



# PRESS RELEASE

## **2023 Causes of Deaths in the Philippines (Preliminary as of 31 July 2023)**

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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 provisional deaths that occurred from January to May 2023 based on data files received and initially processed by the PSA - Civil Registration Service (CRS) from the PSOs as of 31 July 2023. Thus, the figures presented herein are still preliminary 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.*

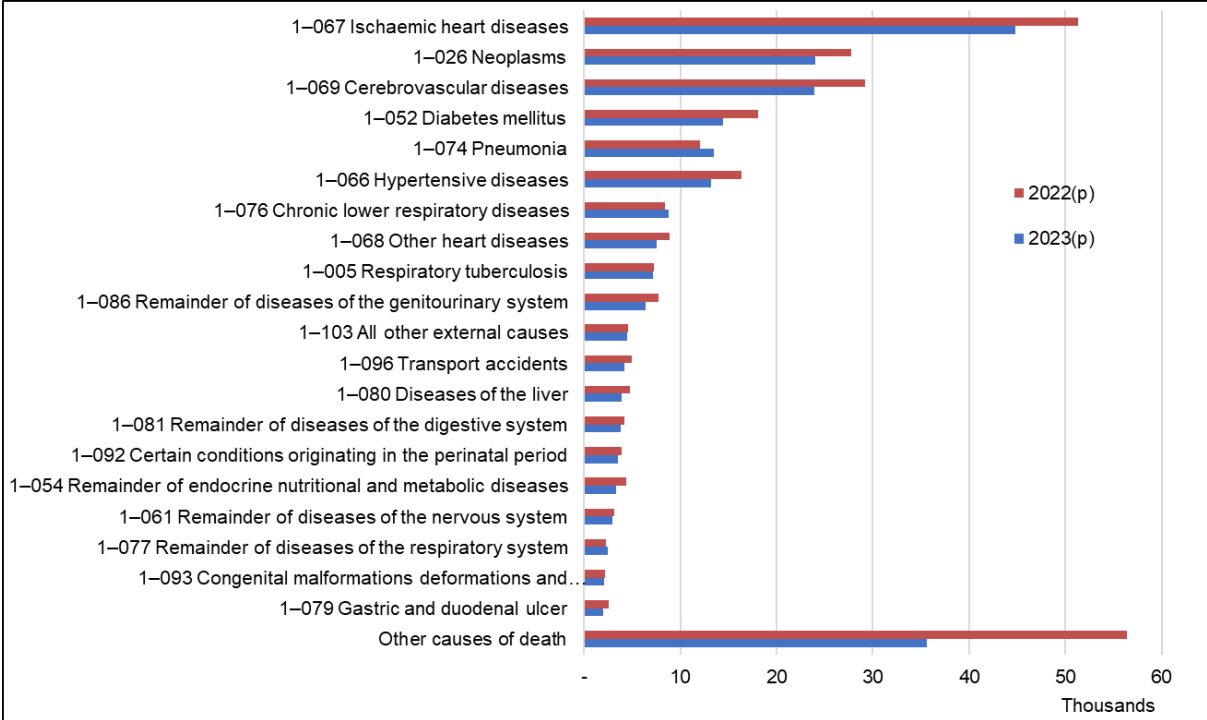
### ***Ischaemic heart diseases, neoplasms, and cerebrovascular diseases lead the causes of death in the Philippines***

The top three causes of death in the country from January to May of 2023 were ischaemic heart diseases, neoplasms, and cerebrovascular diseases. In the same period in 2022, the leading cause of death was ischaemic heart diseases, cerebrovascular diseases, and neoplasms. From January to May of 2023, Ischaemic heart diseases were the leading cause of death with 44,770 cases or 19.3 percent of the total deaths in the country. On the other hand, Neoplasms came in second with 24,066 deaths (10.4% share). Cerebrovascular diseases were the third leading cause which accounted for 23,951 recorded cases (10.3% share) from January to May 2023. Deaths due to diabetes mellitus recorded 14,416 cases or 6.2 percent share, making it the fourth leading



cause of death, while deaths due to Pneumonia, which ranked fifth, recorded 13,462 cases or 5.8 percent share. (Figure 1 and Table 1)

Figure 1. All Causes of Mortality (Top 20), Philippines: January to May, 2022<sup>(p)</sup> and 2023<sup>(p)</sup> (as of 31 July 2023)



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority  
 Note: 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.  
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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 May, 2022<sup>(p)</sup> and 2023<sup>(p)</sup> (Preliminary as of 31 July 2023)