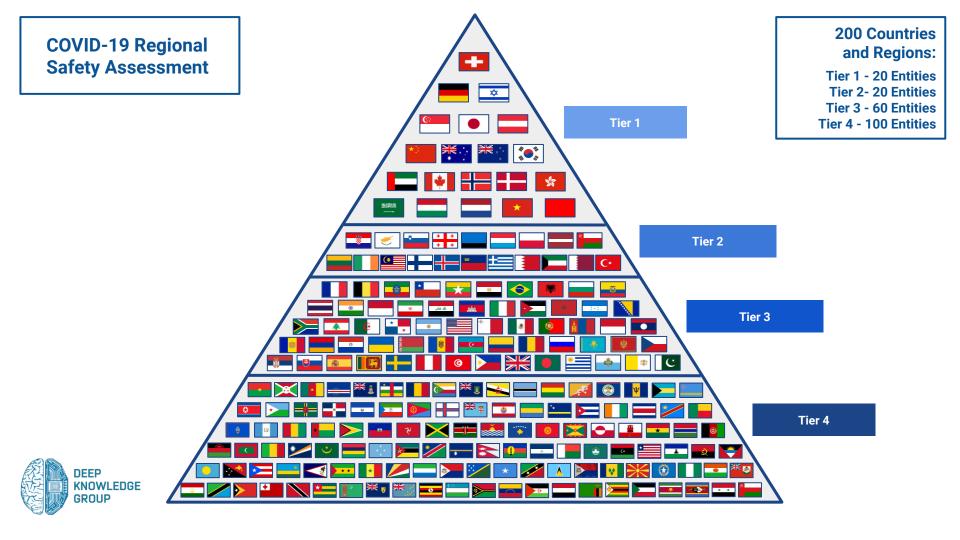


COVID-19 Regional Safety Assessment

Big Data Analysis of 200 Countries and Regions COVID-19 Safety Ranking and Risk Assessment

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COVID-19 Ranking of 200 Countries and Regions

Rank	Region	Score
1	Switzerland	752
2	Germany	749
3	Israel	748
4	Singapore	744
5	Japan	738
6	Austria	726
7	China	717
8	Australia	716
9	New Zealand	715
10	South Korea	712
11	United Arab Emirates	700
12	Canada	699
13	Hong Kong	698
14	Norway	685
15	Denmark	671
16	Taiwan	667
17	Saudi Arabia	657
18	Hungary	656
19	Netherlands	651
20	Vietnam	637
21	Kuwait	633
22	Iceland	600
23	Bahrain	592
24	Finland	584
25	Luxembourg	576

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26	Qatar	575
27	Liechtenstein	572
28	Poland	570
29	Lithuania	566
30	Malaysia	565
31	Latvia	564
32	Slovenia	564
33	Oman	562
34	Greece	560
35	Estonia	556
36	Croatia	556
37	Turkey	556
38	Ireland	551
39	Georgia	550
40	Cyprus	550
41	Chile	549
42	Montenegro	548
43	Czech Republic	545
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47	Thailand	541
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49	Greenland	538
50	Mexico	537

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51	Uruguay	536
52	Vatican City	535
53	Italy	533
54	Serbia	532
55	Philippines	532
56	India	532
57	Romania	531
58	USA	530
59	Slovak Republic	530
60	France	529
61	Russia	525
62	Argentina	524
63	Belarus	523
64	Monaco	523
65	Sweden	522
66	Ukraine	520
67	Gibraltar	518
68	United Kingdom	513
69	South Africa	512
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71	Kazakhstan	508
72	Bosnia and Herzegovina	508
73	Iran	505
74	Ecuador	505
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167	St. Vincent and Grenadines	350
168	Trinidad and Tobago	350
169	Djibouti	349
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173	Haiti	340
174	Ethiopia	338
175	Mauritania	338

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178	Malawi	336
179	Burundi	334
180	Cameroon	332
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183	Sudan	331
184	Venezuela, RB	331
185	Benin	329
186	Senegal	327
187	Somalia	326
188	Congo, Rep.	325
189	Yemen, Rep.	325
190	Central African Republic	323
191	Iraq	323
192	Syrian Arab Republic	321
193	Burkina Faso	318
194	Tanzania	314
195	Liberia	311
196	Afghanistan	310
197	Chad	305
198	Mali	300
199	Rwanda	300
200	South Sudan	300

COVID-19 Regional Safety Assessment: Introduction

A comprehensive and quantitative analysis of the far-reaching global pandemic arising from the novel coronavirus is a critical challenge that must be carried out in order to plan the best strategic measures to reduce and neutralize negative repercussions of the outbreak until the final solution of a vaccine is within the reach of the scientific and medical community. With this in mind, Deep Knowledge Group's new COVID-19 special analytical case study is designed to classify, analyze and rank the economic, social and health stability achieved by 200 regions, countries and territories, as well as the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats or risks that they possess and face against the global health and economic crisis triggered by COVID-19.

The analysis utilizes a subset of 20 parameters from the full pool of 130 qualitative and quantitative parameters (grouped into 6 broad and top-level categories) previously developed for Deep Knowledge Group's first COVID-19 Regional Safety Assessment, in combination with certain qualitative characteristics, to group 200 regions and territories into 4 distinct Tiers, and then applies distinct subsets of those 130 parameters to rank the regions in each different Tier: Tier 1 (20 regions, 130 parameters per region), Tier 2 (20 regions, 60 parameters), Tier 3 (60 regions, 60 parameters) and Tier 4 (100 regions, 40 parameters). Additionally, Tiers 3 and 4 use specific qualitative parameters to conduct their groupings as well. Tier 2 is made up of territories that scores as well as expected given their general (non-pandemic) level of healthcare and government management efficiency, while Tier 3 consists of regions that scored significantly lower than expected. Meanwhile, Tier 4 consists of territories in which significant data unavailability and reliability prevented a fully comprehensive analysis from being conducted.

It is Deep Knowledge Group's aim that, regardless of whether the conclusions and recommendations presented in this special analytical case study are adopted wholesale, the present analysis can serve as a starting point for discussion and a resource for governments to optimize current and post-pandemic safety and stability, and as a toolset for establishing the best possible action plans for each particular region, in order to maintain the health and economic well-being of their populations and reverse the collateral damage caused by COVID-19.

Key Developments Since Previous Edition: New Changes to Top-5 Safest Regions

Several key changes and extensions of the methodology and analytical framework used in Deep Knowledge Group's previous COVID-19 Regional Safety Assessment were made during the process of developing the analytical foundation for this new extended edition.

In addition to the use of a new Tiering system to group regions, countries and territories together according to several common characteristics, recent developments in just the past two weeks, as well as the changing nature of the pandemic itself, has resulted in important changes in the list of the top-5 safest regions.

Given that the present special case study applies the same set of 130 parameters to Tier 1 regions as used in the previous edition (including both the parameters themselves as well as their weightings, or importance factors), the changes seen within region-specific rankings in Tier 1 exemplify how fast the global dynamic of the COVID-19 pandemic is changing, and how quickly the levels of regional vulnerability and resilience of specific regions and territories can transform.

Specifically, Switzerland now occupies the #1 position (surpassing both Israel and Germany in comparison to the previous list), with Germany still occupies #2 (surpassing Israel on the one hand, but also being surpassed by Switzerland), and with Israel now occupying the #3 position (down from the #1 position in the previous list).

Meanwhile, Singapore and Japan still occupy positions #4 and #5, retaining their original locations in comparison to the first edition of Deep Knowledge Group's Regional Safety Assessment. However, this does not necessarily mean that the dynamic of the COVID-19 pandemic is changing more swiftly in Switzerland, Germany and Israel, but rather than Singapore and Japan's overall approach to neutralizing the pandemic and promoting positive post-pandemic outcomes has changed less in recent weeks than those of Switzerland, Germany and Israel.

Key Developments Since Previous Edition: New Changes to Top-5 Safest Regions

Both Switzerland and Germany were very close to major epicenters of initial COVID-19 spread in Europe, and experienced quite significant volumes of infection spread and mortality early within the overall pandemic timeline.

However, as the rates of mortality and new cases continue to decline in these territories, and as they begin to relax lockdown measures and reinitiate economic activity, it is clear that they survived and surpassed a very critical stress-test, succeeding to apply quick and efficient quarantine efforts, monitoring and detection, economic freezing and effective treatment, recovery and release of COVID-19 patients to prevent an overburdening of their healthcare systems. And, indeed, their recent activities in relaxing lockdowns and reinitiating economic and social activity is tangible evidence of this success. It is for these reasons that Switzerland and Germany now occupy the top two positions in this new edition of Deep Knowledge Group's COVID-19 Regional Safety Assessment.

Moreover, these changes in the list of top-scoring regions reflect not only recent transformations in the situation of particular regions, but also of the fundamental nature of the pandemic itself, and what regional safety and stability means in practice in light of COVID-19. In our previous safety and risk assessment, regions which had very high levels of emergency preparedness and a capacity to efficiently manage national crises achieved the highest score because they had the greatest likelihood of managing the early stages of the pandemic (in other words, regions' core capacity to survive the critical stress test of COVID-19's first wave).

However, now that it has become clear who did and did not succeed to face that first wave optimally, and as regions begin to prepare for relaxing lockdown conditions and economic freezing mandates, it is the factors which impact their capacity to withstand the future of COVID-19, and to prevent economic fallout without sacrificing public health and safety and the risk of second waves of infection, that take on the greatest levels of importance moving forward.

Key Developments Since Previous Edition: New Changes to Switzerland's Ranking

Switzerland now occupies the #1 position as the safest region according to the present analysis, in large part due to a continuing decline in its rate of infection spread and mortality, and key factors that put it in a better position to maintain a healthy post-pandemic economy.

In particular, its comparatively low level of state debt (roughly 33% of its GDP), and its reputation as the major economic and financial epicenter of Europe, lends the region a high degree of economic resiliency in the face of the COVID-19 economic crisis being felt around the world.

However, one major focus that the Swiss government should seek to offset moving forward in order to optimize its likelihood for a healthy post-pandemic economy is decreasing the country's dependency on export-related revenues as much as possible. Nearly half its GDP comes from exports to other countries (with 2/3rds going to the EU and US). If EU and US-based recessions occur, Switzerland's dependence on these regions for export-related revenues could be a major weakness.



Key Developments Since Previous Edition: New Changes to Germany's Ranking

Germany now occupies the #2 safest position among the 200 regions featured in the present analysis due to a combination of economic resiliency and a continuing decline in its COVID-19 infection spread and mortality rates. The region has a comparatively favourable level of national debt (60% of its GDP), which has been on a steady decline, down from 65% in 2017 and 83% in 2010, giving it a fair level of economic resilience and capacity to sustain the impact of the economic support to citizens and businesses that it has already provided.

While Germany does expect its national economy to shrink by 6.6% by the end of 2020, several experts predict that this will eventually be offset by a 10.2% growth in GDP by 2021. The country has been engaging in a cautious and slow relaxation of its lockdown and economic freezing mandates for several weeks now, most recently beginning to ease even some of its travel restrictions for European countries. As long as the region continues to approach jump-starting economic activity slowly, in accordance with the changing realities of the pandemic and with a willingness to adapt if it sees large spikes or a second wave of COVID-19, the country's prospects for a comparatively healthy post-pandemic economy are favourable.



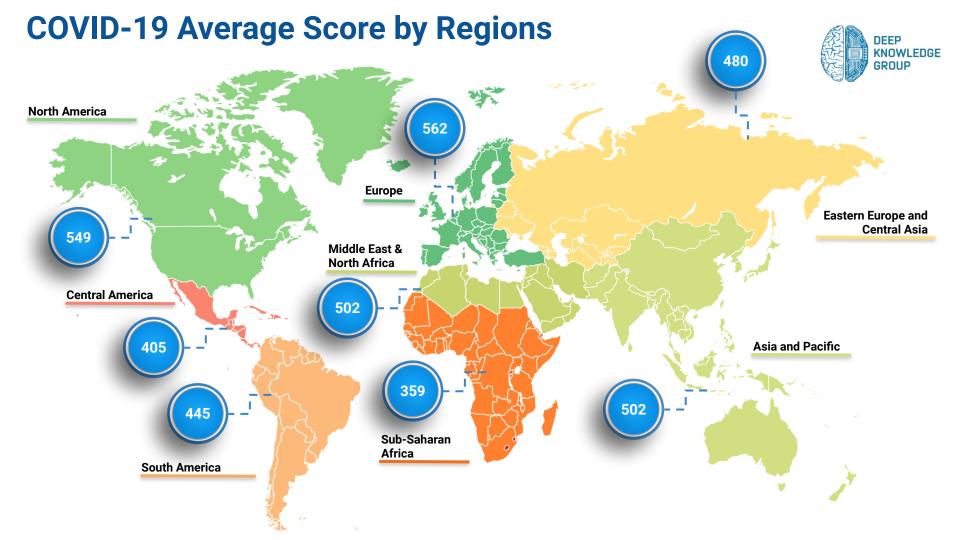
Key Developments Since Previous Edition: New Changes to Israel's Ranking

The change in Israel's ranking, from the #1 position to the #3 position, is due in part to a comparatively higher degree of economic vulnerability resulting from the pandemic in comparison to regions like Switzerland and Germany (with GDP declining by 7% in the first quarter of 2020), and in part to very recent changes in the dynamic of the pandemic within its own borders. A recent survey conducted by the Israeli Innovation Authority (IIA) found that many early-stage technology companies are facing bankruptcy due to COVID-19, and with 65% of Israeli startups planning to cease operations within the next 6 months as a result of the pandemic. Given that the high-tech sector accounts for 10% of the Israeli economy, this could have widespread effects on Israel's economic outlook.

Furthermore, following a steady decline in infection spread and mortality rate, the number of new cases is beginning to rise again. While Israel's current situation could be altered quite rapidly given how recent these changes in the rate of COVID-19 spread have occurred, it must be dealt with swiftly in the form of changes to its lockdown relaxation and economic recovery mandates that reflect the adapting reality of the pandemic within its own borders.







COVID-19 Analytical Scope and Main Parameters

Quantity of Parameters

130 Parameters for Tier 1

60 Parameters for Tier 2 and Tier 3

40 Parameters for Tier 4

Data Resources and Data Points

500 Data Sources

11,400 Data Points

6 Categories and 30 Indicators

Quantity of Regions

Tier 1: 20 Regions

Tier 2 and Tier 3: 80 Regions

Tier 4: 100 Regions

Proprietary Analytics

1 Proprietary Category

6 Proprietary Indicators

11 Proprietary Parameters

COVID-19 Regional Safety Assessment Analytical Framework



Quarantine Efficiency

Scale of Ouarantine

Ouarantine Timeline

Criminal Penalties for Violating Quarantine

Economic Support for Quarantined Citizens

Economic Supply Chain Freezing

Travel Restrictions

Government Efficiency of Risk Management

Level of Security and Defense Advancement

Efficiency of Government Structure

Pandemic Readiness

Rapid Emergency Mobilization

Economic Sustainability

Legislative Efficiency

Monitoring and Detection

Monitoring Systems & Disaster Management

Scope of Diagnostic Methods

Testing Efficiency

Government Surveillance Technology for Monitoring

Al for Diagnostics and Prognostics

Reliability and Transparency of Data

Healthcare Readiness

COVID-19 Equipment Availability

Quantity and Quality of Medical Staff

Level of Technological Advancement

Mobilization of New Healthcare Resources

Level of Healthcare Progressiveness

Epidemiology System Level of Development

Regional Resiliency

Infection Spread Risk

Culture Specifics and Societal Discipline

Level of Modern Sanitization Methods

Demography

Surveillance Capabilities

Societal Emergency Resilience

Emergency Preparedness

Emergency Military Mobilization Experience

Previous National Emergency Experience

Chronic Diseases

Geopolitical Vulnerability

Tier 1 Regions COVID-19 Safety Ranking



#1 SWITZERLAND	752
#2 GERMANY	749
#3 🔯 ISRAEL	748
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#13	HONG KONG	698
#14	NORWAY	685
#15	DENMARK	671
#16	TAIWAN	667
#17	SAUDI ARABIA	657
#18	HUNGARY	656
#19	THE NETHERLANDS	651
#20	VIETNAM	637

Tier 2 Regions COVID-19 Safety Ranking



#21	KUWAIT	633
#22	ICELAND	600
#23	BAHRAIN	592
#24	FINLAND	584
#25	LUXEMBOURG	576
#26	QATAR	575
#27	LIECHTENSTEIN	572
#28	POLAND	570
#29	LITHUANIA	566
#30	MALAYSIA	565

#31		LATVIA	564
#32		SLOVENIA	564
#33		OMAN	562
#34		GREECE	560
#35		ESTONIA	556
#36		CROATIA	556
#37		TURKEY	556
#38		IRELAND	551
#39		GEORGIA	550
#40	Villano, copie	CYPRUS	550

Tier 3 COVID-19 Ranking of 60 Countries and Regions

Rank	Region	Score
41	Chile	549
42	Montenegro	548
43	Czech Republic	545
44	Malta	544
45	Spain	543
46	Portugal	542
47	Thailand	541
48	Bulgaria	541
49	Greenland	538
50	Mexico	537
51	Uruguay	536
52	Vatican City	535
53	Italy	533
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59	Slovak Republic	530
60	France	529

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63	Belarus	523
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67	Gibraltar	518
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69	South Africa	512
70	San Marino	509
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Tier 4 COVID-19 Ranking of 100 Countries and Region

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195	Liberia	311
196	Afghanistan	310
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COVID-19 Regional Safety Index: Analytical Approach Behind the 4-Tiered Ranking System

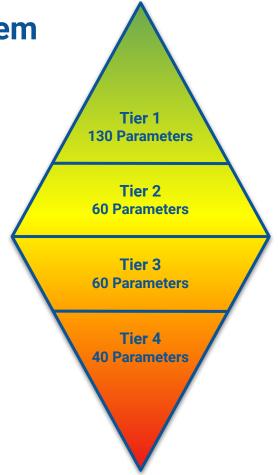
Tier 1 consists of 20 regions with exceptionally high level sof regional safety, as determined by the full application of all 130 parameters across all 6 Regional Safety Index Categories.

Tier 2 consists of 20 regions that scored comparatively well in terms of regional safety according to the phase-1 analysis using 20 parameters, but not as well as those in Tier 1. After being located in Tier 2, they were ranked amongst each other using a subset of 60 parameters.

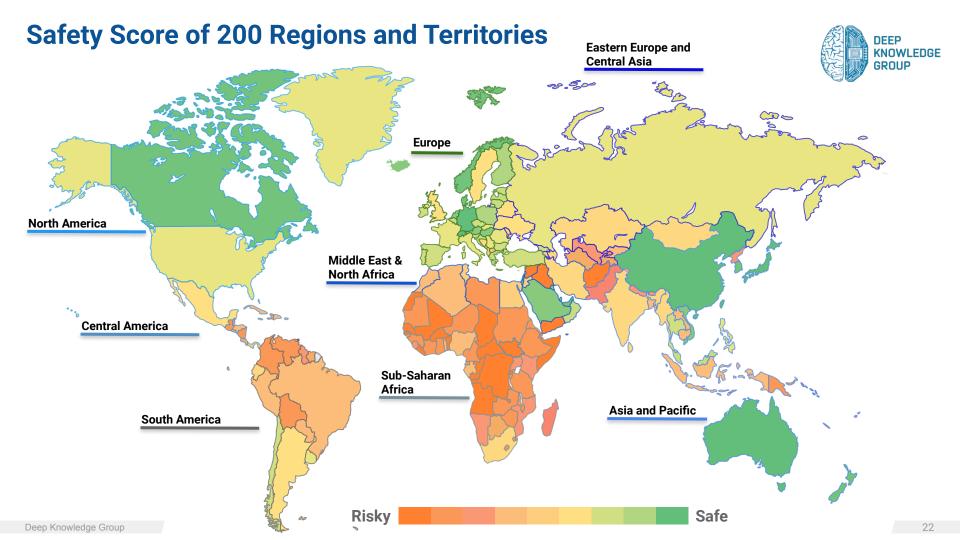
Tier 3 consists of 60 regions that scored much less favourably during the first-phase analysis that would be expected considering their general pre-pandemic levels of Quarantine Efficiency, Government Efficiency of Risk Management, Monitoring and Detection Efficiency, Health Readiness, Regional Resilience and Emergency Preparedness.

Tier 4 consists of 100 regions that scored least favourably during the first-phase analysis, and which suffer from high levels of data unavailability or unreliability. After being placed in Tier 4, they were ranked amongst each other using a subset of 40 parameters (due to data availability issues which prevented a more comprehensive analysis).

The aim of this approach is to conduct as comprehensive an analysis as possible considering each region's unique levels of data availability and reliability.



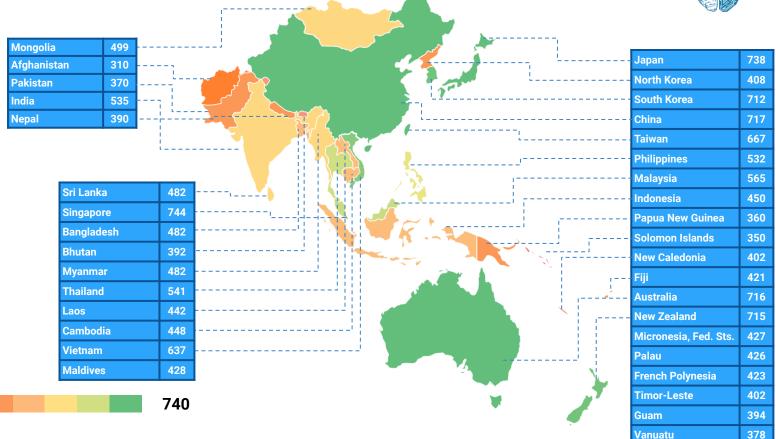
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Safety Score of Asia and Pacific Region

310





COVID-19 Ranking of Asia and Pacific Region

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15	Myanmar	482
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17	Sri Lanka	482
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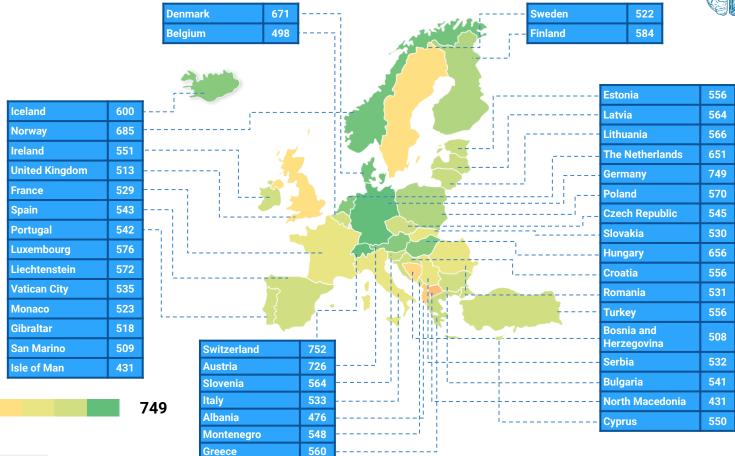
East Asia and Pacific shows a comparatively higher level of diversity among the rankings of its regions than other broad geographical aroups featured in the present analysis. The majority of positively-scoring territories are located in Asia specifically (with the exception of New Zealand), and one of the most common factors among them include the presence of governments with a high degree of emergency preparedness and capacity for rapid mobilization of resources (e.g., Singapore and China). Meanwhile, other regions appear to score well due to a high degree of healthcare modernization, as well as cultural and citizen responsibility (eg., Japan and Australia).

Rank	Region	Score
19	Cambodia	448
20	Laos	442
21	Maldives	428
22	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	427
23	Palau	426
24	French Polynesia	423
25	Fiji	421
26	North Korea	408
27	New Caledonia	402
28	Timor-Leste	402
29	Guam	394
30	Bhutan	392
31	Nepal	390
32	Vanuatu	378
33	Pakistan	370
34	Papua New Guinea	360
35	Solomon Islands	350
36	Afghanistan	310

The overall COVID-19 timelines in Asia Pacific are later than in EU, and many Asian regions in particular appear to be nearing the later stages of the pandemic, while for the most part European regions are in the middle or early in the latter half of it. Asia Pacific appears more dominated by very positively and very negatively scoring territories, and a lower number of average-ranking regions. In many cases the lowest-scoring territories suffer from data unavailability and unreliability, a lower capacity of their governments to rapidly deploy resources for crisis management and enforce stringent lockdown mandates enforceable penalties, and general healthcare inefficiencies.

