and sex at the national, regional and global levels.

#### **Objectives**

The working group will advise and, as appropriate, assist WHO and UN DESA in the estimation of global mortality taking account of deaths attributable to COVID-19, for inclusion in future editions of the World Population Prospects and the World Health Statistics reports to be published in 2021 and thereafter.

The working group will follow a two-track approach, focusing from the beginning on both tracks: (a) short-term guidance and assistance in the production of mortality estimates by age and sex for all countries and areas for the year 2020, using all information available by June 2021 to identify the excess mortality attributable to COVID-19; and (b) a strategy for generating authoritative, transparent and well-documented estimates of global mortality for years beginning in 2019, using all information available on deaths from COVID-19 and other causes to quantify the excess mortality directly or indirectly attributable to the pandemic.

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