



# PRESS RELEASE

## **2023 Causes of Death in the Philippines (Provisional as of 31 March 2024)**

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### ***Explanatory Note***

*Data on causes of death presented in this press release were obtained from the deaths registered, either timely or belatedly, at the appropriate Office of the City/Municipal Civil Registrar throughout the country and subsequently submitted for encoding to the Office of the Civil Registrar General through the Provincial Statistical Offices (PSOs) of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA). The information presented includes deaths that occurred from January to December 2023 based on data files received and initially processed by the PSA - Civil Registration Service (CRS) from the PSOs as of 31 March 2024. Thus, the figures presented herein are still provisional and may differ from the final count. Deaths of Filipinos abroad are not yet included in this release, but Filipinos whose usual residence is abroad and foreign nationals with deaths occurring in the country during the reference period were included in this report.*

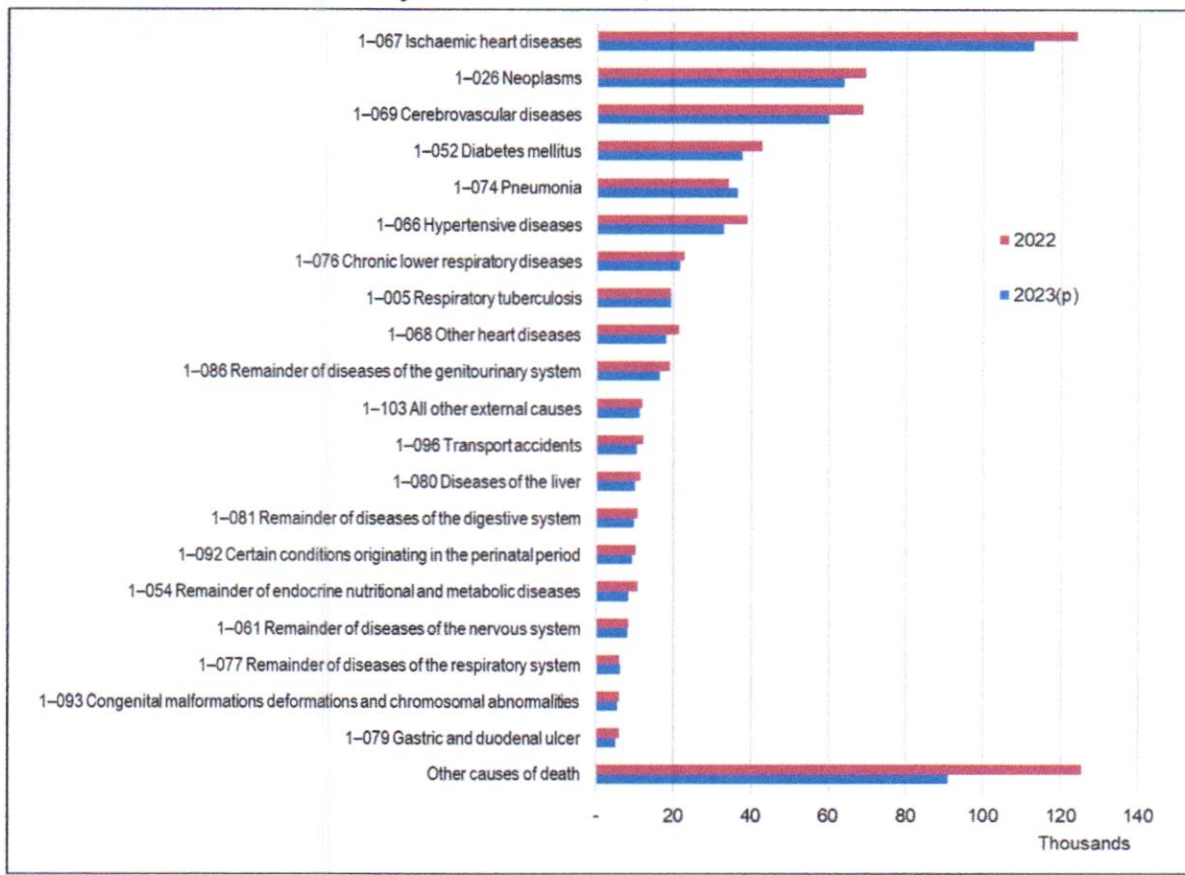
### ***Ischaemic heart diseases, neoplasms, and cerebrovascular diseases lead the causes of death in the Philippines***

The top three causes of death in the country from January to December of 2023 were ischaemic heart diseases, neoplasms, and cerebrovascular diseases. These were also the leading causes of death in the same period in 2022. From January to December of 2023, ischaemic heart diseases were the leading cause of death with 112,789 cases or 19.0 percent of the total deaths in the country. On the other hand, neoplasms, came in second with 63,788 deaths (10.7% share). Cerebrovascular diseases were the third leading cause which accounted for 59,829 recorded cases (10.1% share) from January to December 2023. Deaths due to diabetes mellitus recorded 37,633 cases or 6.3 percent share, making it the fourth leading cause of death, while deaths



due to pneumonia, which ranked fifth, recorded 36,262 cases or 6.1 percent share. (Figure 1 and Table 1)

Figure 1. All Causes of Mortality (Top 20), Philippines: January to December, 2022 and 2023



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority (Data on deaths are those registered at the Office of the City/Municipal Civil Registrars throughout the country and submitted to the Office of the Civil Registrar General using Certificate of Death-Municipal Form No. 103)

Notes: Symptoms, signs, and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified (R00-R99) are not included in the analysis due to the unspecified nature of these causes  
 Causes of death are coded based on the ICD-10 Rules and Guidelines and mortality grouping is based on the Mortality Tabulation List of ICD-10

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Attachment:  
 1. Table 1. Number of Registered Deaths, Percent Shares, and Ranks by Cause of Death (Top 50), Philippines: January to December, 2022 and 2023<sup>(p)</sup> (Provisional as of 31 March 2024)