Safety Score of Europe Regions





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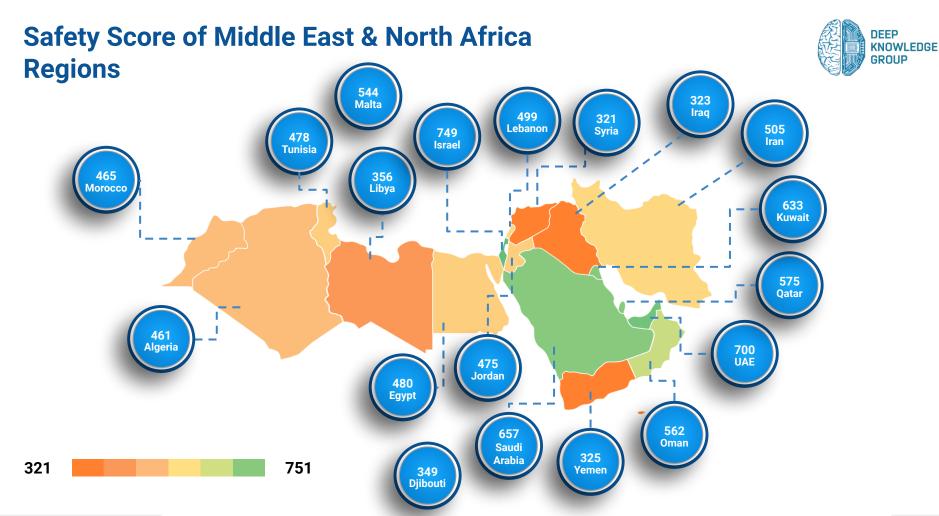
COVID-19 Ranking of Europe Region

Rank	Region	Score
1	Switzerland	752
2	Germany	749
3	Austria	726
4	Norway	685
5	Denmark	671
6	Hungary	656
7	Netherlands	651
8	Iceland	600
9	Finland	584
10	Luxembourg	576
11	Liechtenstein	572
12	Poland	570
13	Lithuania	566
14	Latvia	564
15	Slovenia	564

Rank	Region	Score
16	Greece	560
17	Estonia	556
18	Croatia	556
19	Turkey	556
20	Ireland	551
21	Cyprus	550
22	Montenegro	548
23	Czech Republic	545
24	Spain	543
25	Portugal	542
26	Bulgaria	541
27	Vatican City	535
28	Italy	533
29	Serbia	532
30	Romania	531

Rank	Region	Score
31	Slovakia	530
32	France	529
33	Monaco	523
34	Sweden	522
35	Gibraltar	518
36	United Kingdom	513
37	San Marino	509
38	Bosnia and Herzegovina	508
39	Andorra	498
40	Belgium	498
41	Albania	476
42	Isle of Man	435
43	North Macedonia	431

Europe is dominated by a large number of average-ranking countries, with a smaller number scoring exceptionally high or low in terms of regional safety. We do see a number of so-called "outliers" in the region as well, i.e., countries who should score well given their generally high degrees of healthcare robustness, such as France and especially the United Kingdom, but which do not. This observation is a strong indicator that one of the most critical factors impacting regional safety and stability is not the general level of healthcare sophistication in non-pandemic times, but the specific governmental crisis management strategies and policies used to combat pandemics.



COVID-19 Ranking of Middle East & North Africa

Rank	Region	Score
1	Israel	749
2	United Arab Emirates	700
3	Saudi Arabia	657
4	Kuwait	633
5	Bahrain	592
6	Qatar	575
7	Oman	562
8	Malta	544
9	Iran	505
10	Lebanon	499
11	Egypt	480
12	Tunisia	478
13	Jordan	475
14	Morocco	465
15	Algeria	461
16	Libya	356
17	Djibouti	349
18	Yemen	325
19	Iraq	323
20	Syrian Arab Republic	321

The regions within the Middle East and North Africa group that scored well in terms of cumulative regional COVID-19 safety have a few commonalities which impact their comparatively optimal ranking.

For example, many of them (e.g. Bahrain, Kuwait, UAE, Oman, Qatar, etc) are wealthy regions with large oil reserves, which in many cases possess very well funded universal health care systems. Many of these territories have also in recent years made substantial investments in medical modernization and the development of cutting edge healthcare technologies and facilities, and have for several years been committed to the development of sophisticated advanced healthcare cities and hubs. However, those regions that have not made significant strides in the development of globally competitive healthcare and biomedicine ecosystems score comparatively less well.

Another commonality among the positively-scoring regions within this group is tangible experience with national emergency management and rapid mobilization of resources for crisis management. Israel is among the leaders in this regard, and proved capable of very efficiently utilizing its various crisis-neutralization policies, technologies and experience to reduce COVID-19 spread and mortality.

For some of the most poorly-scoring regions within this group, a common issue is the general prevalence of ongoing geopolitical tensions and military conflict, which constitute existing national emergencies that preclude governments from allocating substantial time, attention and resources to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Safety Score of North America





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COVID-19 Ranking of North America

Rank	Region	Score
1	Canada	699
2	Greenland	538
3	United States	530
4	Bermuda	428

North America has just one country in Tier 1 (Canada), two countries in Tier 3 (United States and Greenland), and one in Tier 4 (Bermuda). Thus, the region is marked by a single exceptional outlier, and three countries that score comparatively negatively.

Greenland is located near the higher end of Tier 3, largely as a result of its comparatively low current volume of total cases and death rate (positive factors which are slightly offset by its general unpreparedness for future outbreaks of COVID-19).

Meanwhile, Bermuda owes its ranking to its comparatively lower healthcare efficiency and readiness levels, and also due to its economic and geographic isolation. As a smaller economy, the economic risks posed by COVID-19 are much greater than other territories.

The United States is an interesting outlier, in that it has a high degree of healthcare sophistication, strong technologies for monitoring and protection, and the capacity to employ and enforce strict lockdown and social distancing measures. Despite this, it has one of the highest infection spread and mortality rates in the world, and for this reason is placed in Tier 3 (reserved for regions which ranked significantly lower-than-expected in terms of regional safety). Considering its assets and capacity for government management efficiency, emergency preparedness, monitoring and detection, and healthcare readiness, the central factor impacting its current situation and its specific ranking are the specific policies and crisis management strategies that its federal and state-level governments have deployed. The US imposed lockdown measures and testing fairly late in the overall pandemic timeline, and the country is already relaxing its states' economic freezing and quarantine mandates as infection spread and mortality rates continue rise.

Canada, by contrast, has been much slower to relax its lockdown and social distancing mandates, and to re-open its economy. This, combined with the fact that its overall death rate and infection spread rate are on the downward trend, and its comparatively positive scores over all 6 categories included in the present analysis, are some of the factors indicating its exceptionally high regional safety score, and it position as one of the 20 countries and territories located in Tier 1.

Safety Score of Central America

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COVID-19 Ranking of Central America

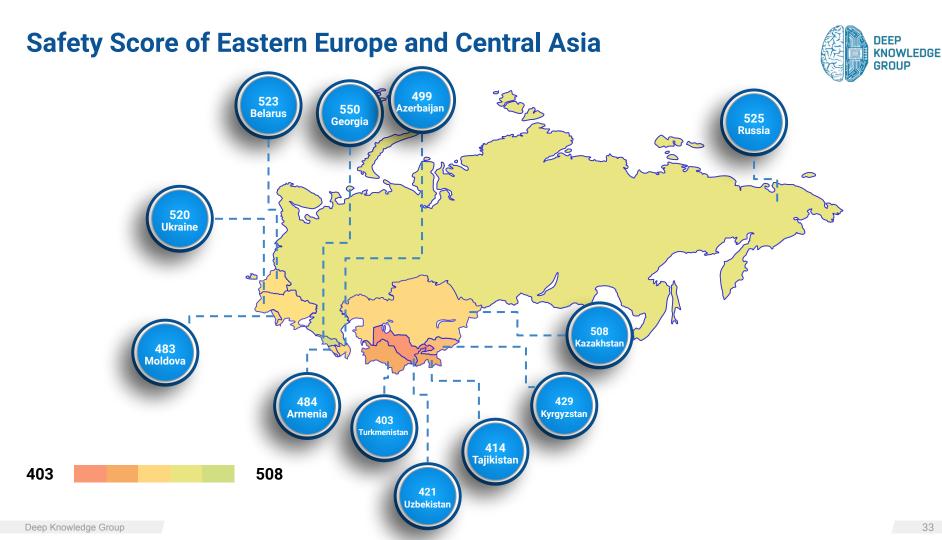
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Rank	Region	Score
14	Costa Rica	413
15	Belize	409
16	Aruba	396
17	Jamaica	391
18	Sint Maarten (Dutch part)	362
19	Nicaragua	354
20	British Virgin Islands	350
21	Curaçao	350
22	St. Kitts and Nevis	350
23	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	350
24	Trinidad and Tobago	350
25	Guatemala	347
26	St. Martin (French part)	345
27	Haiti	340

Central America is marked by a large number of countries that score comparatively negatively in the present analysis, with the majority falling in Tier 4, and the rest in Tier 3, and none in Tiers 1 or 2.

Common factors among many of the lower-scoring countries in Central America include smaller economies, lower healthcare efficiency and substandard public health infrastructure (and even among the wealthier low-scoring regions, poor rankings in healthcare parameters tend to lower their cumulative scores), as well as economic and geographic isolation.

Central America's highest scoring region is Mexico, which is located in the upper region of Tier 3. Mexico also has a relatively small aging population, which helps to lessen its overall mortality risk, but also suffers from a high prevalence of diabetes and obesity. It also has a significant lack of healthcare resources (roughly 50% of per capita hospital beds and 25% of nurses compared to the US). Furthermore, 60% of its citizens rely on unregistered businesses and street sales for employment, and a national lockdown would wreak severe economic consequences for the region. Mexico also did not impose any nonessential business closures, bans on large gatherings or social distancing mandates until late March, much later than many other regions.



COVID-19 Ranking of Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Rank	Region	Score
1	Georgia	550
2	Russia	525
3	Belarus	523
4	Ukraine	520
5	Kazakhstan	508
6	Azerbaijan	499
7	Armenia	484
8	Moldova	483
9	Kyrgyzstan	429
10	Uzbekistan	421
11	Tajikistan	414
12	Turkmenistan	403

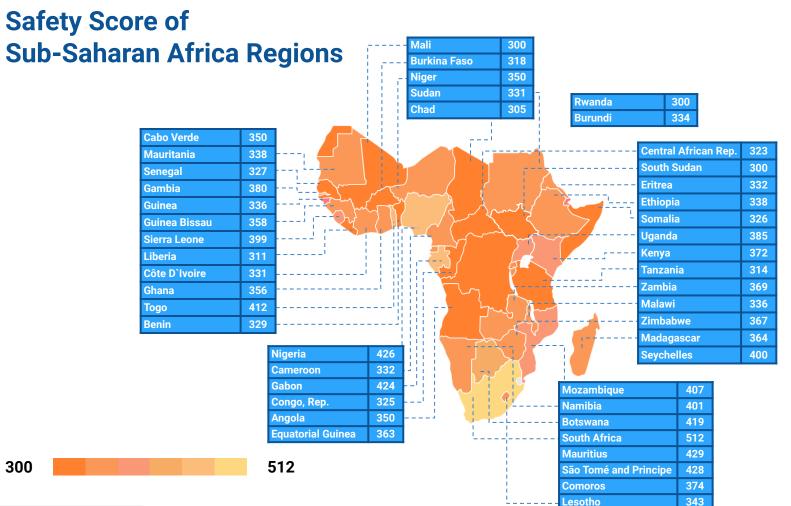
We tend to see a general trend of consistently low scores for territories located in Central Asia, in part due to a generally lower degree of healthcare efficiency, modernization and technological sophistication, and lower levels of investments into robust technologies for monitoring and surveillance. We also see a high degree of data unavailability and unreliability in Central Asian regions as well, which precludes a more thorough and comprehensive analysis of regional safety.

Central Asia does have some particular outliers who received significantly lower scores than their neighbors due largely to inefficiencies with government management and policy. While many Central Asian regions begin imposing lockdown mandates in mid-March, Tajikistan did not impose any sort of quarantine measures until Mid-May, while Turkmenistan has not imposed any to date, which is a large factor impacting their comparatively lower scores.

Generally speaking, our analysis revealed scores for Eastern European regions that are on the lower end of average, similarly due in part to lower healthcare modernization and technological sophistication.

These factors, however, are offset by the fact that many Eastern European regions implemented lockdown measures much earlier on average than Western European countries, which seems to have led to average COVID-19 growth rates and death tolls substantially lower than Western Europe. However, this is not a universal trend within Eastern Europe.

Some countries, however, have much more definitive and particular causes behind their comparatively low rankings, as in the case of Russia, where lockdown orders began to be relaxed in mid-May, despite the fact that the volume of new cases and deaths continued to steadily rise on the order of 10,000 new cases per day. The region also suffers from growing public concerns over the reliability of its publicly-stated mortality rate and the comparative lack of COVID-specific Russian government economic intervention.





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COVID-19 Ranking of Sub-Saharan Africa

Rank	Region	Score
1	South Africa	512
2	Mauritius	429
3	São Tomé and Principe	428
4	Nigeria	426
5	Gabon	424
6	Botswana	419
7	Togo	412
8	Mozambique	407
9	Namibia	401
10	Seychelles	400
11	Sierra Leone	399
12	Uganda	385
13	Gambia	380
14	Comoros	374
15	Kenya	372
16	Zambia	369
17	Zimbabwe	367
18	Madagascar	364
19	Equatorial Guinea	363
20	Guinea-Bissau	358
21	Ghana	356
22	Angola	350
23	Cabo Verde	350

Rank	Region	Score
24	Niger	350
25	Lesotho	343
26	Ethiopia	338
27	Mauritania	338
28	Guinea	336
29	Malawi	336
30	Burundi	334
31	Cameroon	332
32	Eritrea	332
33	Côte d'Ivoire	331
34	Sudan	331
35	Benin	329
36	Senegal	327
37	Somalia	326
38	Congo	325
39	Central African Republic	323
40	Burkina Faso	318
41	Tanzania	314
42	Liberia	311
43	Chad	305
44	Mali	300
45	Rwanda	300
46	South Sudan	300

We see a great deal of variance among the regional safety scores of Sub-Saharan Africa.

While the broad region's COVID-19 growth and death rates are markedly lower than the majority of other territories included in the present analysis, its overall healthcare infrastructure and efficiency, as well as sanitation levels, are also comparatively lower, and generally the region has a lesser capacity to deal with potential future increases in COVID-19 infection spread than other regions.

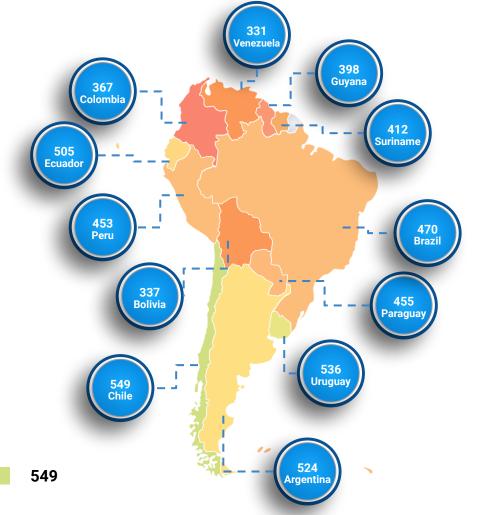
South Africa scores highest among territories within Sub-Saharan Africa due to their proactive response in terms of lockdown measures and testing. It began implementing lockdown measures in Mid-March, closing half its land borders, banning tourists from high-risk regions, and declaring a national state of emergency. South Africa also put strong emphasis on detecting outbreaks in smaller communities and isolating positive cases to deter rapid infection spread.

Overall, the lowest-scoring Sub-Saharan African regions included in the analysis suffer from lower-than-average healthcare quality, sanitation and monitoring and detection infrastructure, and higher-than-average infection spread risk, coupled by significant levels of data unavailability and unreliability, which are among the factors impacting their overall regional safety rankings.

Safety Score of South America

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COVID-19 Ranking of South America

Rank	Region	Score
1	Chile	549
2	Uruguay	536
3	Argentina	524
4	Ecuador	505
5	Brazil	470
6	Paraguay	455
7	Peru	453
8	Suriname	412
9	Guyana	398
10	Colombia	367
11	Bolivia	337
12	Venezuela	331

We see a remarkable degree of variance in the regional safety scores for South America. Chile has received a higher-than-average score in part due to its widespread testing efforts, which has helped keep the region's mortality rate much lower than the global average.

A common factor among the majority of regions with significantly higher-than-average regional safety scores in South America include very early, proactive government responses (such as Chile, Uruguay, Peru and Ecuador). Uruguay, for example, declared a health emergency (closing schools and closing its borders) the same day that it detected its first four cases. And while it has not imposed mandatory lockdown measures, it has encouraged voluntary isolation, which has been largely adopted by its low-density population.

For the most part, higher-than-average rankings for regions in South America can be attributed less to tangible differences in healthcare modernization or development, and more to the specific policies and COVID-19 measures implemented by their governments.

Meanwhile, some of the largest economic regions within South America, such as Brazil, have been comparatively slow in imposing lockdown measures in fear of economic repercussions, and in late May saw rapid increases in their COVID-19 growth rates, with Brazil rising in a very short period of time to the #2 position globally for highest total number of cases.

Many South American territories also suffer from weak or corrupted police forces with limited capacity to enforce criminal penalties for violating lockdown and social distancing mandates, generally lower healthcare efficiency and healthcare resources. Furthermore, general trend among the lower-scoring regions within South America is governmental prioritization of economic stability over public health and safety, which also contributes to the generally lower regional safety rankings of many of its constituent territories.

Geographic Distribution of Key Healthcare Parameters

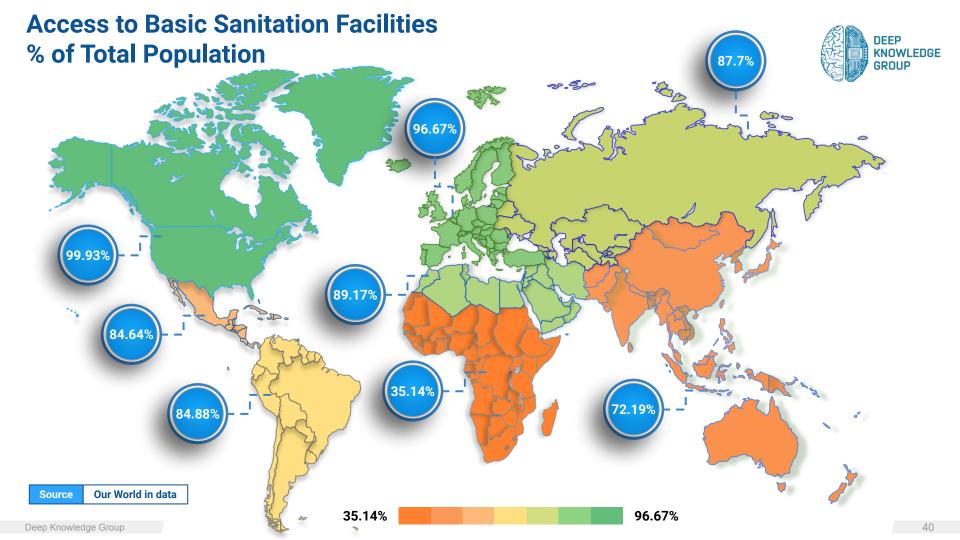
Deep Knowledge Group's general methodological approach is to utilize reputable public sources of data as the raw input for specifically-designed analytical frameworks and methodologies that apply specific data and parameter categorization and weighting in order to relevantly and realistically account for importance and impact of different factors, as well as for potential issues with data unreliability.

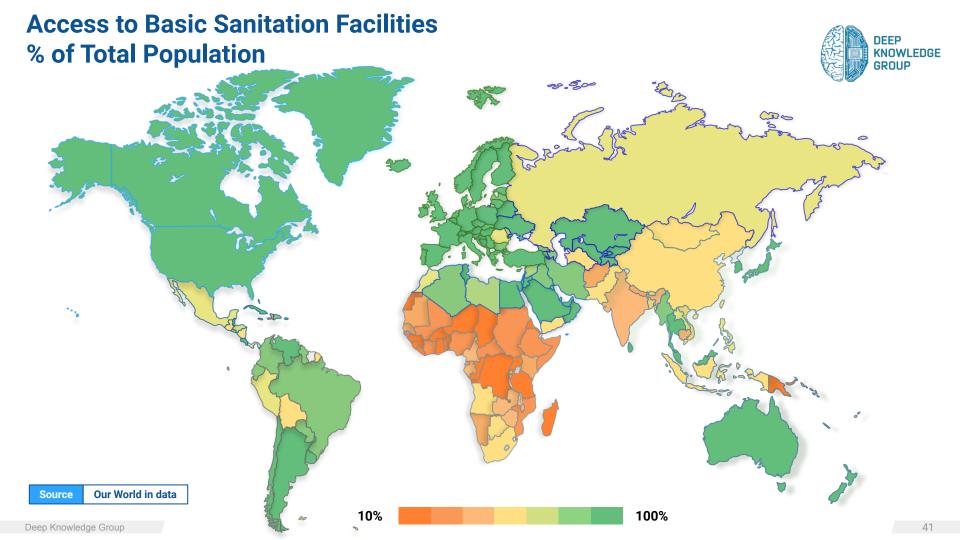
As such, while the present special analytical case study utilizes a wide variety of public sources of data, the extent with which they are utilized, and the degree with with they are weighted in the report's overall analytical framework, varies in accordance with these considerations (i.e., with the relative importance and degree of data unavailability or unreliability as determined by Deep Knowledge Group analysts).

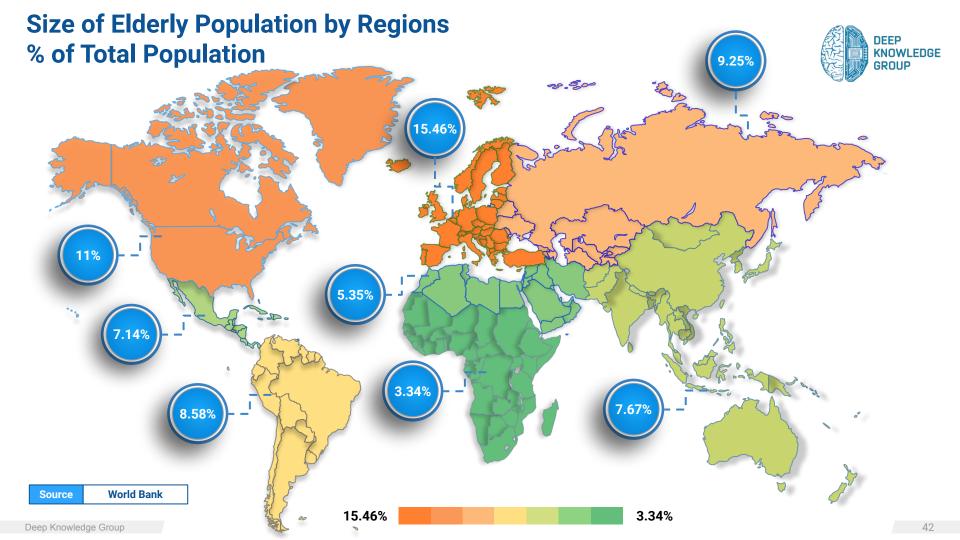
The following section presents average geography-specific levels of a number of datapoints and parameters, which serve as a high-level visual overview of various relevant positive and negative factors impacting the COVID-19 resiliency or vulnerability of different regions, including access to basic sanitation facilities, size of elderly population, the prevalence and death rate of specific diseases such as diabetes, obesity, endocrine disorders, tuberculosis, and key healthcare parameters such as density of hospital beds and doctors, and healthcare access and quality index rankings.

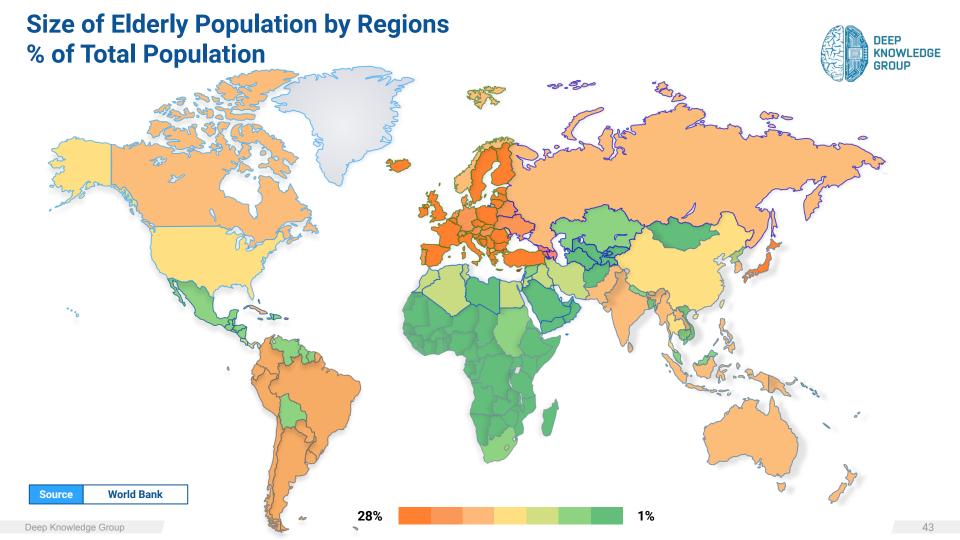
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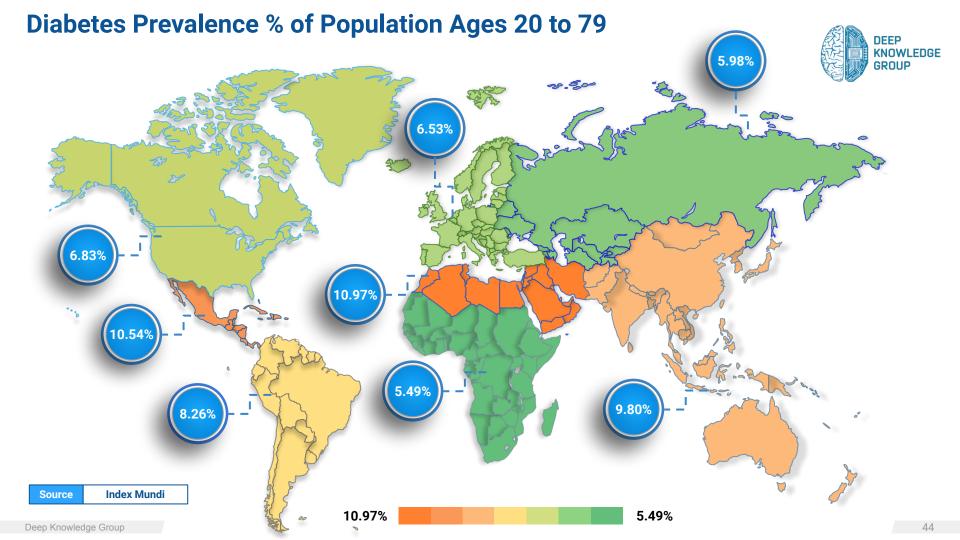
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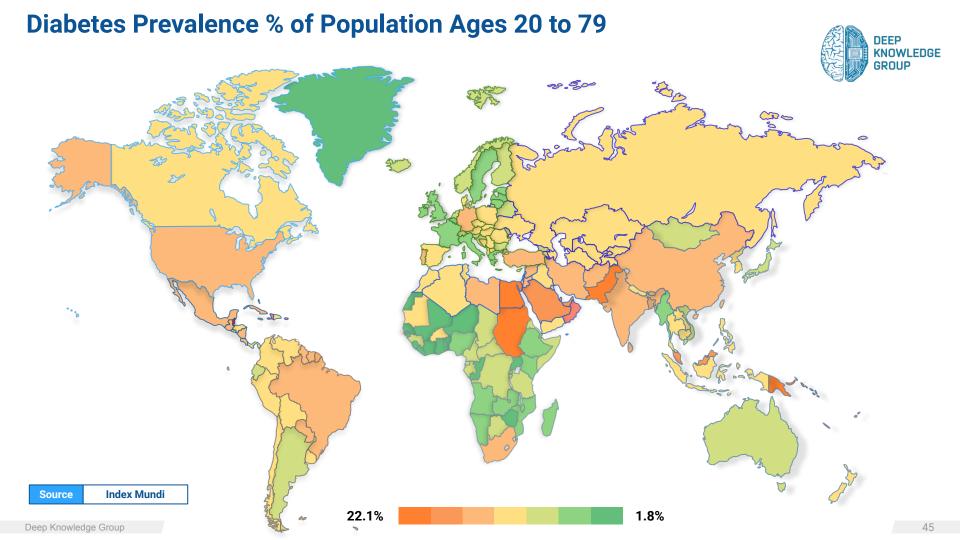


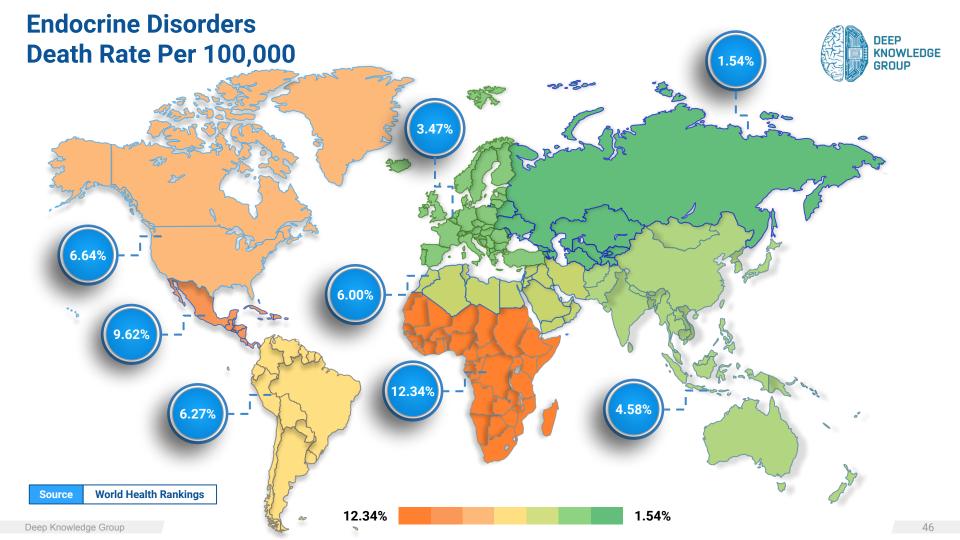


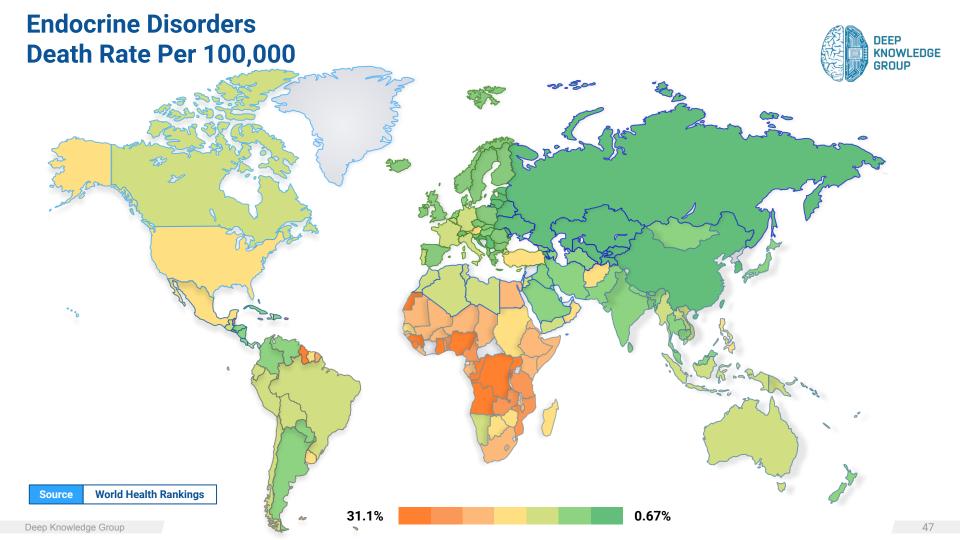


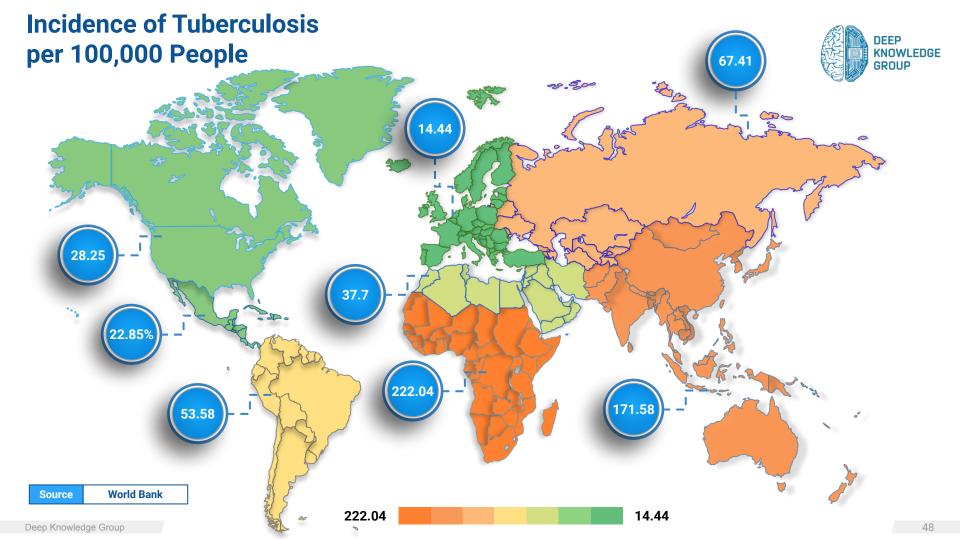


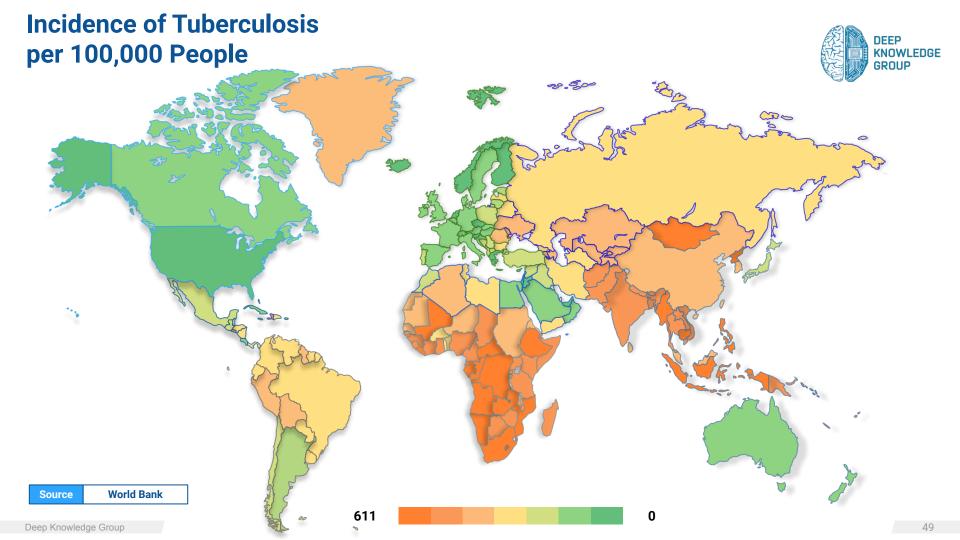


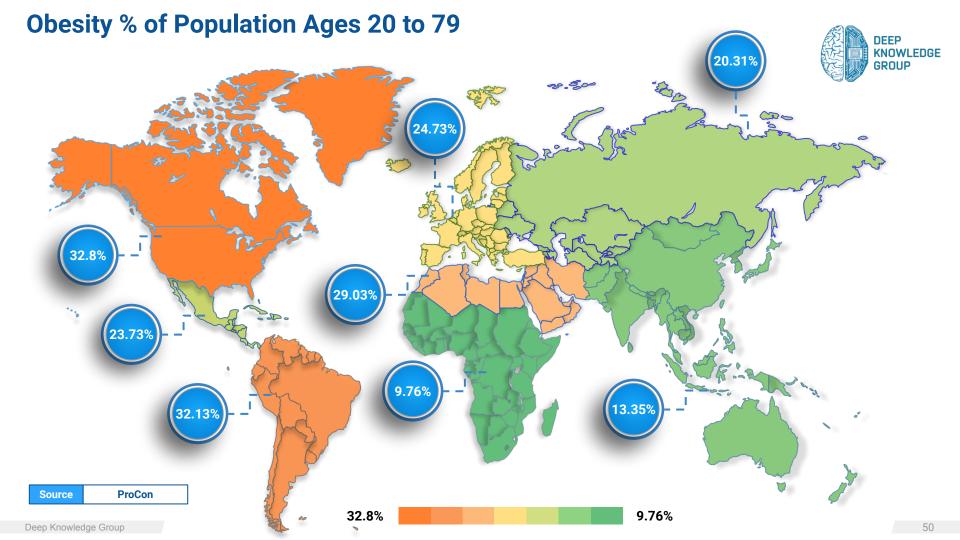


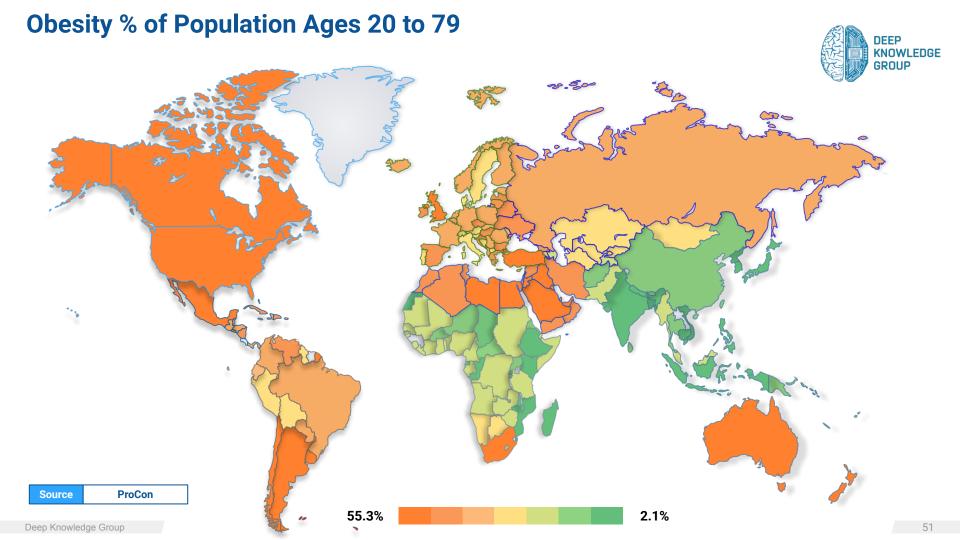


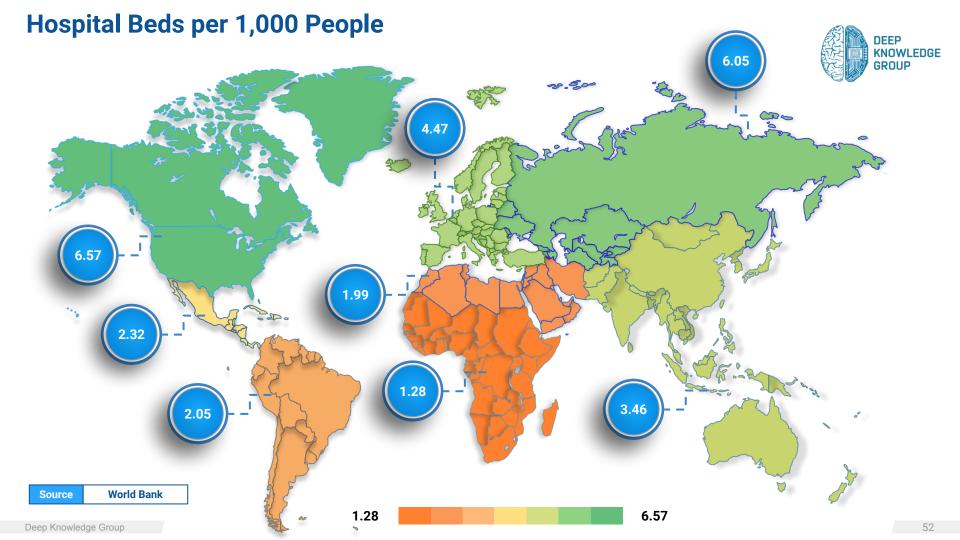


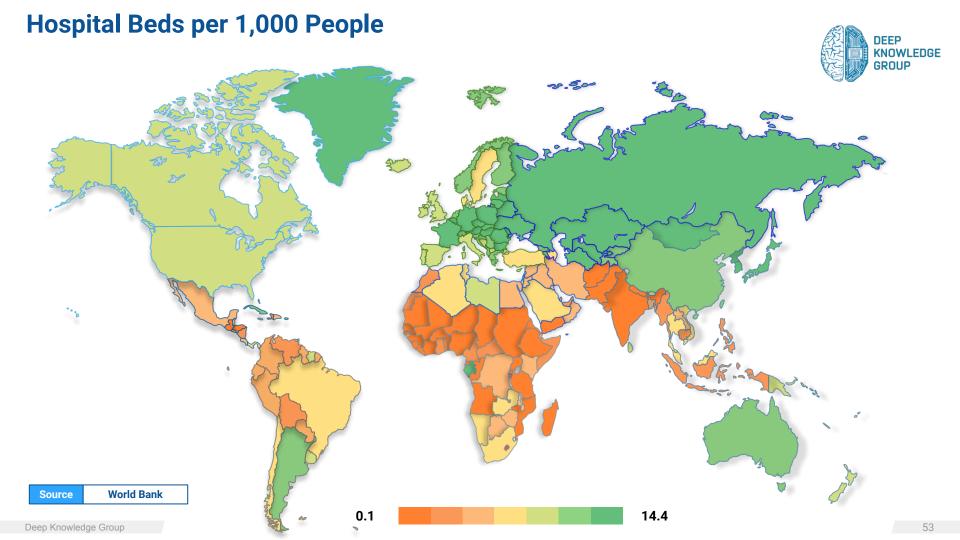


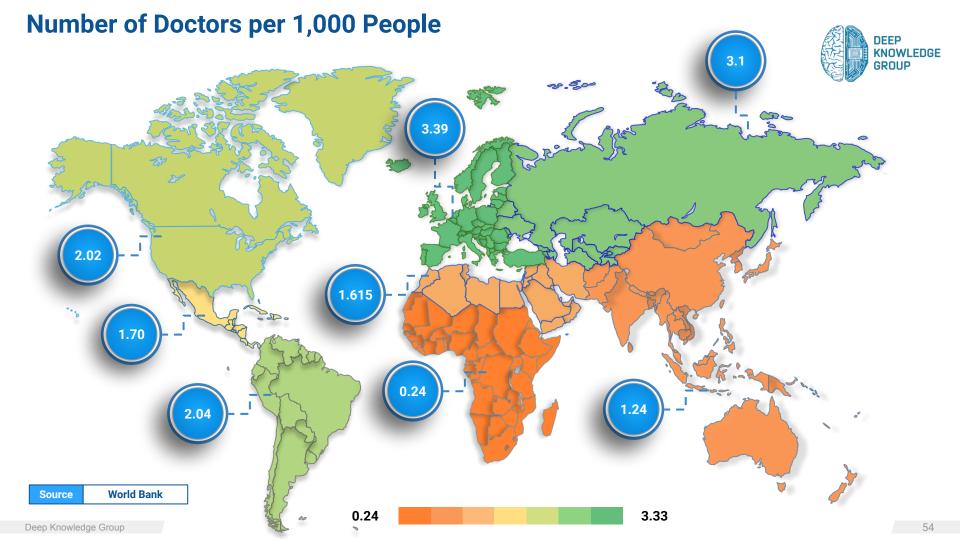


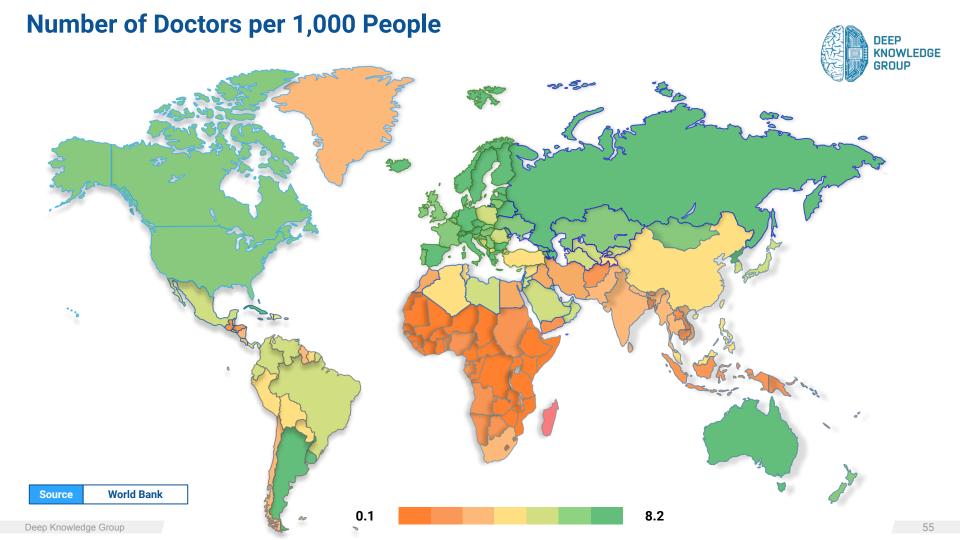


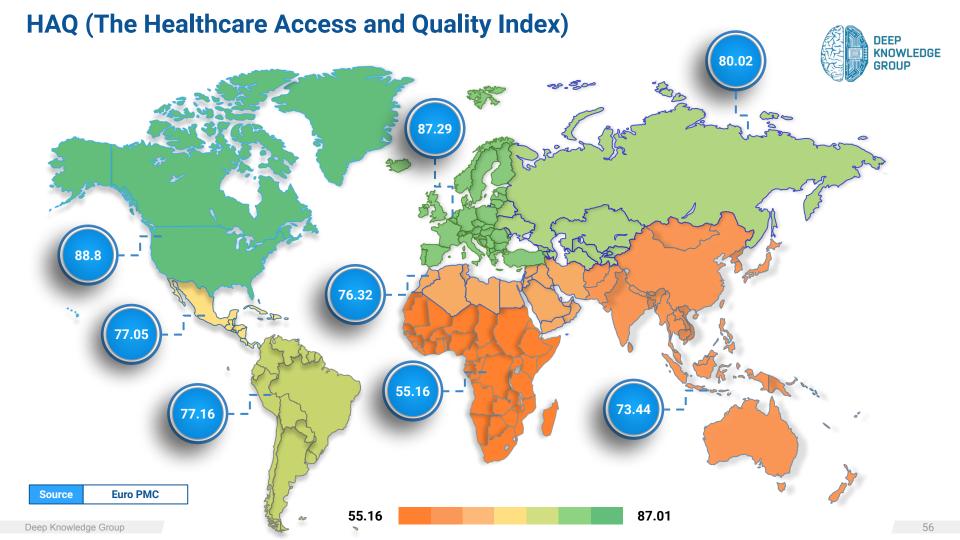


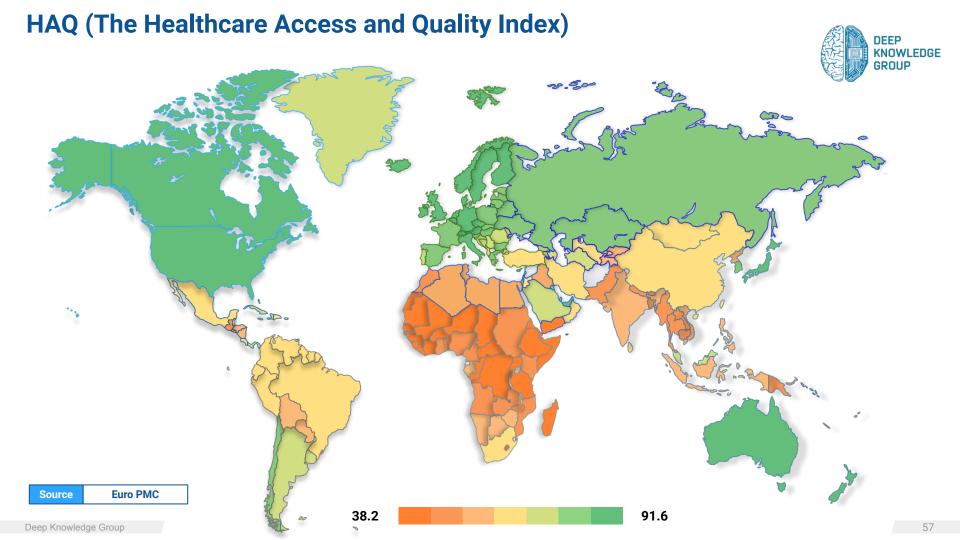




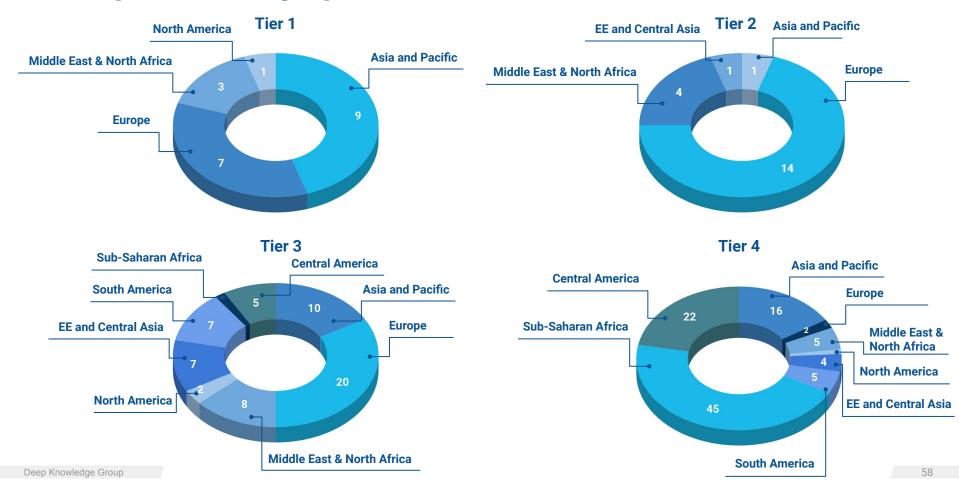








Tier-Specific Geographic Distribution



Average Ranking Per Regional Tier

Tiers	Rankings								
	Access to Basic Sanitation Facilities (% of Total Population)	Size of Elderly Population (% of Total Population)		Endocrine Disorders (Death Rate Per 100,000)	Incidence of Tuberculosis (Per 100,000 people)	Obesity (% of Population Ages 20 to 79)	Hospital Beds (Per 1,000 People)	Number of Doctors (Per 1,000 People)	HAQ (The Healthcare Access and Quality Index)
Tier 1	96.72	15.10	7.76	4.28	26.94	19.85	4.94	3.02	87.82
Tier 2	96.06	12.85	8.01	3.74	20.35	25.08	3.58	2.69	85.92
Tier 3	87.20	10.18	7.53	4.51	80.45	21.70	3.84	2.42	79.46
Tier 4	55.15	4.84	8.08	9.98	137.70	14.75	2.08	0.87	63.82

COVID-19 Brief Comparative Analysis 100 Regions by Categories (Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3)

COVID-19 Ranking of Quarantine Efficiency of 100 Countries and Regions

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66	Paraguay	99
67	Belgium	98
68	Cayman Islands	98
69	Albania	97
70	Brazil	96
71	United States	96
72	Myanmar	95
73	Sri Lanka	95
74	Kazakhstan	94
75	Peru	93

Rank	Region	Score
76	Cambodia	93
77	Slovak Republic	93
78	Lebanon	92
79	Serbia	92
80	Argentina	92
81	Iran	91
82	Indonesia	91
83	Sweden	91
84	Andorra	90
85	Thailand	90
86	Slovenia	89
87	Croatia	89
88	Laos	89
89	Russia	89
90	Egypt	89
91	Belarus	88
92	Azerbaijan	87
93	Lithuania	87
94	Panama	87
95	Republic of Moldova	84
96	Algeria	82
97	Tunisia	79
98	Mongolia	76
99	Armenia	74
100	Jordan	72

COVID-19 Ranking of Government Efficiency of 100 Countries and Regions

Rank	Region	Score
1	Germany	194
2	Israel	191
3	Austria	188
4	Switzerland	188
5	Japan	184
6	Australia	181
7	Norway	181
8	Singapore	176
9	South Korea	176
10	Taiwan	174
11	Canada	172
12	China	172
13	Hong Kong	166
14	Netherlands	158
15	New Zealand	156
16	Lithuania	154
17	Denmark	153
18	Chile	151
19	Poland	150
20	Qatar	149
21	Vietnam	149
22	Slovenia	148
23	Hungary	146
24	Slovak Republic	144
25	Thailand	144

Rank	Region	Score
26	United Arab Emirates	143
27	Saudi Arabia	143
28	Latvia	142
29	Croatia	142
30	Iceland	140
31	Finland	140
32	Liechtenstein	139
33	Greece	139
34	Estonia	138
35	Malta	137
36	Uruguay	135
37	Kuwait	135
38	Luxembourg	134
39	Ireland	132
40	India	131
41	Belarus	131
42	Portugal	131
43	Romania	131
44	Malaysia	129
45	Mexico	129
46	Sri Lanka	129
47	Bahrain	127
48	Oman	127
49	Cyprus	126
50	Laos	126

Rank	Region	Score
51	Turkey	126
52	Myanmar	126
53	Mongolia	125
54	Czech Republic	121
55	Georgia	120
56	Republic of Moldova	120
57	Ukraine	118
58	Italy	118
59	Bulgaria	117
60	Argentina	116
61	Spain	116
62	San Marino	116
63	South Africa	116
64	Bangladesh	115
65	Cambodia	114
66	Jordan	114
67	Serbia	114
68	Panama	113
69	Bahamas	113
70	Monaco	113
71	Egypt	113
72	France	113
73	Azerbaijan	113
74	Montenegro	112
75	Philippines	111

Rank	Region	Score
76	Andorra	111
77	Ecuador	110
78	Vatican City	110
79	Iran	109
80	Indonesia	108
81	Tunisia	107
82	Belgium	107
83	Kazakhstan	107
84	Morocco	107
85	Algeria	107
86	Lebanon	106
87	Sweden	106
88	Greenland	105
89	Armenia	105
90	Peru	104
91	Bosnia and Herzegovina	104
92	Honduras	102
93	Cayman Islands	102
94	United Kingdom	102
95	Albania	102
96	Russia	100
97	United States	100
98	Gibraltar	99
99	Brazil	99
100	Paraguay	98

COVID-19 Monitoring and Detection of 100 Countries and Regions

Rank	Region	Score
1	Singapore	145
2	Israel	143
3	United Arab Emirates	143
4	Japan	142
5	Germany	138
6	Canada	133
7	South Korea	133
8	Hong Kong	133
9	China	132
10	Switzerland	131
11	Denmark	129
12	New Zealand	128
13	Netherlands	127
14	Taiwan	126
15	Vietnam	124
16	Norway	122
17	Hungary	122
18	Austria	122
19	Saudi Arabia	121
20	Australia	116
21	Kuwait	112
22	Iceland	104
23	Vatican City	103
24	Poland	102
25	Latvia	101

Rank	Region	Score
26	Mexico	101
27	San Marino	99
28	Luxembourg	99
29	Cyprus	98
30	Monaco	98
31	Montenegro	98
32	South Africa	97
33	Philippines	97
34	Bulgaria	96
35	Spain	96
36	Sweden	96
37	Romania	95
38	Thailand	95
39	Czech Republic	95
40	Bangladesh	95
41	Serbia	95
42	Slovenia	94
43	Argentina	94
44	Cambodia	94
45	Morocco	94
46	Myanmar	94
47	Andorra	94
48	Lebanon	94
49	Bosnia and Herzegovina	94
50	Croatia	94

Rank	Region	Score
51	Ecuador	94
52	Estonia	94
53	Egypt	94
54	Cayman Islands	94
55	Lithuania	93
56	Armenia	93
57	Turkey	93
58	Italy	93
59	Jordan	93
60	Azerbaijan	93
61	Finland	93
62	Republic of Moldova	93
63	Honduras	93
64	Chile	92
65	Bahrain	92
66	Georgia	92
67	Russia	92
68	Qatar	92
69	Mongolia	92
70	Ukraine	92
71	Slovak Republic	91
72	Laos	91
73	Indonesia	91
74	Belarus	90
75	Kazakhstan	90

Rank	Region	Score
76	Gibraltar	90
77	Uruguay	89
78	Oman	89
79	Liechtenstein	87
80	Malta	87
81	Portugal	87
82	Sri Lanka	87
83	Greece	86
84	Ireland	86
85	Malaysia	86
86	United States	86
87	Belgium	85
88	Tunisia	83
89	Greenland	82
90	France	82
91	Brazil	82
92	United Kingdom	81
93	India	80
94	Panama	80
95	Bahamas	80
96	Algeria	80
97	Peru	80
98	Albania	80
99	Paraguay	80
100	Iran	79

Ranking of COVID-19 Healthcare Readiness of 100 Countries and Regions

Rank	Region	Score
1	Japan	108
2	Germany	102
3	Switzerland	101
4	Finland	97
5	Austria	89
6	Iceland	88
7	Singapore	86
8	Netherlands	86
9	Croatia	86
10	Israel	85
11	South Korea	84
12	Luxembourg	84
13	Bulgaria	84
14	Lithuania	83
15	Czech Republic	83
16	Argentina	83
17	Serbia	82
18	Slovenia	82
19	Liechtenstein	81
20	Sweden	81
21	Australia	81
22	China	80
23	Belarus	80
24	Malta	80
25	Denmark	80

Rank	Region	Score
26	Norway	80
27	Georgia	79
28	Greece	79
29	Ukraine	77
30	Gibraltar	77
31	Ireland	77
32	Bahrain	76
33	Estonia	76
34	Armenia	76
35	Belgium	75
36	New Zealand	75
37	Canada	75
38	Kuwait	74
39	Cayman Islands	74
40	Portugal	73
41	Greenland	72
42	Montenegro	72
43	France	71
44	Azerbaijan	71
45	Italy	71
46	United Arab Emirates	70
47	United Kingdom	70
48	Hong Kong	69
49	Lebanon	69
50	Bosnia and Herzegovina	68

Rank	Region	Score
51	Taiwan	68
52	Brazil	67
53	Republic of Moldova	67
54	Thailand	67
55	Algeria	67
56	San Marino	67
57	Albania	67
58	Qatar	66
59	Spain	66
60	Hungary	66
61	Russia	65
62	United States	65
63	Mongolia	65
64	Vatican City	64
65	Vietnam	63
66	Chile	63
67	Malaysia	63
68	Turkey	63
69	Uruguay	62
70	Monaco	61
71	Tunisia	61
72	Latvia	61
73	Andorra	61
74	Panama	61
75	Ecuador	60

Rank	Region	Score
76	Romania	60
77	Cyprus	60
78	Slovak Republic	60
79	Kazakhstan	59
80	Oman	59
81	Poland	59
82	Jordan	56
83	Mexico	53
84	Peru	53
85	Saudi Arabia	52
86	Iran	52
87	Bangladesh	50
88	Cambodia	50
89	Sri Lanka	49
90	Paraguay	48
91	South Africa	48
92	Indonesia	45
93	Philippines	42
94	Egypt	42
95	Honduras	38
96	Morocco	38
97	India	36
98	Myanmar	33
99	Bahamas	26
100	Laos	25

COVID-19 Regional Resiliency of 100 Countries and Regions

1 Saudi Arabia 106 2 Germany 105 3 United Arab Emirates 102 4 Singapore 102 5 Greenland 97 6 Austria 96 7 Norway 96 8 New Zealand 94 9 Switzerland 93 10 Denmark 92 11 Serbia 91 12 Canada 90 13 Australia 89 14 Israel 89 15 South Korea 89 16 Montenegro 88 17 Egypt 87 18 Oman 87 20 Jordan 87 21 Slovenia 87 22 Luxembourg 87 23 Mexico 87 24 Liechtenstein 86 25 Lithuania 86	Rank	Region	Score
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25 Lithuania 86	24	Liechtenstein	86
	25	Lithuania	86

Rank	Region	Score
26	Cyprus	86
27	Vatican City	86
28	Thailand	85
29	Bahrain	85
30	Spain	85
31	Japan	85
32	South Africa	85
33	Ireland	85
34	Greece	85
35	Latvia	85
36	Finland	85
37	Andorra	84
38	Croatia	84
39	Malaysia	84
40	Philippines	84
41	Slovak Republic	83
42	Belgium	83
43	Estonia	83
44	Kuwait	82
45	Lebanon	82
46	Tunisia	82
47	Poland	82
48	Turkey	81
49	Qatar	81
50	Argentina	81

Rank	Region	Score
51	Russia	80
52	Bosnia and Herzegovina	80
53	Sweden	80
54	United States	80
55	Italy	80
56	Czech Republic	80
57	Ecuador	80
58	Chile	80
59	Monaco	80
60	Armenia	80
61	Portugal	79
62	Romania	79
63	Uruguay	79
64	Netherlands	79
65	Bulgaria	78
66	Paraguay	78
67	United Kingdom	78
68	Iran	78
69	Malta	78
70	France	77
71	Ukraine	77
72	Georgia	77
73	Hungary	77
74	Hong Kong	77
75	Albania	77

Rank	Region	Score
76	Brazil	77
77	Panama	77
78	Mongolia	76
79	Gibraltar	75
80	India	75
81	Kazakhstan	75
82	Algeria	74
83	China	74
84	Cayman Islands	74
85	Belarus	73
86	Vietnam	72
87	Peru	71
88	Honduras	71
89	Azerbaijan	71
90	Morocco	70
91	Taiwan	69
92	Sri Lanka	69
93	Myanmar	66
94	Republic of Moldova	65
95	Indonesia	65
96	Laos	64
97	San Marino	62
98	Bahamas	57
99	Bangladesh	55
100	Cambodia	48

COVID-19 Emergency Preparedness of 100 Countries and Regions

Rank	Region	Score
1	China	139
2	United Arab Emirates	121
3	Hungary	120
4	Australia	118
5	Hong Kong	117
6	Israel	113
7	Saudi Arabia	111
8	South Korea	111
9	Taiwan	111
10	Kuwait	110
11	Austria	110
12	New Zealand	108
13	United States	103
14	Bahrain	102
15	Vietnam	101
16	Russia	100
17	Canada	100
18	India	99
19	Oman	98
20	Iran	96
21	Switzerland	95
22	Singapore	91
23	Philippines	91
24	Japan	91
25	Qatar	85

Rank	Region	Score
26	Kazakhstan	83
27	Greenland	80
28	Norway	79
29	Denmark	79
30	Germany	79
31	Turkey	79
32	United Kingdom	79
33	Spain	78
34	Malaysia	78
35	France	78
36	Netherlands	74
37	Gibraltar	70
38	Italy	69
39	Ireland	69
40	Finland	68
41	Myanmar	68
42	Sweden	68
43	Georgia	67
44	Cyprus	67
45	Luxembourg	67
46	South Africa	67
47	Iceland	66
48	Bangladesh	66
49	Tunisia	66
50	Greece	65

Rank	Region	Score
51	Mongolia	65
52	Latvia	65
53	Azerbaijan	64
54	Liechtenstein	64
55	Poland	64
56	Monaco	64
57	Lithuania	64
58	Slovenia	63
59	Estonia	63
60	Chile	63
61	Uruguay	63
62	Czech Republic	62
63	Portugal	62
64	Croatia	62
65	Mexico	62
66	Belarus	61
67	Montenegro	61
68	Thailand	60
69	San Marino	60
70	Romania	60
71	Slovak Republic	59
72	Bulgaria	59
73	Vatican City	59
74	Argentina	58
75	Serbia	58

Rank	Region	Score
76	Andorra	57
77	Armenia	57
78	Ukraine	57
79	Bosnia and Herzegovina	56
80	Ecuador	56
81	Lebanon	56
82	Egypt	55
83	Republic of Moldova	55
84	Sri Lanka	54
85	Albania	54
86	Jordan	53
87	Panama	53
88	Morocco	53
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90	Honduras	52
91	Paraguay	52
92	Peru	51
93	Indonesia	51
94	Bahamas	50
95	Cayman Islands	50
96	Malta	50
97	Belgium	49
98	Brazil	49
99	Cambodia	49
100	Laos	47

COVID-19 Regional Safety Assessment Analytical Framework and Methodology

COVID-19 Regional Safety Assessment: Report Scope and Aim

The global challenge of this particular moment in history, which keeps the world's population in constant vigilance and hopeful for an immediate solution, is not only a medical and scientific challenge; it is also a political and governmental challenge, an economic and trade challenge, a reconfiguration of what national and international security means in practice, and a technological opportunity. And above all these things, it can be considered as a data science and an analytical challenge. Deep Knowledge Group recognizes that we are faced with the obligation, not only for ourselves but for society as a whole, to analytically disentangle the different facets of the crisis caused by the global pandemic of COVID-19, in order to establish optimal risk reduction and conflict resolution strategies to accelerate regional recoveries and the transition to a positive post-pandemic era.

Deep Knowledge Group seeks to utilize equally complex analytical frameworks to derive actionable insights and answers into how different aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic should be addressed: attending to all available data resources, using them to achieve a systemic approach to the different variables or dimensions that pre-determine it, in such a way that allows decision makers to influence these variables in practice and achieve the most positive outcomes in terms of reducing collateral damage and maximizing the likelihood of optimal post-pandemic national healthcare systems and economies.

These assessments present particular opportunities that the regions included in the present analysis may employ to improve their performance and outputs in the short and medium term in the fight against the pandemic, and to establish themselves as solid economies in the post-pandemic era. In the same way, the study has also allowed us to identify and characterize essential risks and threats that must be addressed early to avoid further outbreaks, deepening of economic damage and the collapse of healthcare systems.

The ultimate aim of the framework is to analyze and score different regions according to their overall level of stability, both in terms of optimizing current health and wellness outcomes of their population amid the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as their prospects and likelihood of enabling geopolitical stabilization and economic recovery in the post-pandemic era.

COVID-19 Regional Safety Assessment: Brief Methodology Description

Deep Knowledge Group's COVID-19 Regional Safety Assessment is a hybrid index compiled from specific parameters and indicators originally formulated as part of the group's Global COVID-19 Safety and Risk Ranking Frameworks, in order to create a new framework designed to take into account safety and vulnerability factors simultaneously. The analysis uses reputable public sources of data, but applies specific weight factors and parameters in order to structure that data in a manner that is relevant and realistic to their proportional importance and impact on various nation's success at neutralizing the current COVID-19 pandemic.

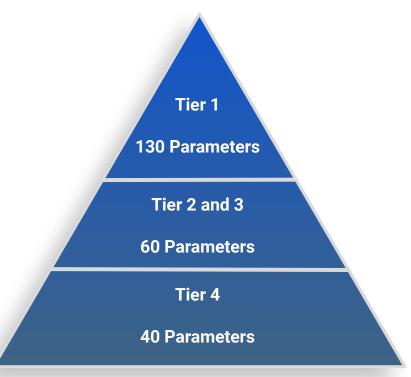
Certain metrics used for advanced and qualitative assessment were formulated by Deep Knowledge Group analysts in coordination with specific experts and consultants using proprietary sources and techniques. Therefore, such rankings may be adjusted over time depending on the underlying information and in coordination with ongoing enhancements to our underlying analytical methodologies.

The current global COVID-19 pandemic is a complex system involving more than typical disease tracking and management techniques, affected not just by biology but by the behaviour of individual humans, and the larger-scale actions of companies, institutions and governments. It is heavily influenced by the current healthcare, medical, economic, governance and geopolitical actions, behaviours and situations of entire nations. Our consortium's various analytical subsidiaries have extensive experience in conducting Big Data Analytics for highly complex topics, industries and domains. Now, Deep Knowledge Group has adapted its existing analytical frameworks, previously applied to the Longevity Industry, AI for Drug Discovery, GovTech and NeuroTech, to conduct analytics, ranking and forecasting on the global COVID-19 pandemic. From the multiparameter analysis of 200 selected regions and countries, encompassing up to 130 variables, this study has been able to identify, and qualitatively and quantitatively characterize the overall degree of COVID-19 safety, stability and resilience of 200 territories around the globe.

COVID-19 Regional Safety Assessment: Detailed Methodology Description

The analysis performed in the present report first groups all 200 countries and regions into 4 distinct Tiers. Tier 1 consists of the 20 countries and regions that were ranked highest in terms of regional safety and stability according to the analytical framework and methodology utilized in Deep Knowledge group's first COVID-19 Regional Safety Assessment, according to all 130 parameters featured in that report's analysis.

Following this, a preliminary analysis utilizing a subset of 20 parameters (taken from a subset of the full set of 130 parameters, and spread across all 6 of the index's constituent categories) was performed, in combination with a preliminary analysis of data availability and reputability for each region, in order to select the subset of parameters that can be reasonably and relevantly applied given the scope of available data to each distinct Tier. In addition to this, the regions located in Tier 3 and Tier 4 were also grouped qualitatively according to several key characteristics. Thus, each set of regions was first allocated to a specific Tier based on this preliminary analysis, and then a second-stage analysis using distinct sets of parameters was performed on each tier in order to rank them amongst each other.

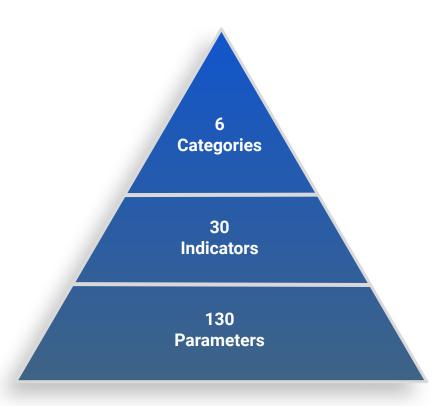


COVID-19 Regional Safety Index: Analytical Framework

The framework comprises 6 top-level categories (Quarantine Efficiency, Government Efficiency of Risk Management, Monitoring and Detection, Health Readiness, Regional Resilience and Emergency Preparedness).

Each category consists of a matrix of sub-parameters (referred to here as Indicators), which relate to specific factors of importance impacting the stability of current regional circumstances, of the effectiveness of various regions' emergency response efforts, and these variables will also address post-pandemic planning measures in future studies.

Finally, each indicator itself consists of a matrix of 2-10 quantitative or qualitative sub-parameters, relating to the specific topic, analytical focus and end-point of their parent indicator. Quantitative parameters are numeric, and are obtained from a variety of reputable, publicly available sources of data. Qualitative parameters are binary, and regions are assigned either a 1 or a 0, which represent an answer to a specific yes/no question.



COVID-19 Regional Safety Index: Analytical Approach Behind the 4-Tiered Ranking System

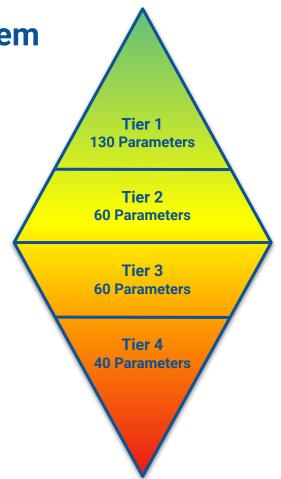
Tier 1 consists of 20 regions with exceptionally high level sof regional safety, as determined by the full application of all 130 parameters across all 6 Regional Safety Index Categories.

Tier 2 consists of 20 regions that scored comparatively well in terms of regional safety according to the phase-1 analysis using 20 parameters, but not as well as those in Tier 1. After being located in Tier 2, they were ranked amongst each other using a subset of 60 parameters.

Tier 3 consists of 60 regions that scored much less favourably during the first-phase analysis that would be expected considering their general pre-pandemic levels of Quarantine Efficiency, Government Efficiency of Risk Management, Monitoring and Detection Efficiency, Health Readiness, Regional Resilience and Emergency Preparedness).

Tier 4 consists of 100 regions that scored least favourably during the first-phase analysis, and which suffer from high levels of data unavailability or unreliability. After being placed in Tier 4, they were ranked amongst each other using a subset of 40 parameters (due to data availability issues which prevented a more comprehensive analysis).

The aim of this approach is to conduct as comprehensive analysis an analysis as possible considering each region's unique levels of data availability and reliability.



COVID-19 Regional Safety Index: Data Sources

Data collection is an essential stage of the research. Accurate data collection is essential to maintaining the integrity of research. To answer relevant questions of the working paper and evaluate outcomes, data used for this analysis was collected from credible sources.

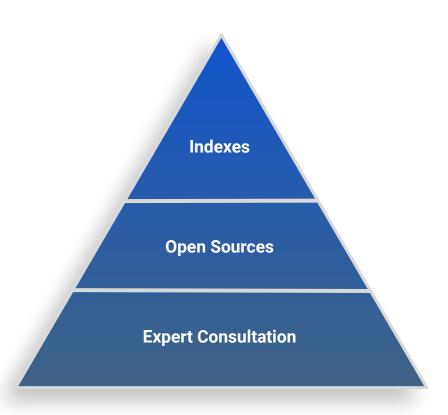
World Health Organization	OECD Data
World Bank Open Data	Government Reports
Peer-Reviewed Scientific Publications	Worldometers
E-Government Development Index	Human Development Index
UNdata	Corruption Perceptions Index
IndexMundi	Our World in Data
World Population Review	TheGlobalEconomy.com
EuropePMC	The Lancet
GHS Index	WORLD LIFE EXPECTANCY
WCRF International	ProCon.org

COVID-19 Regional Safety Index: Data Accuracy Review

The index utilizes a combination of publicly available databases (including but not limited to indexes and region statistics), as well as manually-curated and researched quantitative and qualitative data obtained by manual searches using search engines, media and governmental reports, and the use of expert opinions and consultations in cases where data was not available.

In utilizing three qualitatively distinct sources of data, Deep Knowledge Group analysts have attempted to overcome barriers in conducting a robust and comprehensive, yet reliable and methodologically-rigorous analysis by utilizing the largest and most reputable databases (usually constructed by an unbiased international group or foundation) where possible, by consulting region-specific resources in cases when open-source international databases are not possible, and finally by utilizing expert opinion in all cases where publicly-accessible regional and/or international sources of data are unavailable.

By utilizing this approach, the present analysis attempts to find an optimal balance between using maximally transparent and reliable sources of data, and including data which are only obtainable from expert consultation.



COVID-19 Regional Safety Index: Data Modeling and Calculations

Each parameter in all three layers of the framework (categories, indicators and parameters) is assigned a specific weight, or importance factor, designed to approximate the relative importance of each parameter or parameter-matrix on the effectiveness of a region's current situation, emergency response efforts or post-pandemic preventive measures as it relates to the specific analytical focus and endpoint of its parent group (indicator or category).

While the index takes into account both positive and negative factors impacting a given region's current or future (post-pandemic) stability, each binary question is constructed in such a way that a higher value is associated with more favorable conditions.

Thus, for example, a higher score in an indicator or parameter within top-level categories focused on risk (such as region vulnerability) indicates less vulnerability, rather than higher vulnerability, than a lower score within the same category, indicator or parameter.

Deep Knowledge Group analysts first worked to formulate the specific list of parameters (categories, indicators and parameters), and to assign relevant parameter weights (importance factors) and then gathered data from government and academic publications; and websites of government authorities, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, and local and international news and media reports in order to compute the score for each parameter.

The research process proved challenging, both because of the difficulty in sourcing data and official information related each quantitative and qualitative parameter and, in some cases, because of a lack of publicly available information.

COVID-19 Regional Safety Index: Data Modeling and Calculations

Modeling the parameters, indicators, and categories in the COVID-19 Regional Safety Index results in overall scores of 0–100 for each region, in which 100 represents the most favorable conditions possible and 0 the least favorable (with respect to the topical focus of each parameter).

A score of 100 in the Index does not indicate that a region has perfect regional stability conditions, and a score of 0 does not mean that a region has no regional stability at all. Instead, scores of 100 and 0 represent the highest or lowest possible scores, respectively, as measured by the Index criteria.

- 1. The values of each parameter are averaged to determine the value of their parent indicator: **indicator score = average of weighted individual parameters**
- 2. Then, the indicator score is multiplied by the weight of the indicator, and is normalized (multiplied by 100) in order to allow for a final category value to be made by summing the individual values of all normalized indicators in each category.
- 3. Finally, the aggregate value of each category (consisting of the sum of indicators) is multiplied by the weight of the category. The final cumulative index score for each region is the obtained by summing the individual category weights. Thus, the category values consist of a weighted total of the indicator values within each category: **category score** = Σ **weighted individual indicators**

The category values have been normalized on the basis of the following equation: x = (x - Min(x))/(Max(x) - Min(x)), where Min(x) and Max(x) are the lowest and highest values, respectively, in the COVID-19 Regional Safety Index (of the 20 regions) for any given indicator. The normalized value (i.e., a score of 0–100) makes it directly comparable with other normalized indicator scores.

COVID-19 Regional Safety Index: Principal Component Analysis

Principal components analysis (PCA) is a data science technique used to quantitatively define the way that indicator weights are assigned in order to create a "composite index" (a ranking based on a weighted sum of specific indicators).

PCA allows us to remove redundant information that are shared among two or more indicators by creating a weighting that accounts for the greatest amount of variance in the data.

The PCA weights that have been used to create Deep Knowledge Group's COVID-19 Regional Stability Ranking are provided in order to provide further depth into the model's construction.

However, they should be considered as complementary tools, and not as supplemental weights to override the default weights assigned to indicators, parameters and categories, or as a direct means of understanding the regional index scores themselves, because they do not consider the "impact factor" or significance-based weights used in the model.

PCA gives a weight to each component in an the index which takes into account covariance between indicators, and the degree with which a particular component (parameter, indicator or category) maximizes the variation among scores in the index.

In essence, it is a method used to minimize redundancy between variables and maximize variation as it pertains to the actual final index scores.

In simplified terms, it minimizes the importance or impact of redundant factors shared among variables and maximizes the importance of impact of non-redundant factors that contribute significantly to the final output of the index (the regional scores).

Principal Component Analysis

Each PCA weight is calculated by taking the principal component (known as the eigenvector) associated with the highest explained variance (known as the eigenvalue), which constitutes a method of decomposing data into independent components ordered by informational content. Valid PCA makes several important assumptions.

These include (1) the assumption that variance is meaningful and not the result of significant measurement errors in the data itself, and (2) that the assumption that that the dynamic in question are along the direction with the largest variance.

Single-stage PCA analysis solves for the weights maximize variance across all variables, irrespective of which top-level category they belong to. The following steps are followed:

- Perform PCA analysis on all indicators, ignoring the category they belong to.
- Use the principal component associated with the highest eigenvalue.
- Set negative components to zero.
- Normalize indicator weights (such that the sum of weights is equal to 1).
- Normalize the category weights (such that the sum of categories is equal to 1).
- Use the sum of the non-normalized parameter weights and assign this as the indicator weight for that category.
- Renormalize top-level indicator weights across indicators so that those also sum to 1.

Variation within indicator weights is a sign that redundancy is occurring in the elements or that some elements are not as relevant in explaining the variation in the overall index once all the other variables are considered.

Finding equal weights across indicators is a sign of very little redundancy across subgroups and similar relevance in explaining variation in the COVID-19 Regional Safety Index, which suggests that the Index has been divided into subgroups appropriately.

COVID-19 Regional Safety Assessment Analytical Framework



Quarantine Efficiency

Scale of Quarantine

Quarantine Timeline

Criminal Penalties for Violating Quarantine

Economic Support for Quarantined Citizens

Economic Supply Chain Freezing

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Efficiency of Government Structure

Pandemic Readiness

Rapid Emergency Mobilization

Economic Sustainability

Legislative Efficiency

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Monitoring Systems & Disaster Management

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Testing Efficiency

Al for Diagnostics and Prognostics

Government Surveillance Technology for Monitoring

Reliability and Transparency of Data

Healthcare Readiness

Emergency Preparedness

COVID-19 Equipment Availability

Quantity and Quality of Medical Staff

Level of Technological Advancement

Mobilization of New Healthcare Resources

Level of Healthcare Progressiveness

Epidemiology System Level of Development

Regional Resiliency

Infection Spread Risk

Culture Specifics and Societal Discipline

Demography

Level of Modern Sanitization Methods

Chronic Diseases

Geopolitical Vulnerability

Societal Emergency Resilience

Surveillance Capabilities

Emergency Military Mobilization Experience

Previous National Emergency Experience

COVID-19 Quarantine Efficiency

Scale of Quarantine

This indicator quantifies the current scale of a region's quarantine measures, including both the total size and the geographical distribution of quarantine efforts. Different weightings are given for full-scale quarantine vs. mandatory social distancing measures.

Criminal Penalties for Violating Quarantine

This indicator quantifies and qualifies the presence and severity of a region's criminal penalties for violating imposed quarantine and social distancing measures. regions that police such violations are generally better equipped to limit infection spread.

Economic Supply Chain Freezing

This indicator quantifies the extent of governments' efforts to "freeze" economic and supply-chain activity, which allows for nationwide lockdowns to occur in practice, and in a way that is believed to minimize eventual negative economic repercussions of the pandemic.

Quarantine Timeline

This indicator qualifies how early (with respect to the overall timeline of infection spread) that a region implements quarantine and social distancing measures, with respect to the total number of cases present and the geographical distribution of infection at the time of implementing quarantine and social distancing measures.

Economic Support for Quarantined Citizens

This indicator qualifies and quantifies the level of economic support provided by governments to citizens under stay-at-home or lockdown orders. Economic support provides citizens with the capacity to stay at home in practice.

Travel Restrictions

This indicator quantifies the scale of regions' travel restrictions on both citizens and tourists in order to minimize infection spread. Different weightings are given for domestic and international travel restrictions.

COVID-19 Government Efficiency of Risk Management

Level of Security and Defense Advancement

This indicator quantifies the current scale of a region's military security and defense capabilities (taking into account both national security and reserve capacities for neutralizing potential external geopolitical threats).

Efficiency of Government Structure

This indicator measures various nations' capacity for rapid and effective governance to provide insight on which regions have the greatest risk of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic (and its potential economic, societal and geopolitical consequences) in a non-optimal manner.

Pandemic Readiness

This indicator quantifies a region's level of preparedness in rapidly mobilizing nation-wide emergency response measures in response to pandemics across legal, economic and social efforts to minimize a pandemic's negative effects on their citizens health and their economy.

Rapid Emergency Mobilization

This indicator serves qualifies the robustness of a region's capacity to mobilize emergency response measures in the face of national emergencies, including pandemics.

Economic Sustainability

This indicator qualifies and quantifies the overall level of the region's economic stability and sustainability (taking into account not just the current state of economy, but also the growth rate of its debt and its capacity to remain economically sustainable in a post-pandemic era).

Legislative Efficiency

This indicator quantifies the flexibility and comprehensiveness of the region's legislative infrastructure and resources for rapidly deploying emergency response legislation on a nation-wide scale.

COVID-19 Monitoring and Detection

Monitoring Systems and Disaster Management

This indicator quantifies how advanced and sophisticated a region's surveillance and monitoring technologies are, including both the depth and breadth of technologies (the diversity of surveillance and monitoring technologies, and their general level of sophistication).

Testing Efficiency

The indicator quantifies regions' average testing efficiency, considering both the average time to get results from an administered test, and the average test backlog based on available lab analysis personnel.

Government Surveillance Technology for Monitoring

This indicator quantifies how advanced and widespread a region's surveillance and monitoring activities are. Widespread monitoring gives governments greater capacity to track infection rates and compliance with quarantine and social distancing measures.

Scope of Diagnostic Methods

This indicator qualifies the scope, breadth and diversity of the specific diagnostic techniques in standard use in a region, assuming a relationship between the diversity and effectiveness of diagnostic techniques.

AI for Diagnostics and Prognostics

The indicator qualifies whether the use of Al and data-driven techniques for diagnostic analysis are in widespread use in a region. Such techniques lower the burden on resources and personnel dedicated to analyzing the results of COVID tests and patient prognosis.

Reliability and Transparency of Data

This indicator qualifies the reliability and transparency of a region's reported infection, hospitalization and mortality statistics. Many regions appear to be manipulating their data to obscure the true level of infection, hospitalization and mortality.

COVID-19 Healthcare Readiness

COVID-19 Equipment Availability

This indicator quantifies the size (total and per capita) of emergency equipment stockpiles (i.e., medical supplies and emergency treatment supplies used to treat COVID-19 patients in hospital.

Quantity and Quality of Medical Staff

This indicator takes into account the quantity of medical staff and healthcare workers (doctors, nurses, administrative staff, etc.) in the region and the average level of medical doctors' education and expertise.

Level of Technological Advancement

This indicator ranks regions according to their healthcare system's level of technological sophistication, modernization and effectiveness in comparison to other regions.

Mobilization of New Healthcare Resources

This indicator takes into account a region's preparedness for mobilizing additional healthcare resources (supplies, equipment, treatments and personnel) beyond their current capacity, taking into account existing guidelines and policies for emergency healthcare mobilization.

Level of Healthcare Progressiveness

This indicator provides a measure of the general level of a technological advancement and progressiveness of a region's medical science and healthcare infrastructure, and serves as an approximation of the overall quality of medical treatment in that region.

Epidemiology System Level of Development

This indicator ranks the epidemiology system of a region (including both epidemiologists and epidemiological resources, companies, etc), in terms both of quantity and regional distribution, as well as in terms of technological sophistication.

COVID-19 Regional Resiliency

Infection Spread Risk

This indicator quantifies nations' overall spread infection risk, and is used in order to provide information on which citizens of which regions have the highest and lowest overall risk of getting infected with COVID-19.

Level of Modern Sanitation Methods

This indicator ranks regions according to the presence (or absence) and degree of modernization of their sanitization systems. regions with poor sanitation systems, or those who lack them entirely, are at a much higher risk of infection spread.

Chronic Diseases

This indicator quantifies regions' level of geographic risk in terms of several variables including proximity to regions with a high level of infection, number of border crossings with neighboring regions, number of infection hot-spots, and number and distribution of population-dense areas.

Culture Specifics and Societal Discipline

This indicator qualifies regions according to their culture-specific practices and traditions, as it relates to health, wellness and sanitization, as well as general societal discipline. Populations which give less care and attention to health and sanitization are at greater risk of infection.

Demography

This indicator quantifies the population size and demographics (age, sex, and proportion of populations with specific diseases) of a given region with respect to demographics most vulnerable to infection and negative patient outcomes.

Geopolitical Vulnerability

This indicator qualifies the current state of the region's geopolitical stability, taking into account the economic and military strength of the region's allies and rivals, assuming an association between high geopolitical stability and lower risk of attack by military rivals and resulting socioeconomic instability.

COVID-19 Emergency Preparedness

Societal Emergency Resilience

This indicator approximates the overall level of societal resilience, preparedness and experience with national emergencies, incorporating practical historical experience, psychological, cultural and religious practices and attitudes, etc.

Surveillance Capabilities (Scale, Scope and Technological Sophistication)

This indicator approximates the scale, scope and technological sophistication of the region's government surveillance capabilities.

Emergency Military Mobilization Experience

This indicator approximates the region's practical historical experience with mobilizing their military in order to help deal with national emergencies (both geopolitical and non-geopolitical emergencies), as well as the overall domestic military resources available.

Previous National Emergency Experience

This indicator approximates the region's practical historical experience with national emergencies, accounting for both geopolitical and non-geopolitical emergencies, with a focus on preparation policies and government-led emergency relief efforts.

COVID-19 Regional Safety Index: Tier-1 Methodology Framework

Tier 1 consists of the 20 regions that were ranked highest in terms of regional safety and stability according to the analytical framework and methodology utilized in Deep Knowledge group's first COVID-19 Regional Safety Assessment, according to all 130 parameters featured in that report's analysis. The 130 parameters developed for use in that report make up Deep Knowledge Group's COVID-19 Regional Safety Index, which itself is a hybrid index developed by expanding specific parameters and indicators originally formulated as part of the group's Global COVID-19 Safety and Risk Ranking Frameworks, in order to create a new framework designed to take into account safety and vulnerability factors simultaneously.

The pool of the 20 selected regions included in Tier 1 is made up of Switzerland, Germany, Israel, Singapore, China, Japan, Austria, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, South Korea, United Arab Emirates, Norway, Hong Kong, Denmark, Saudi Arabia, Hungary, Netherlands, Taiwan and Vietnam, and more than 130 qualitative and quantitative parametric variables have been developed, tuned, and grouped into 6 broad and top-level categories in order to determine the regional safety rankings of Tier 1 regions.

Nearly half of the regions positioned in Tier 1 are within Asia Pacific (and the overwhelming majority of those within Asia), with 35% being located in Europe, 15% in Middle East and Africa, and just one region (Canada) within North America. The predominance of Asian regions in Tier 1 can be partially explained by the fact that Asia is much later in the overall pandemic timeline, having faced COVID-19 earlier than others, and the factors which sets apart Asian regions in Tier 1 rather than Tiers 2 or 3, for example, can provide tangible insights into what strategies seem to have worked, and which ones have not. In addition to this, we also find a greater emphasis on government efficiency and a strong degree of coordination and integration of government-led action across many departments, more stringent and longer-lasting lock-down measures, a greater emphasis on monitoring and detection and generally more widespread testing than other parts of the world.

1	COVID-19 Quarantine Efficiency	
1.1	Scale of Quarantine	
1.1.1	Population Density	People per km ²
1.1.2	Does the region have dedicated military chemical and biological warfare divisions and forces?	yes=1, no=0
1.1.3	Does the region have "hotspots" (high density of cases in one specific area)?	yes=0, no=1
1.1.4	Number of cases.	per million individuals
1.1.5	Scale and scope of region-wide lockdown	full = 1, partial = 0.5 non-existing = 0
1.1.6	Does the region's federal government have legislative authority over the entire territory?	yes=0, no=1
1.1.7	Does the region possess culture and religion-specific behaviours that preclude enforcement of mandatory quarantine measures?	yes=0, no=1
1.2	Quarantine Timeline	
1.2.1	What is the length of quarantine?	14 days = 0.5, more than 14 = 1, no quarantine length = 0
1.2.2	Did the region impose quarantine measures early in the timeline of viral spread?	yes=1, no=0
1.2.3	Was quarantine easing officially declared?	yes=0, no=1
1.2.4	Did the population exert public pressure to ease quarantine measures?	yes=0, no=1
1.3	Criminal Penalties for Violating Quarantine	
1.3.1	Quantity of law enforcement officers.	number per capita

1.3.2	Did the region use volunteers to monitor quarantine compliance?	yes=1, no=0
1.3.3	Criminal penalties for violating quarantine.	Number of months in incarceration.
1.3.4	Fines	In USD
1.3.5	Did the region use military personnel to assist law-enforcement officers?	yes=1, no=0
1.4	Economic Support for Quarantined Citizens	
1.4.1	Economic support to citizens	in USD
1.4.2	Economic support to SMEs	in USD
1.4.3	Tax reliefs	in USD
1.4.4	Economic rescue package	% of GDP
1.5	Economic and Supply Chain Freezing	
1.5.1	Export-oriented region?	yes=0, no=1
1.5.2	Does the region have an absence of large supply shortages?	yes=0, no=1
1.5.3	Are the region's border-crossing routes open?	yes=0, no=1
1.5.4	Does the region have a high availability of food?	yes=1, no=0
1.5.5	Are there any shortages in protective equipment?	yes=0, no=1
1.6	Travel Restrictions	
1.6.1	Quantity of automotive vehicles.	number per 1000 people
1.6.2	Did the region allow for direct flights to Italy or China in February - March 2020?	yes=0, no=1
1.6.3	Average level of touristic flow.	number of tourists per year

2	COVID-19 Government Efficiency of Risk Management	
2.1	Level of Security and Defense Advancement	
2.1.1	Does the region's military have dedicated laboratories for protection against chemical and biological warfare?	yes=1, no=0
2.1.2	Does the region's military have pre-existing plans and policies in place in the event of a biological or chemical attack?	yes=1, no=0
2.2	Level of GovTech Development	
2.2.1	Does the region have COVID-specific training courses for doctors and nurses?	yes=1, no=0
2.2.2	Rural population	% of total population
2.2.3	Local vaccine development (attempts).	yes=1, no=0
2.3	The Efficiency of Government Structure	
2.3.1	Did the region's government develop a specific emergency response mechanism for engagement with the private sector?	yes=1, no=0
2.3.2	Are there government-startups cooperation?	yes=1, no=0
2.3.3	Government effectiveness (EIU score).	EIU Score
2.3.4	E-Government Development Index	EGDI score
2.3.5	Number of internet users per 1000 individuals.	number per 1000 people
2.3.6	Smartphone penetration.	% of population
2.3.7	Does the region utilize Electronic Health Records?	yes=1, no=0

2.3.8	Regional Corruption Index Score.	Index
2.4	Economic Sustainability	
2.4.1	Regional economic debt.	% of GDP
2.4.3	GDP index.	GDP index score
2.4.4	GNI index.	GNI index score
2.4.5	Minimum wages.	in USD
2.4.6	Unemployment rate due to COVID19.	% of population
2.4.7	Exit strategy plan.	yes=1, no=0
2.5	Legislative Efficiency	
2.5.1	Does the region's government have a pre-existing Action Plan for rapid resource mobilization in the event of a national emergency?	yes=1, no=0
2.5.2	Legislations and regulations for the cross-border screening of pathogens, toxic, pandemic potential pathogens.	yes=1, no=0
2.5.3	Legislative availability for disaster mobilization.	yes=1, no=0
2.5.4	State capability to adopt new surveillance laws.	yes=1, no=0
2.6	Political Stability	
2.6.1	State of emergency readiness	yes=1, no=0
2.6.2	Functioning of Government (Index)	HDI Index
2.6.3	Civil Liberties (Index)	HDI Index

3	COVID-19 Monitoring and Detection	
3.1	Monitoring Systems & Disaster Management	
3.1.1	Does the region's government use event-based surveillance for infection disease?	yes=1, no=0
3.1.2	Does the region's government share its surveillance data with the neighboring regions?	yes=1, no=0
3.1.3	Does the region's government have an existing Action Plan in place for the surveillance and detection of viral outbreaks and disease?	yes=1, no=0
3.2	Scope of Diagnostic Methods	
3.2.1	Does the region have validated laboratory testing methods available?	yes=1, no=0
3.2.2	Does the region have laboratories with molecular diagnostic capacity available?	yes=1, no=0
3.2.3	Does the region use online diagnostic tools?	yes=1, no=0
3.3	Testing Efficiency	
3.3.1	Number of COVID-19 tests conducted per day.	Numeric
3.3.2	Are mobile diagnostic stations available for use in the region?	yes=1, no=0
3.3.3	Does the region have a significant shortage of COVID-19 tests?	yes=0, no=1
3.3.4	Does the region use local production of COVID-19 tests?	yes=1, no=0
3.3.5	Does the region have national laboratories available for COVID-19 testing?	yes=1, no=0
3.4	Al for Diagnostics and Prognostics	
3.4.1	Are there Al/ML healthcare initiatives related to COVID-19?	yes=1, no=0

Are there AI startups that create solutions to fight Covid-19?	yes=1, no=0
Does the region employ Al technologies and techniques in hospitals?	yes=1, no=0
Government Surveillance Technology for Monitoring	
Per capita quantity of surveillance cameras.	per 1000 people / approximate
Does the region's government routinely use face-recognition technology for surveillance?	yes=1, no=0
Does the region's government use mobile tracking (tracking of population's mobile phones) in its surveillance practices?	yes=1, no=0
Does the region's government utilize other Al-based surveillance methods?	yes=1, no=0
Reliability and Transparency of Data	
Does the region have a publically-available National Plan for COVID-19?	yes=1, no=0
Does the region's governments conduct daily briefings on the current status of the pandemic?	yes=1, no=0
Does the region have an established agency or Action Group responsible for COVID-19 prevention and treatment?	yes=1, no=0
Does the region conduct centralized collection of COVID-19 data?	yes=1, no=0
Does the Ministry of Health provide data on confirmed COVID-19 cases among healthcare workers?	yes=1, no=0
Does the Ministry of Health provide data on confirmed COVID-19 cases, critical cases and deaths on a daily basis?	yes=1, no=0
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4	COVID-19 Healthcare Readiness	
4.1	COVID 19 Equipment Availability	
4.1.1	Quantity of Ventilator Stockpile.	Numeric
4.1.2	Number of hospital beds	per 1000 people
4.1.3	Does the region have sufficient availability of PPE (masks and gloves)?	yes=1, no=0
4.1.4	Does the region have sufficient availability of face shields?	yes=1, no=0
4.2	Mobilization of New Healthcare Resources	
4.2.1	Did the government request that medical students assist in COVID-19 patient treatment?	yes=1, no=0
4.2.2	Does the region have the necessity and ability to build additional hospitals for COVID-19 treatment?	yes=0, no=1
4.2.3	Did the region use military mobile stations for chemical and bacteriological cleaning?	yes=1, no=0
4.2.4	Does the region have the necessary infrastructure for surplus ventilator production?	yes=1, no=0
4.2.5	Does the region have the necessary infrastructure for surplus mask production?	yes=1, no=0
4.2.6	Does the region have the necessary infrastructure for the production of other surplus PPE?	yes=1, no=0
4.3	Quantity and Quality of Medical Staff	
4.3.1	Number of doctors.	per 1000 people

4.3.2	Number of nurses.	per 1000 people
4.3.3	Does the region have epidemiology faculty at the majority of their medical universities?	yes=1, no=0
4.3.4	Are epidemiology classes available for medical students not specializing in epidemiology?	yes=1, no=0
4.4	Level of Healthcare Progressiveness	
4.4.1	Does the region have evidence of recent healthcare advancements?	yes=1, no=0
4.4.2	Healthcare Development Index score.	Index
4.4.3	Current health expenditure per capita.	in USD
4.4.4	Current health expenditure.	as % of GDP
4.4.5	HAQ (The Healthcare Access and Quality Index) - 2016.	Index
4.4.6	Pharmaceuticals spending per capita.	in USD
4.5	Level of Technological Advancement	
4.5.1	MRI number.	per million people
4.5.2	Quantity of ICU-CCB beds.	per 100,000 people
4.6	Epidemiology System Level of Development	
4.6.1	Global Health Security Index	GHS index score

5	COVID-19 Region Vulnerability	
5.1	Infection Spread Risk	
5.1.1	Container port traffic.	TEU: 20 foot equivalent units
5.1.2	Average number of international arrivals (incoming tourists) per year.	Number per year
5.1.3	Total transportation network size.	km
5.1.4	Does the region have a significant risk of power shortages?	yes=0, no=1
5.1.5	Does the region have a significant risk of medication shortages?	yes=0, no=1
5.2	Culture Specifics and Societal Discipline	
5.2.1	Literacy rate.	%
5.2.2	Proportion of population with tertiary education.	number per capita
5.2.3	Poverty rate.	Population living below national poverty line (%)
5.2.4	Does the region have religious or cultural practices that increase chances of infection risk or quarantine non-compliance?	yes=0, no=1
5.2.5	Human Development Index 2016.	Index
5.3	Level of Modern Sanitization Methods	
5.3.1	Does the region have access to basic sanitation facilities?	yes=1, no=0
5.4	Diseases	
5.4.1	Prevalence of diabetes.	% of population ages 20 to 79

5.4.2	Death rate due to endocrine disorder.	per 100,000 people
5.4.3	Prevalence of mental health and substance use disorders as a share of total disease burden, 2017.	Percent of total disease burden, 2017.
5.4.4	Incidence of tuberculosis.	per 100,000 people
5.4.5	Incidence of cancer.	per 100,000 people
5.4.6	Obesity	% of total population
5.5	Demography	
5.5.1	Size of Elderly Population.	% of total population
5.6	Societal Risks	
5.6.1	Is the region currently experiencing a political or election-based crisis?	yes=0, no=1
5.6.2	Is there a majoritively positive public sentiment regarding government COVID-19 strategy?	yes=1, no=0
5.6.3	Does the majority of the region's population support the current government?	yes=1, no=0
5.6.4	Does the region's government take into account diaspora as a factor in formulating its COVID-19 strategy?	yes=1, no=0
5.6.5	Does the region's government experience significant foreign pressure affecting its COVID-19 strategic decision making?	yes=0, no=1

COVID-19 Regional Safety Index: Tier-1 Proprietary Parameters

6	COVID-19 Emergency Preparedness	
6.1	Societal Emergency Resilience	
6.1.1	Proprietary metric #1	Not publicly disclosed.
6.1.2	Proprietary metric #2	Not publicly disclosed.
6.1.3	Proprietary metric #3	Not publicly disclosed.
6.1.4	Proprietary metric #4	Not publicly disclosed.
6.2	Emergency Military Mobilization Experience	
6.2.1	Proprietary metric #1	Not publicly disclosed.
6.2.2	Proprietary metric #2	Not publicly disclosed.
6.2.3	Proprietary metric #3	Not publicly disclosed.
6.3	Surveillance Capabilities (Scale, Scope and Technological Sophistication)	
6.3.1	Proprietary metric #1	Not publicly disclosed.
6.3.2	Proprietary metric #2	Not publicly disclosed.
6.3.3	Proprietary metric #3	Not publicly disclosed.
6.4	Previous National Emergency Experience	
6.4.1	Proprietary metric #1	Not publicly disclosed.
6.4.1	Proprietary metric #2	Not publicly disclosed.
6.4.1	Proprietary metric #3	Not publicly disclosed.

COVID-19 Regional Safety Index: Indicator Weighting Rationale

Each index category is assigned a weighting, representative of an "importance factor", which is applied to each aggregate category score when the final, cumulative regional score is computed. Generally speaking, greater weights are given to indicators that have a greater effect on overall regional safety and stability as it is defined in the present assessment. Similarly, the composite indicators within each index categories are also given individual weights, in accordance with their perceived importance and effect on the specific topic being measured by the indicator parent category. While indicator weights are represented as a percentage, category weights are represented by integers for the purpose of obtaining round numbers that are more easily understandable.

The index's first two categories (COVID-19 Quarantine Efficiency and COVID-19 Government Efficiency of Risk Management) are given the highest weightings, of 2.2, respectively, because they measure the effectiveness of government responses made early in the overall timeline of COVID spread, which has a much greater (and, indeed, multiplative) effect on COVID-19 risk and safety than reactionary responses and management later on on the course of the pandemic. Meanwhile, COVID-19 Monitoring and Detection and COVID-19 Emergency Preparedness are given a weighting of 1.5, respectively, because they most closely measure the efficiency of ongoing responses, emergency relief efforts and real-time pandemic neutralization tactics, as well as the innate preventive infrastructure in place for rapid mobilization and coordination of crisis management efforts. Finally, COVID-19 Healthcare Readiness and COVID-19 Regional Resilience are given a weighting of 1.3, respectively, because while they are important to consider in the assessment of regional safety, they have comparatively less impact than the other categories. The high death rates in the USA and UK, for example, indicate that the tangible risk of infection and mortality in regions with a high degree of healthcare-related technological sophistication can still be high, despite the high level of medical modernization.

In future iterations of Deep Knowledge Group's COVID-19 Regional Safety Assessment, the relative weightings of categories that reflect the efficiency of early crisis neutralization and mitigation efforts will be decreased in accordance with the growing timeline of the pandemic, and the weighting assigned to categories that reflect the efficiency of ongoing crisis management efforts will be increased proportionately.

COVID-19 Index Indicator Weight

1.	COVID-19 Quarantine Efficiency	Weighting of Index Indicator
1.1	Scale of Quarantine	18%
1.2	Quarantine Timeline	17%
1.3	Criminal Penalties for Violating Quarantine	14%
1.4	Economic Support for Quarantined Citizens	18%
1.5	Economic and Supply Chain Freezing	15.50%
1.6	Travel Restrictions	17.50%

2.	COVID-19 Government Efficiency of Risk Management	Weighting of Index Indicator
2.1	Level of Security and Defense Advancement	17%
2.2	Rapid Emergency Mobilization	16%
2.3	Efficiency of Government Structure	18%
2.4	Economic Sustainability	17%
2.5	Legislative Efficiency	16%
2.6	Political Stability	16%

COVID-19 Index Indicator Weight

3.	COVID-19 Monitoring and Detection	Weighting of Index Indicator
3.1	Monitoring Systems and Disaster Management	18%
3.2	Scope of Diagnostic Methods	15%
3.3	Testing Efficiency	18%
3.4	Al for Diagnostics and Prognostics	15%
3.5	Government Surveillance Technology for Monitoring	17%
3.6	Reliability and Transparency of Data	17%

4.	COVID-19 Healthcare Readiness	Weighting of Index Indicator
4.1	COVID-19 Equipment Availability	18%
4.2	Mobilization of New Healthcare Resources	17.50%
4.3	Quantity and Quality of Medical Staff	16%
4.4	Level of Healthcare Progressiveness	15%
4.5	Level of Technological Advancement	17%
4.6	Epidemiology System Level of Development	16.50%

COVID-19 Index Indicator Weight

5.	COVID-19 Regional Resiliency	Weighting of Index Indicator
5.1	Infection Spread Risk	16.50%
5.2	Culture Specifics and Societal Discipline	18%
5.3	Level of Modern Sanitization Methods	15%
5.4	Demography	15.50%
5.5	Chronic Diseases	18%
5.6	Societal Risks	17%

6.	COVID-19 Emergency Preparedness	Weighting of Index Indicator
6.1	Societal Emergency Resilience	27%
6.2	Emergency Military Mobilization Experience	23%
6.3	Surveillance Capabilities (Scale, Scope and Technological Sophistication)	27%
6.4	Previous National Emergency Experience	23%

Index Category Weight

	COVID-19 Quarantine Efficiency	Weighting factor
2.2	☐ Scale of Quarantine	18%
	☐ Quarantine Timeline	17%
WEIGHT	 Criminal Penalties for Violating Quarar 	ntine 14%
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	■ Economic and Supply Chain Freezing	15.50%
	☐ Travel Restrictions	17.50%
22	□ Level of Security and Defense Advance	Weighting factor
2.2		
WEIGHT	Rapid Emergency Mobilization	16%
	☐ Efficiency of Government Structure	18%
	☐ Economic Sustainability	17%
	☐ Legislative Efficiency ☐ Political Stability	16%
	□ Political Stability	16%
	COVID-19 Monitoring and Detection	
		Weighting factor
1.5	 Monitoring Systems and Disaster Management 	18%
WEIGHT	Scope of Diagnostic Methods	15%

Al for Diagnostics and Prognostics

☐ Reliability and Transparency of Data

Government Surveillance Technology for

Testing Efficiency

Monitoring

	COVID-19 Emergency Preparedness	Weighting factor
1.5	□ Societal Emergency Resilience	27%
WEIGHT	 Emergency Military Mobilization Experience 	23%
	☐ Surveillance Capabilities (Scale, Scope and	27%
	Technological Sophistication) Previous National Emergency Experience	23%
	COVID-19 Healthcare Readiness	Weighting factor
12	□ COVID-19 Equipment Availability	18%

■ Mobilization of New Healthcare Resources

Quantity and Quality of Medical Staff

Level of Healthcare Progressiveness

Level of Technological Advancement

Epidemiology System Level of Development

17.50%

16%

15%

17%

16.50%

	COVID-19 Regional Resiliency	Weighting factor
1.3 WEIGHT	□ Infection Spread Risk □ Culture Specifics and Societal Discipling □ Level of Modern Sanitization Methods □ Demography □ Chronic Diseases	6.50%
	Societal Risks	17%

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WEIGHT

COVID-19 Regional Safety Index: Proprietary Data Overview

Five of the six top-level categories that comprise the index have been made publicly available in an open-source manner, all the way from the top level categories, down through their component indicators and parameters. However, Deep Knowledge group has only disclosed the component indicators of the sixth top-level index category (Emergency Preparedness), and not it's bottom-level parameters, because they employ proprietary techniques that are the group's intellectual property and are intended only for internal use.

The Emergency Preparedness index category consists of four component indicators: Societal Emergency Resilience (whose parameters measure the regions' overall level of societal resilience, preparedness and experience with national emergencies), Emergency Military Mobilization Experience (whose parameters measure region's practical historical experience with mobilizing their military in order to help deal with national emergencies), Surveillance Capabilities (which measure regions' the scale, scope and technological sophistication of the region's government surveillance capabilities), and Previous National Emergency Experience (which measures region's practical historical experience with national emergencies).

It has always been Deep Knowledge Group's long-term mission to pursue its strategic agenda in a dual non-profit and for-profit manner, aiming to achieve positive impact in the support of progressive technologies for the benefit of humanity. It is for this reason that the decision was made to conduct the majority of the group's COVID-19 analytics in an open-source manner, free of charge, to provide the public in general and authorized organizations in particular with fact-based and unbiased information. However, the group also remains open to disclosing its proprietary metrics and analytical techniques to relevant organizations, and to conducting region-specific and topic-specific analytics and forecasting for responsible governmental bodies and departments.

COVID-19 Regional Safety Index: Tier-2 and 3 Methodology Framework

Tier 2 consists of 20 regions which scored exceptionally well in terms of regional safety and stability according to the first-stage analysis utilizing 20 parameters, but not as high as those located in Tier 1. After being positioned in Tier 2, all 20 territories were then assigned cumulative and category-specific rankings using a subset of 60 parameters aggregated from each of the index's 6 categories.

Meanwhile, the 60 regions located in Tier 3 (33% Europe, 16% Asia PAcific, 8.3% Central America, and 1.6% Sub-Saharan Africa, 13% Middle East & North Africa, 3.3% North America, 11.6% Eastern Europe and Central Asia, 11.6% South America) were selected based on having achieved cumulative regional safety scores (according to the stage 1 analysis described above) that were significantly lower than what one would have expected according to their pre-pandemic level of healthcare readiness, emergency preparedness and governmental management efficiency. In other words, Tier 3 consists of territories that *should* have ranked higher in terms of regional COVID-19 safety and stability, but which for one or another reason did not. Both cumulative and category-specific rankings were performed for Tier 3 using a subset of 60 parameters aggregated from each of the index's 6 categories.

The regions included in Tier 3 are, therefore, outliers, and to some extent anomalies, and demonstrate that one of the most critical factors impacting regional safety and stability is not the general level of healthcare sophistication in non-pandemic times, but the specific governmental strategies used to combat pandemics. The Unites States and United Kingdom, for example, have high degrees of healthcare sophistication, and yet have some of the most severe COVID-19 growth rates and mortality rates internationally, which represents a surprising result that can only be explained by specific inefficiencies relating to governmental policy, emergency preparedness and crisis management. The regions included in Tier 3 are prime targets for follow-up special analytical case studies that apply a deeper and more comprehensive, targeted, and case-by-case analytical methodologies and frameworks for identifying the specific factors behind these regions' surprisingly low comparative scores, and which utilize the results of tis analysis to provide key recommendations across all six categories of Deep Knowledge Group's Regional Safety Index.

Nº	Parameter Name	
1	Population Density	People per km ²
2	Does the region have "hotspots" (high density of cases in one specific area)?	yes=1, no=0
3	Number of cases	per million individuals
4	Scale and scope of region-wide lockdown	full = 1, partial = 0.5 non-existing = 0
5	What is the length of quarantine?	14 days = 0.5, more than 14 = 1, no quarantine length = 0
6	Did the region impose quarantine measures early in the timeline of viral spread?	yes=1, no=0
7	Quantity of law enforcement officers.	number per capita
8	Criminal penalties for violating quarantine.	Number of months in incarceration.
9	Fines.	In USD
10	Economic support to citizens.	In USD

Nº	Parameter Name	
11	Economic support to SMEs.	In USD
12	Does the region have an absence of large supply shortages?	number of tourists per year
13	Quantity of automotive vehicles.	number per 1000 people
14	Average level of touristic flow.	yes=1, no=0
15	Does the region have dedicated military chemical and biological warfare divisions and forces?	EIU Score
16	Are there government-startups cooperation?	yes=1, no=0
17	Government effectiveness (EIU score).	yes=1, no=0
18	E-Government Development Index	EGDI score
19	Number of internet users per 1000 individuals.	number per 1000 people
20	State of emergency readiness	yes=1, no=0

Nº	Parameter Name	
21	Does the region have national laboratories available for COVID-19 testing?	Numeric
22	Number of COVID-19 tests conducted per day.	yes=0, no=1
23	Does the region have a significant shortage of COVID-19 tests?	yes=0, no=1
24	Quantity of Ventilator Stockpile	Numeric
25	Number of hospital beds	per 1000 people
26	Number of doctors.	per 1000 people
27	Healthcare Development Index score.	Index
28	HAQ (The Healthcare Access and Quality Index) - 2016.	Index
29	Does the region have access to basic sanitation facilities?	yes=1, no=0
30	Size of Elderly Population	% of total population

Nº	Parameter Name	
31	Is the region currently experiencing a political or election-based crisis?	yes=0, no=1
32	Does the region's military have pre-existing plans and policies in place in the event of a biological or chemical attack?	yes=1, no=0
33	Number of deaths per mln	Numeric
34	Economic support to citizens	in USD
35	Tax reliefs	in USD
36	Are there any shortages in protective equipment?	yes=0, no=1
37	EGDI.	EGDI score
38	Does the region utilize Electronic Health Records?	yes=1, no=0
39	Regional economic debt (number).	% of GDP
40	Functioning of Government (Index)	HDI Index

Nº	Parameter Name	
41	Does the region have the necessary infrastructure for surplus ventilator production?	yes=1, no=0
42	Global Health Security Index	GHS index score
43	Total transportation network size.	km
44	Literacy rate.	%
45	Proportion of population with tertiary education.	number per capita
46	Poverty rate.	Population living below national poverty line (%)
47	Does the region have religious or cultural practices that increase chances of infection risk or quarantine non-compliance?	yes=0, no=1
48	Human Development Index 2016.	Index
49	Prevalence of diabetes.	% of population ages 20 to 79
50	Death rate due to endocrine disorder.	per 100,000 people

Nº	Parameter Name					
51	Prevalence of mental health and substance use disorders as a share of total disease burden, 2017.	Percent of total disease burden, 2017.				
52	Incidence of tuberculosis.	per 100,000 people				
53	Incidence of cancer.	per 100,000 people				
54	Obesity	% of total population				
55	Is there a majoritively positive public sentiment regarding government COVID-19 strategy?	yes=1, no=0				
56	Proprietary metric #1	Not publicly disclosed.				
57	Proprietary metric #2	Not publicly disclosed.				
58	Proprietary metric #3	Not publicly disclosed.				
59	Proprietary metric #4	Not publicly disclosed.				
60	Proprietary metric #5	Not publicly disclosed.				

COVID-19 Regional Safety Index: Tier-4 Methodology Framework

The 100 territories located in Tier 4 (45% Sub Saharan Africa, 22% Central America, 15% Asia and Pacific, 5% Middle East and North Africa, 5% South America, 4% Eastern Europe and Central Asia, 2% North America) were chosen based on the quantitative results of the first-stage regional safety analysis utilizing 20 parameters, as well as on the qualitative basis whether they suffered from severe levels of data unavailability and unreliability, preventing a fully comprehensive analysis. Due to such data availability issues, only 40 parameters (from the initial set of 130 parameters) was used was used to determine the cumulative scores for each of its 100 constituent regions.

Furthermore, due to the comparatively lower number of parameters utilized, and the fact that a single composite category (consisting of parameters taken from each of the index's 6 component categories) was created, only cumulative scoring was performed for each constituent region of Tier 4, rather than individual category-specific scoring. Additionally, the rankings provided for Tier 4 regions are approximate, and are given as score ranges rather than discrete, individual values, to better account for the fundamental issue of data unavailability for these regions. Thus, region-specific rankings for Tier 4 should be considered as more preliminary than the rankings presented for Tiers 1 - 3. While quantitative and qualitative parameters were utilized in order to arrive at the presented territory-specific scoring, severe data unavailability and unreliability prevented a fully comprehensive analysis, and it is our hope that these regions will consider releasing a greater volume of data necessary to conduct a more thorough analysis.

Future iterations of Deep Knowledge Group's Regional Safety and Risk Assessment analytical case study will expand the scope of its Tiering system to include a fifth Tier, consisting of those territories from among Tier 4 which still score comparatively negatively after having provided a sufficient volume of available and reliable data necessary to conduct a more thorough analysis with a greater number of parameters.

Nº	Parameter Name					
1	Does the region have "hotspots" (high density of cases in one specific area)?	yes=1, no=0				
2	Number of cases	per million individuals				
3	Does the region have an absence of large supply shortages?	yes=0, no=1				
4	Average level of touristic flow.	number of tourists per year				
5	Does the region have dedicated military chemical and biological warfare divisions and forces?	yes=1, no=0				
6	Government effectiveness (EIU score).	EIU Score				
7	State of emergency readiness	yes=1, no=0				
8	Does the region have national laboratories available for COVID-19 testing?	yes=1, no=0				
9	Number of COVID-19 tests conducted per day.	Numeric				
10	Does the region have a significant shortage of COVID-19 tests?	yes=0, no=1				

Nº	Parameter Name					
11	Quantity of Ventilator Stockpile	Numeric				
12	Number of hospital beds	per 1000 people				
13	Number of doctors.	per 1000 people				
14	Healthcare Development Index score.	Index				
15	HAQ (The Healthcare Access and Quality Index) - 2016.	Index				
16	Does the region have access to basic sanitation facilities?	yes=1, no=0				
17	Size of Elderly Population	% of total population				
18	Is the region currently experiencing a political or election-based crisis?	yes=0, no=1				
19	Does the region's military have pre-existing plans and policies in place in the event of a biological or chemical attack?	yes=1, no=0				
20	Number of deaths per min	Numeric				

Nº	Parameter Name	
21	Economic support to citizens	in USD
22	Tax reliefs	in USD
23	Are there any shortages in protective equipment?	yes=0, no=1
24	EGDI.	EGDI score
25	Does the region utilize Electronic Health Records?	yes=1, no=0
26	Regional economic debt (number).	% of GDP
27	Functioning of Government (Index)	HDI Index
28	Does the region have the necessary infrastructure for surplus ventilator production?	yes=1, no=0
29	Global Health Security Index	GHS index score
30	Total transportation network size.	km

Nº	Parameter Name	
31	Prevalence of diabetes.	% of population ages 20 to 79
32	Death rate due to endocrine disorder.	per 100,000 people
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34	Incidence of tuberculosis.	per 100,000 people
35	Incidence of cancer.	per 100,000 people
36	Obesity	% of total population
37	Is there a majoritively positive public sentiment regarding government COVID-19 strategy?	yes=1, no=0
38	Proprietary metric #1	Not publicly disclosed.
39	Proprietary metric #2	Not publicly disclosed.
40	Proprietary metric #3	Not publicly disclosed.

COVID-19 Regional Safety Index: Conclusion and Future Methodology Development

Deep Knowledge Group's COVID-19 analytics generally, as well as the methodological underpinning of the present special case study, are in a continuous state of refinement, expansion and enhancement, and future COVID-19 rankings and special case studies will strive to incorporate a larger number of regions in its analysis, a broader scope of specific parameters, a wider array of topics and categories of analysis, and a greater scope of data-science techniques.

Continuously-Updated Sources of Data	New Analytical Frameworks
Deep Knowledge Group is constantly incorporating the latest findings from existing and new, reputable sources of public data as they become available, and regularly consulting with specific experts on the matter of advanced and qualitative aspects of the current COVID-19 pandemic, to remain on the forefront of shifting trends.	Deep Knowledge Group is developing and releasing entirely new ranking frameworks on additional topics relating to COVID-19 on a continual basis. In the coming weeks the group will reveal frameworks relating to such topics as regions' prospects for economic vulnerability and geopolitical instability as a result of the pandemic.
Enhancing of Analytical Techniques	Customized Consultancy
Deep Knowledge Group is continually refining and expanding both the breadth and depth the analytical techniques applied to its ranking frameworks, and periodically enhancing their capacity to handle and quantitatively assess highly complex and multidimensional data, as the complexity of the pandemic increases.	Deep Knowledge Group is open to disclosing its proprietary metrics and analytical techniques to select counterparties, and to conducting customized region-specific and topic-specific analytics and forecasting for interested governmental bodies and departments in order to derive as much humanitarian benefit from its activities as possible.

General Conclusions

COVID-19 Regional Safety: General Findings

Overall, the analysis revealed a significant degree of variance in terms of the overall regional safety ranking of the 200 regions and countries analyzed, with the largest factors impacting a given territory's specific score being either their fundamental capacity to slow infection spread and treat COVID-19 cases, or the specific policies and strategies they use regardless of their raw capabilities.

Interestingly, the analysis revealed a large number of regions that should have scored well given their general pre-pandemic levels of healthcare quality, readiness and technological sophistication, their capacities for stringent and actionable monitoring and detection, government management efficiency, emergency preparedness and other critical factors, but which in practice received comparatively low regional safety rankings when considered in the context of the full set of parameters used to compute their scores.

We find many technological and economic superpowers suffering some of the highest infection spread and mortality rates, for example the USA and UK, which is a surprising result that requires precise and tangible explanation, given that their scores are unlikely to be a result of their raw capacity to slow infection spread and treat critical COVID-19 cases.

This finding strongly exemplifies the conclusion that one of the most critical factors impacting regional safety is not the general level of different region's theoretical capacity to withstand and neutralize national emergency situations, but rather the specific policies and crisis management strategies and tactics they employ.

Regions which began closing borders, lockdown mandates and economic freezing measures comparatively late in the overall pandemic timeline, which continue to prioritize economic recovery over public health and safety, which do not utilize sufficiently widespread testing, and which do not proactively build bridges across government departments and between the private and public sectors in order to strengthen surplus healthcare resources against the threat of current and future outbreaks consistently score lower than one would expect considering their raw resources, capacity and *potential* to maintain and optimize regional safety amid the current pandemic.

COVID-19 Regional Safety: Geography-Specific Findings

East Asia and Pacific shows a comparatively higher level of diversity among the rankings of its regions than other broad geographical groups featured in the present analysis. The majority of positively-scoring territories are located in Asia specifically (with the exception of New Zealand), and one of the most common factors among them include governments with a high degree of emergency preparedness and rapid mobilization of resources (e.g., Singapore and China).

Europe is dominated by a large number of average-ranking countries, with a smaller number scoring exceptionally high or low in terms of regional safety. We do see a number of so-called "outliers" in the region as well, i.e., countries who should score well given their generally high degrees of healthcare robustness, such as France and especially the United Kingdom, but which do not. This observation is a strong indicator that one of the most critical factors impacting regional safety and stability is not the general level of healthcare sophistication in non-pandemic times, but the specific governmental crisis management strategies and policies used to combat pandemics.

The regions within the Middle East and North Africa group that scored well in terms of cumulative regional COVID-19 safety have a few commonalities which impact their comparatively optimal ranking. For example, many of them in recent years have made substantial investments in the development of cutting edge healthcare technologies and facilities. Another commonality among the positively-scoring regions is experience with national emergency management and rapid mobilization of crisis management resources.

North America has just one country in Tier 1 (Canada), two countries in Tier 3 (United States and Greenland), and one in Tier 4 (Bermuda). The US is an interesting outlier considering its raw assets and capacity for government management efficiency, emergency preparedness, monitoring and detection, and healthcare readiness, the central factor impacting its current situation and its ranking are the specific policies and crisis management strategies that its federal and state-level governments have deployed. Canada, by contrast, has been much slower to relax its lockdown and social distancing mandates, and to re-open its economy, which is one of the factors impacting its exceptionally high regional safety score, and it position as one of the 20 territories located in Tier 1.

COVID-19 Regional Safety: Geography-Specific Findings

Central America is marked by a large number of countries that score comparatively negatively in the present analysis, with the majority falling in Tier 4, and the rest in Tier 3, and none in Tiers 1 or 2. Common factors among many of the lower-scoring countries in Central America include smaller economies, lower healthcare efficiency and economic and geographic isolation.

We tend to see a general trend of consistently low scores for Central Asia regions, in part due to a generally lower degree of healthcare efficiency, modernization and technological sophistication, and lower levels of investments into robust technologies for monitoring and surveillance. Central Asia also has some particular outliers who received significantly lower scores than their neighbors due largely to inefficiencies with government management and policy.

Generally speaking, our analysis revealed scores for Eastern European regions that are on the lower end of average, similarly due in part to lower healthcare modernization and technological sophistication. These factors, however, are offset by the fact that many regions implemented lockdown measures earlier (on average) than Western European countries, which seems to have led to average COVID-19 growth rates and death tolls substantially lower than Western Europe. However, this is not a universal trend within Eastern Europe.

We see a great deal of variance among the regional safety scores of Sub-Saharan Africa. While the broad region's COVID-19 growth and death rates are markedly lower than the majority of other territories included in the present analysis, its overall healthcare infrastructure and efficiency, as well as sanitation levels, are also comparatively lower, and generally the region has a much lower capacity to deal with future increases in COVID-19 infection spread than other regions.

The analysis also revealed large degree of variance in the regional safety scores for South America. A common factor among the majority of regions with significantly higher-than-average regional safety scores in South America include very early, proactive government responses (such as Chile, Uruquay, Peru and Ecuador).

COVID-19 Regional Safety: Tier-Specific Geographic Distribution

Interestingly, Tier 1 consists overwhelmingly of regions from Asia Pacific (and of that, the majority are in Asia) and Europe, with just 15% from Middle East and North Africa, and just 5% from North America. Thus, on average Asia and Europe appear to be maintaining regional safety more efficiently than the rest of the world, although the actual distribution of Asian and European regions that fall within and outside of Tier 1 considers substantially as well, with a larger proportion of European countries being located outside of Tier 1.

The majority of regions within Tier 2 are European countries (70%), with 20% from the Middle East and North Africa, 5% from Eastern Europe and Central Asia, and 5% from Asia Pacific. Thus, the majority of Asia Pacific regions that rank above Tiers 3 and 4 fall into Tier 1 (25%), whereas the majority of European regions that fall above Tiers 2 and 3 are located in Tier 2 (32%).

Meanwhile, Asia Pacific regions falling below Tier 2 are overwhelmingly located in Tier 4 (45% of all Asian territories), whereas European countries falling below Tier 2 are majoritively in Tier 3 (47% of all European countries). Therefore, on average Asia Pacific regions rankings either exceptionally high or low in terms of regional safety, whereas the overall distributional gap for European countries is smaller, with roughly half falling within Tiers 1 and 2, approximately half into Tier 3, and very few (5%) in Tier 4.

From this we can gather several interesting observations, including the fact that regions within Asia have the highest total number of territories that score exceptionally well, but also a wider variation among individual scores (large number falling within Tiers 1 and 4), with a significant number of regions scoring particularly poorly, whereas Europe has a lesser number of individual countries that score exceptionally well, but also a smaller number that score exceptionally poorly as well, with a generally narrower variance (with the majority of countries falling within Tiers 2 and 3.

In analyzing the overall geographic distribution of regions within each broad geographic territory, several interesting insights emerge, which can be used to gain further actionable insights into best and worst-case strategies for combating the current pandemic and optimizing post-pandemic health and economic consequences of the months and years to come.

General COVID-19 Recommendations for Future Pandemic Readiness and Prevention

- Government leaders should seek to improve cross-department coordination, especially as it pertains to links between public health authorities and security forces including military and law enforcement officers.
- Regional governments and international policy organizations should proactively develop the capacity and infrastructure for addressing fast-moving pandemic threats.
- A dedicated normative international organization should be created to promote early identification of global pandemic threats and
 reduction in health-risks imposed by advances in modern technology, such as international travels, which are one of the root causes
 of the current pandemic's global reach.
- Regions should be more proactive in stress-testing their health security capacities and in conducting and publishing the results of
 after-action reviews. By holding periodic health security simulations, such regions can simultaneously demonstrate their
 commitment to maintaining a well-functioning health security system and transparently identify weak points in their health security
 infrastructure in order to improve them for future scenarios of epidemiological relevance.
- The majority of regions should increase the level of domestic financing for health security maintenance, development and improvement, and should be tied to specific benchmarks within national action plans.
- Governments should develop specific mechanisms for facilitating private sector coordination for rapid mobilization of emergency pandemic responses (e.g. equipment production, test and treatment development, etc.)
- Overall utilization of Al-enabled GovTech platforms must be increased to create better cross-department coordination efforts.
- Medical and safety equipments storages must be addressed proactively.
- Regions should seek to establish intra-border cooperation and emergency response efforts jointly to prevent disease spread.
- Above all else, regions should not put economic recovery above public health and safety. Efforts to ease economic freezing and lockdowns should be coupled by vigilant and widespread testing, monitoring and detection.

Future Regional Safety Assessment Enhancements and Follow-Up Special Case Studies

The economic consequences of COVID-19 are already being felt on a massive and unprecedented scale around the globe, and significant attention needs to be paid to developing optimal risk-management, reduction and resolution strategies to accelerate regional recovery and enable the economic transition to a positive post-pandemic era.

In response to these pressures, we see a great many nations prioritizing preventative strategies to stabilize economies over public health and safety, easing lockdowns and halting economic freezing measures even while infection spread and death rates continue to rise, and even despite the fact that any efforts at economic re-stabilization that result in massive increases in infection spread will have detrimental economic consequences in the long term. Meanwhile, other parallel crises (including the massive drop in oil prices and the US-China trade war) are only serving to exacerbate the overall destabilizing effect on the global economy. And, against the background of these present difficulties, many experts are predicting a substantial second wave of the pandemic to occur in the coming months.

Taken together, all this means that identifying the most optimal balance between short term economic recovery and longer-term preparation for a second wave of COVID-19 deserves a thorough and focused analysis. It is for this reason the future editions of Deep Knowledge group's Regional Safety Assessment analytical case studies will take these factors in account in computing their region-specific scores, and that larger scope of our ongoing COVID-19 Analytics will include a specific and dedicated follow-up study that ranks various regions' existing strategies for easing lockdowns, jumpstarting economic activity, and preparing for a potential second wave of COVID-19 - a special case study focused on preparatory tactics for future risks, rather than current levels of regional safety.

We already see significant differences in the ways that different regions are approaching this challenge, and precisely identifying the overall scope of strategies being deployed, and analyzing which appear to be working and which are not, is one of Deep Knowledge Group's most pressing analytical priorities in the week and months to come.



Appendix I

Complete List of Category-Specific Rankings for 200 Countries and Regions

Region / Region Name Quarantine Efficiency Government Efficiency Monitoring and Detection Healthcare Regional Resiliency Emergency Preparedness 1 Switzerland 144 188 131 101 93 95 2 Germany 131 194 138 102 105 79 3 Israel 128 191 143 85 89 113 4 Singapore 145 176 145 86 102 91 5 Japan 127 184 142 108 85 91 6 Austria 122 188 122 89 96 110 7 China 120 172 132 80 74 139	
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8 Australia 131 181 116 81 89 118	716
9 New Zealand 153 156 128 75 94 108	715
10 South Korea Republic of Korea 118 176 133 84 89 111	712
11 United Arab Emirates 120 143 143 70 102 121	700
12 Canada 130 172 133 75 90 100	699
13 Hong Kong 136 166 133 69 77 117	698
14 Norway 128 181 122 80 96 79	685
15 Denmark 137 153 129 80 92 79	671

	Region / Region Name	Quarantine Efficiency	Government Efficiency	Monitoring and Detection	Healthcare Readiness	Regional Resiliency	Emergency Preparedness	Final Score
16	Taiwan	119	174	126	68	69	111	667
17	Saudi Arabia	125	143	121	52	106	111	657
18	Hungary	125	146	122	66	77	120	656
19	Netherlands	128	158	127	86	79	74	651
20	Vietnam	128	149	124	63	72	101	637
21	Kuwait	120	135	112	74	82	110	633
22	Iceland	116	140	104	88	87	66	600
23	Bahrain	109	127	92	76	85	102	592
24	Finland	102	140	93	97	85	68	584
25	Luxembourg	104	134	99	84	87	67	576
26	Qatar	101	149	92	66	81	85	575
27	Liechtenstein	114	139	87	81	86	64	572
28	Poland	113	150	102	59	82	64	570
29	Lithuania	87	154	93	83	86	64	566
30	Malaysia	126	129	86	63	84	78	565

	Region / Region Name	Quarantine Efficiency	Government Efficiency	Monitoring and Detection	Healthcare Readiness	Regional Resiliency	Emergency Preparedness	Final Score
31	Latvia	111	142	101	61	85	65	564
32	Slovenia	89	148	94	82	87	63	564
33	Oman	102	127	89	59	87	98	562
34	Greece	106	139	86	79	85	65	560
35	Estonia	103	138	94	76	83	63	556
36	Croatia	89	142	94	86	84	62	556
37	Turkey	114	126	93	63	81	79	556
38	Ireland	102	132	86	77	85	69	551
39	Georgia	114	120	92	79	77	67	550
40	Cyprus	113	126	98	60	86	67	550
41	Chile	99	151	92	63	80	63	549
42	Montenegro	118	112	98	72	88	61	548
43	Czech Republic	105	121	95	83	80	62	545
44	Malta	112	137	87	80	78	50	544
45	Spain	102	116	96	66	85	78	543

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	Region / Region Name	Quarantine Efficiency	Government Efficiency	Monitoring and Detection	Healthcare Readiness	Regional Resiliency	Emergency Preparedness	Final Score
46	Portugal	109	131	87	73	79	62	542
47	Thailand	90	144	95	67	85	60	541
48	Bulgaria	107	117	96	84	78	59	541
49	Greenland	101	105	83	72	97	80	538
50	Mexico	106	129	101	53	87	62	537
51	Uruguay	108	135	89	62	79	63	536
52	Vatican City	114	110	103	64	86	59	535
53	Italy	103	118	93	71	80	69	533
54	Serbia	92	114	95	82	91	58	532
55	Philippines	108	111	97	42	84	91	532
56	India	111	131	80	36	75	99	532
57	Romania	106	131	95	60	79	60	531
58	Slovakia	93	144	91	60	83	59	530
59	United States	96	100	86	65	80	103	530
60	France	107	113	82	71	77	78	529

	Region / Region Name	Quarantine Efficiency	Government Efficiency	Monitoring and Detection	Healthcare Readiness	Regional Resiliency	Emergency Preparedness	Final Score
61	Russia	89	100	92	65	80	100	527
62	Argentina	92	116	94	83	81	58	524
63	Belarus	88	131	90	80	73	61	523
64	Monaco	107	113	98	61	80	64	523
65	Sweden	91	106	96	81	80	68	522
66	Ukraine	99	118	92	77	77	57	520
67	Gibraltar	107	99	90	77	75	70	518
68	UK United Kingdom	103	102	81	70	78	79	513
69	South Africa	100	116	97	48	85	67	512
70	San Marino	106	116	99	67	62	60	509
71	Kazakhstan	94	107	90	59	75	83	508
72	Bosnia and Herzegovina	105	104	94	68	80	56	508
73	Iran	91	109	79	52	78	96	505
74	Ecuador	104	110	94	60	80	56	505
75	Azerbaijan	87	113	93	71	71	64	499

	Region / Region Name	Quarantine Efficiency	Government Efficiency	Monitoring and Detection	Healthcare Readiness	Regional Resiliency	Emergency Preparedness	Final Score
76	Mongolia	76	125	92	65	76	65	499
77	Lebanon	92	106	94	69	82	56	499
78	Belgium	98	107	85	75	83	49	498
79	Andorra	90	111	94	61	84	57	498
80	Cayman Islands	98	102	94	74	74	50	491
81	Armenia	74	105	93	76	80	57	484
82	Moldova	84	120	93	67	65	55	483
83	Myanmar	95	126	94	33	66	68	482
84	Bangladesh	102	115	95	50	55	66	482
85	Sri Lanka	95	129	87	49	69	54	482
86	Egypt	89	113	94	42	87	55	480
87	Tunisia	79	107	83	61	82	66	478
88	Albania	97	102	80	67	77	54	476
89	Jordan	72	114	93	56	87	53	475
90	Panama	87	113	80	61	77	53	471

	Region / Region Name	Quarantine Efficiency	Government Efficiency	Monitoring and Detection		Regional Resiliency	Emergency Preparedness	Final Score
91	Brazil	96	99	82	67	77	49	470
92	Morocco	104	107	94	38	70	53	465
93	Algeria	82	107	80	67	74	52	461
94	Honduras	100	102	93	38	71	52	457
95	Paraguay	99	98	80	48	78	52	455
96	Peru	93	104	80	53	71	51	453
97	Indonesia	91	108	91	45	65	51	450
98	Cambodia	93	114	94	50	48	49	448
99	Laos	89	126	91	25	64	47	442
100	Bahamas	113	113	80	26	57	50	440

	Region / Region Name	Final Score
101	Isle of Man	435
102	St. Lucia	434
103	North Macedonia	431
104	Dominica	430
105	Antigua and Barbuda	429
106	Dominican Republic	429
107	Grenada	429
108	Kyrgyzstan	429
109	Mauritius	429
110	Barbados	428
111	Bermuda	428
112	Maldives	428
113	São Tomé and Principe	428
114	Cuba	427
115	Micronesia	427

	Region / Region Name	Final Score
116	Nigeria	426
117	Palau	426
118	Gabon	424
119	French Polynesia	423
120	Fiji	421
121	Uzbekistan	421
122	Botswana	419
123	El Salvador	416
124	Tajikistan	414
125	Costa Rica	413
126	Suriname	412
127	Togo	412
128	Belize	409
129	North Korea	408
130	Mozambique	407

	Region / Region Name	Final Score
131	Turkmenistan	403
132	New Caledonia	402
133	Timor-Leste	402
134	Namibia	401
135	Seychelles	400
136	Sierra Leone	399
137	Guyana	398
138	Aruba	396
139	Guam	394
140	Bhutan	392
141	Jamaica	391
142	Nepal	390
143	Uganda	385
144	Gambia	380
145	Vanuatu	378

	Region / Region Name	Final Score
146	Comoros	374
147	Kenya	372
148	Pakistan	370
149	Zambia	369
150	Colombia	367
151	Zimbabwe	367
152	Madagascar	364
153	Equatorial Guinea	363
154	Sint Maarten (Dutch part)	362
155	Papua New Guinea	360
156	Guinea-Bissau	358
157	Ghana	356
158	Libya	356
159	Nicaragua	354
160	Angola	350

	Region / Region Name	Final Score
161	British Virgin Islands	350
162	Cabo Verde	350
163	Curaçao	350
164	Niger	350
165	Solomon Islands	350
166	St. Kitts and Nevis	350
167	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	350
168	Trinidad and Tobago	350
169	Djibouti	349
170	Guatemala	347
171	St. Martin (French part)	345
172	Lesotho	343
173	Haiti	340
174	Ethiopia	338
175	Mauritania	338
176	Bolivia	337
177	Guinea	336
178	Malawi	336
179	Burundi	334
180	Cameroon	332

	Region / Region Name	Final Score
181	Eritrea	332
182	Côte d'Ivoire	331
183	Sudan	331
184	Venezuela	331
185	Benin	329
186	Senegal	327
187	Somalia	326
188	Congo	325
189	Yemen	325
190	Central African Republic	323
191	Iraq	323
192	Syrian Arab Republic	321
193	Burkina Faso	318
194	Tanzania	314
195	Liberia	311
196	Afghanistan	310
197	Chad	305
198	Mali	300
199	Rwanda	300
200	South Sudan	300



Appendix IV

COVID-19 Deep Knowledge Group Activities

Switzerland: #1 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Germany: #2 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Israel: #3 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Singapore: #4 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Japan: #5 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Austria: #6 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



China: #7 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Australia: #8 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



New Zealand: #9 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



South Korea: #10 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



United Arab Emirates: #11 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Canada: #12 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Hong Kong: #13 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Norway: #14 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Denmark: #15 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Taiwan: #16 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Saudi Arabia: #17 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Hungary: #18 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



The Netherlands: #19 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Vietnam: #20 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking

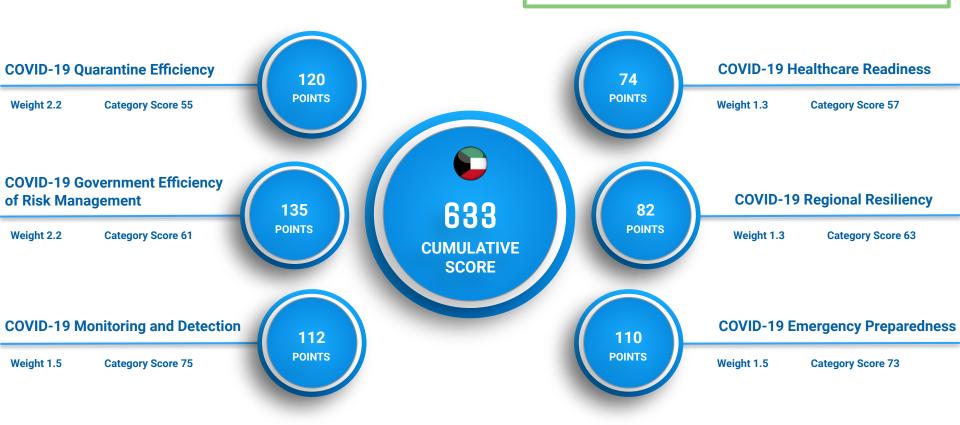




Appendix III

Profile Section Regional Safety: Tier 2 and Tier 3

Kuwait: #21 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



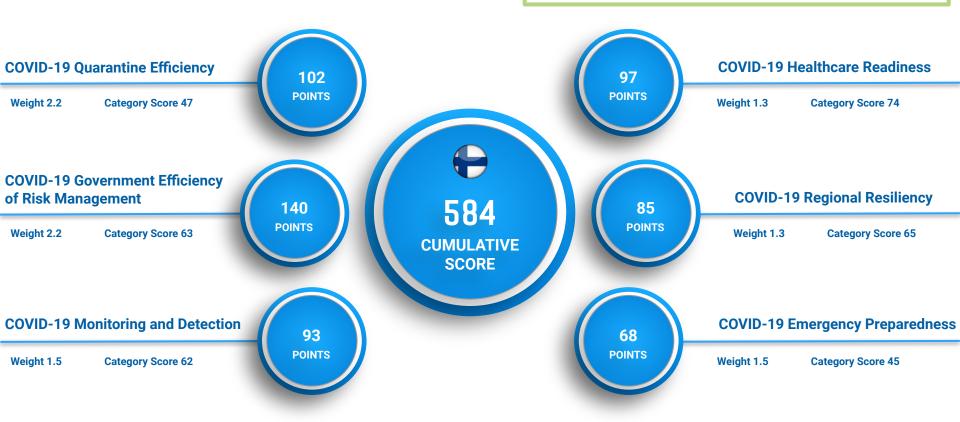
Iceland: #22 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Bahrain: #23 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Finland: #24 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Luxembourg: #25 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Qatar: #26 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Liechtenstein: #27 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



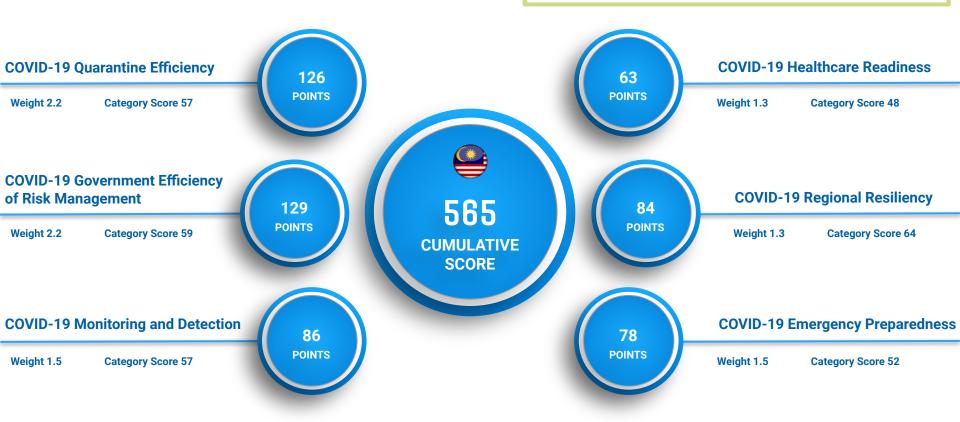
Poland: #28 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Lithuania: #29 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Malaysia: #30 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Latvia: #31 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Slovenia: #32 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Oman: #33 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Greece: #34 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Estonia: #35 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Croatia: #36 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Turkey: #37 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Ireland: #38 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Georgia: #39 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Cyprus: #40 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



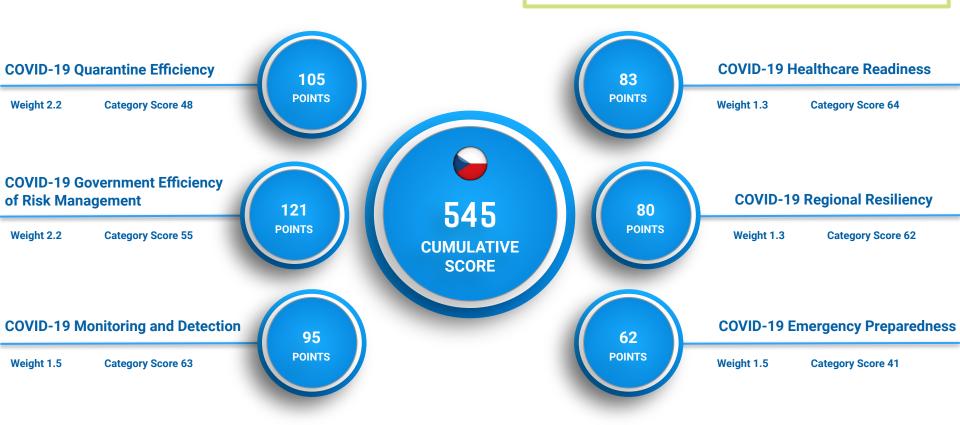
Chile: #41 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Montenegro: #42 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



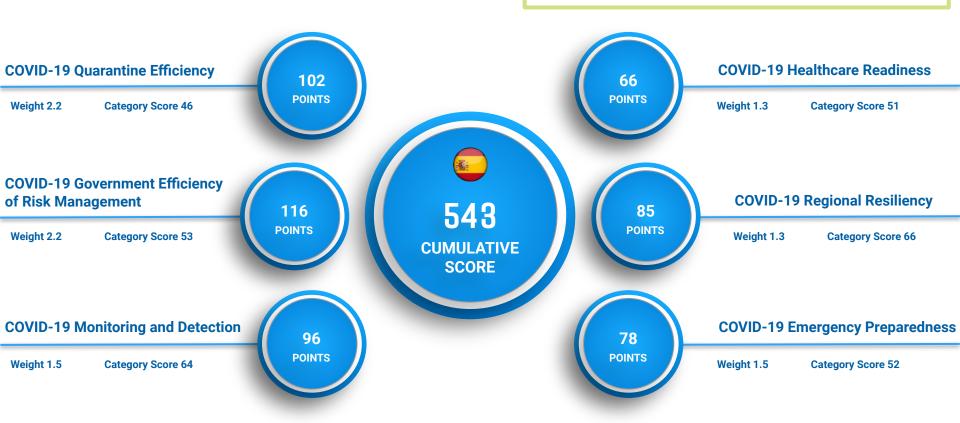
Czech Republic: #43 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Malta: #44 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Spain: #45 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Portugal: #46 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Thailand: #47 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Bulgaria: #48 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Greenland: #49 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Mexico: #50 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Uruguay: #51 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Vatican City: #52 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Italy: #53 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Serbia: #54 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Philippines: #55 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



India: #56 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Romania: #57 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



United States: #58 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



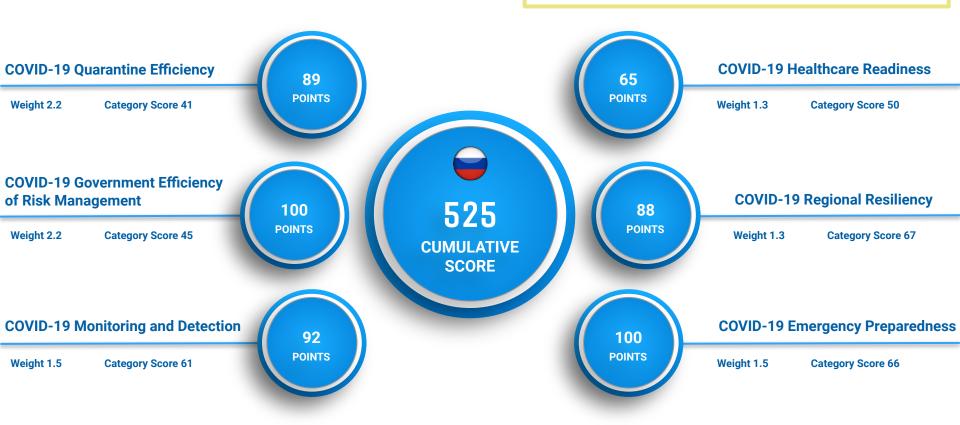
Slovak Republic: #59 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



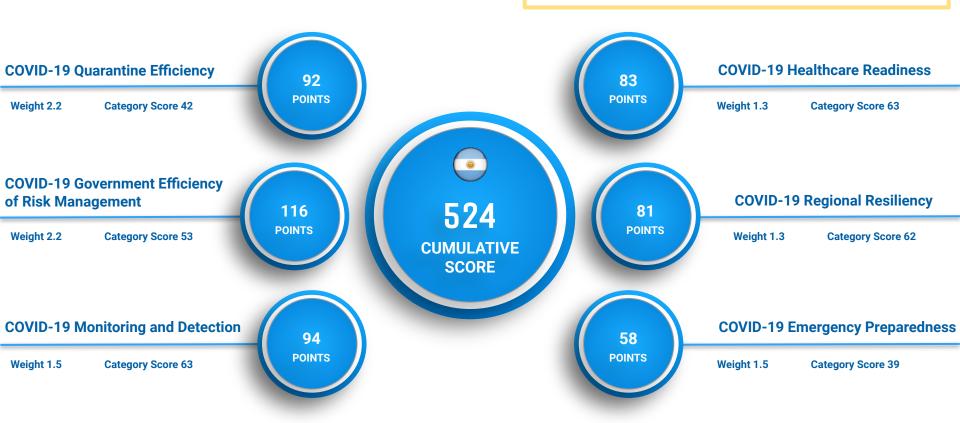
France: #60 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Russia: #61 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Argentina: #62 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Belarus: #63 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Monaco: #64 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Sweden: #65 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Ukraine: #66 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Gibraltar: #67 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



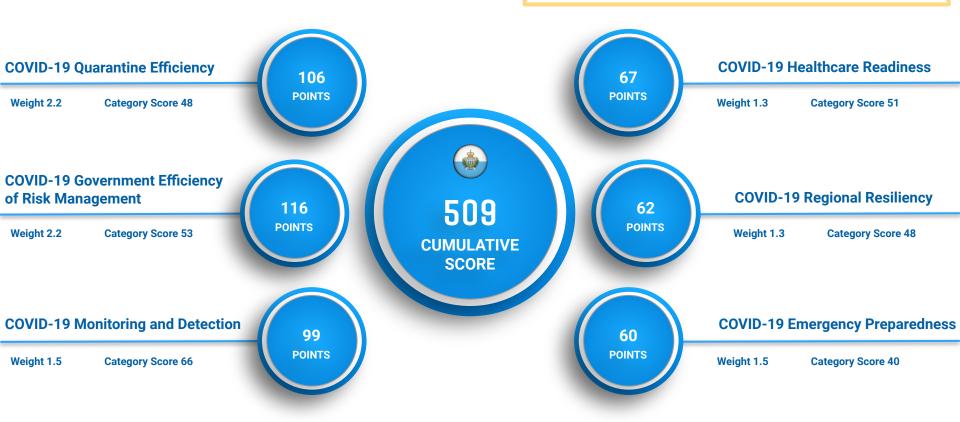
United Kingdom: #68 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



South Africa: #69 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



San Marino: #70 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Kazakhstan: #71 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



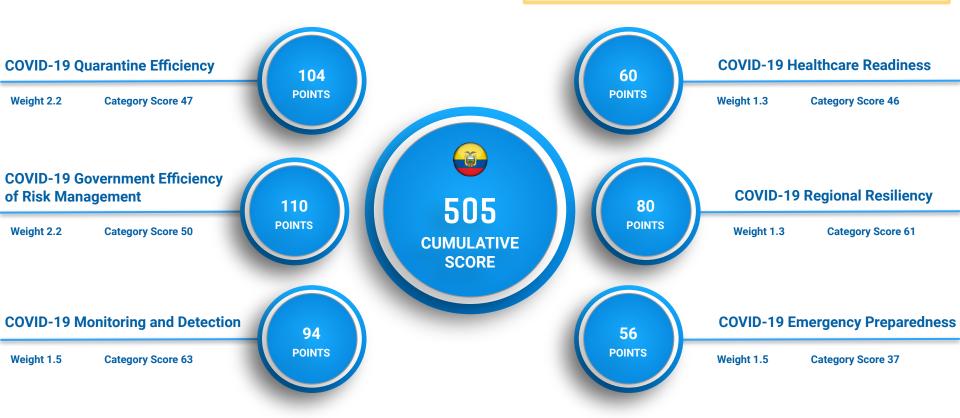
Bosnia and Herzegovina: #72 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Iran: #73 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



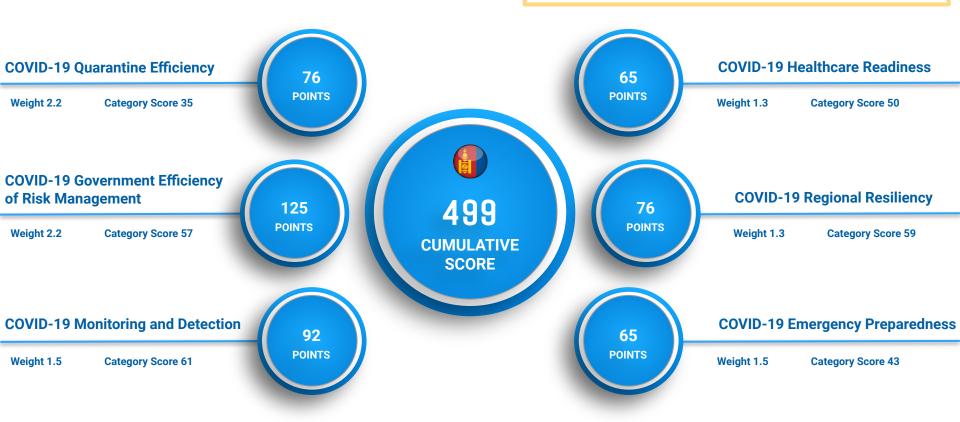
Ecuador: #74 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



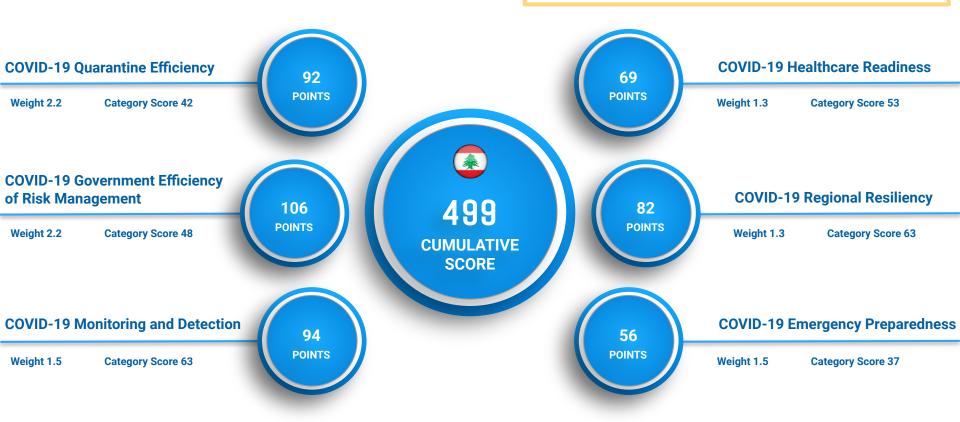
Azerbaijan: #75 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Mongolia: #76 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Lebanon: #77 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Belgium: #78 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



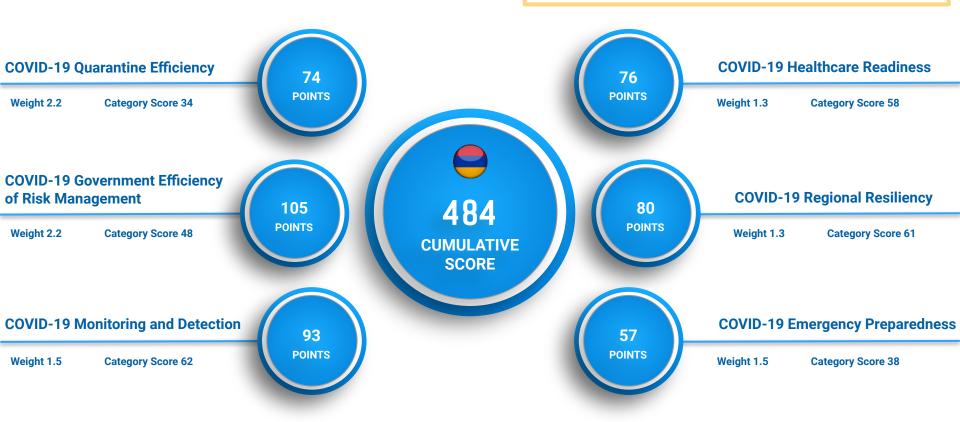
Andorra: #79 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



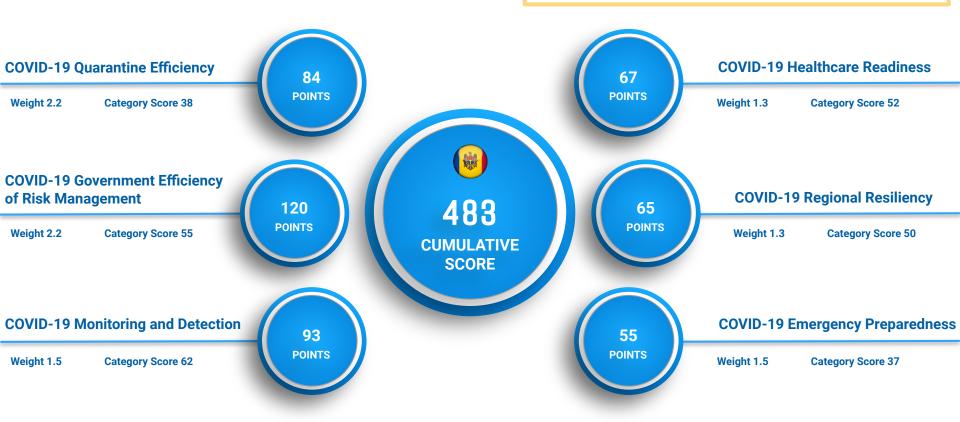
Cayman Islands: #80 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



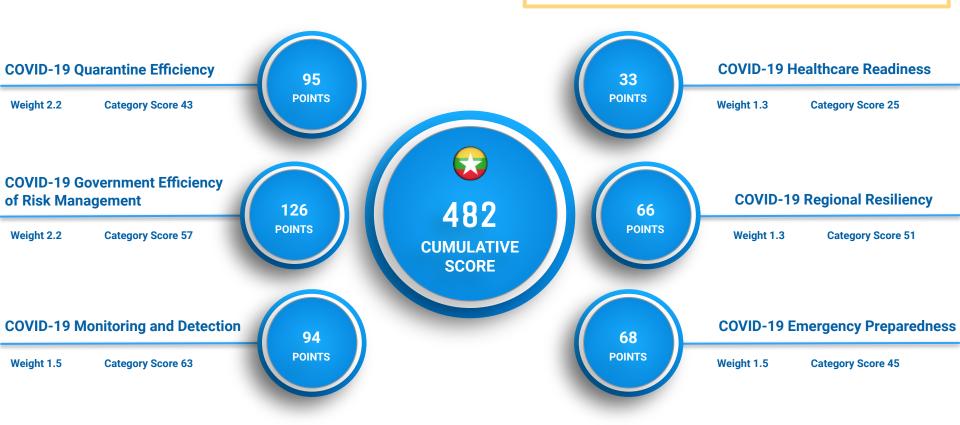
Armenia: #81 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Moldova: #82 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



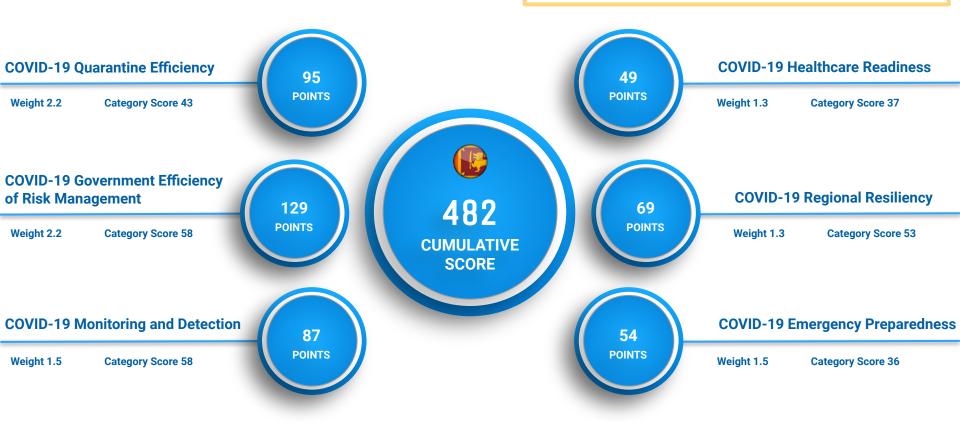
Myanmar: #83 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Bangladesh: #84 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Sri Lanka: #85 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



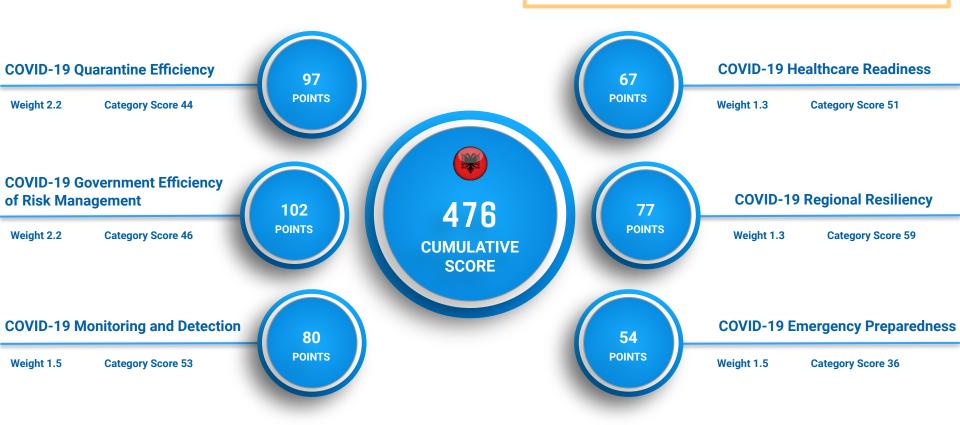
Egypt: #86 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Tunisia: #87 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Albania: #88 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Jordan: #89 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



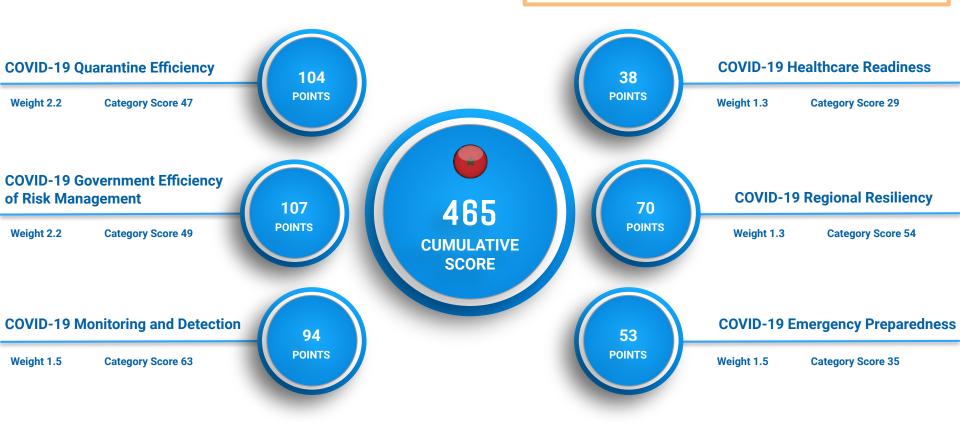
Panama: #90 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



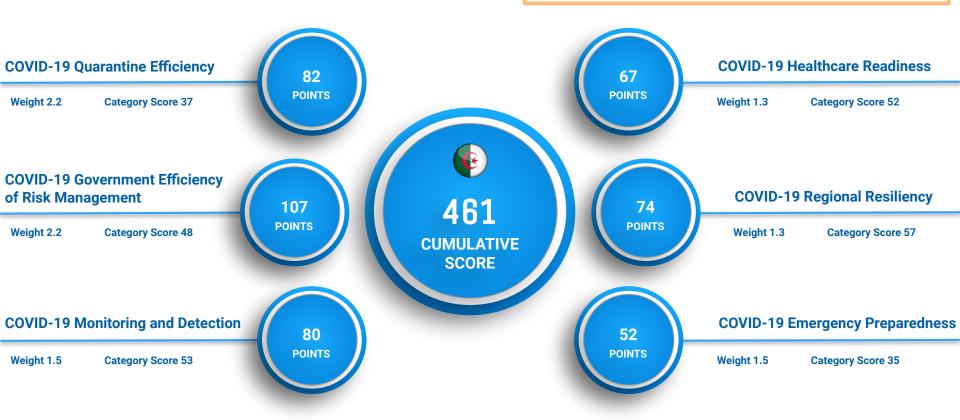
Brazil: #91 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Morocco: #92 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Algeria: #93 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Honduras: #94 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



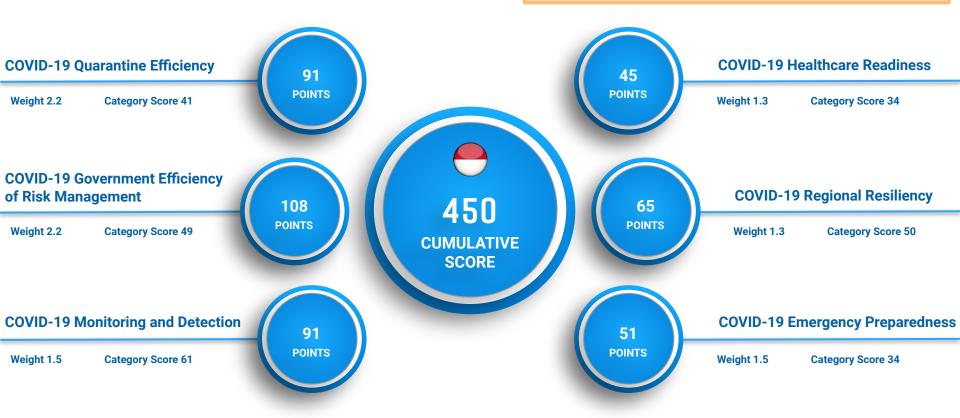
Paraguay: #95 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Peru: #96 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Indonesia: #97 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Cambodia: #98 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Laos: #99 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking



Bahamas: #100 Region by COVID-19 Safety Ranking





Appendix IV

COVID-19 Deep Knowledge Group Activities

Deep Knowledge Group COVID-19 Analytics

Deep Knowledge Group's COVID-19 analytical frameworks and methodology have been designed to rapidly account for the new and ongoing actions of regions as they strive to mitigate the health and economic consequences of COVID-19 within their own borders. By applying Big Data Analysis to a large scope of quantified and relevant parameters, and comparing them in tangible practical ways, they are able to serve as the ideal tools for responsible governments and relevant decision makers to derive actionable data and insights on their own specific situation over time on the effectiveness of their counter-infection measures and how to adapt the best-case examples (and avoid the mistakes) of other regions in a way that is tuned to the specifics of their own regional, healthcare and economic circumstance. These frameworks are designed to identify positive cases such as these, and enable relevant decision makers to get a tangible understanding of how they can apply them to their own situations in an efficient, cost-effective and actionable manner.

Major Uses

of Deep Knowledge

Group's COVID-19

Analytics

Big Data Analysis for Tangible Insights

COVID-19 is a complex system impacted by the intersection and interaction of many different factors and enti. Big Data Analysis can rapidly help identify hidden patterns and correlations.

Gaining a Dynamic Lens on regions' COVID Efforts

The frameworks are periodically updated, and analyzing changes in specific ranking frameworks over time can help measure the effectiveness of regions' efforts, and adjust them over time.

Region-Specific Metrics for Precise Ranking

The frameworks are designed to be both generally applicable across many different regions, and to include region-specific metrics to account for the inevitable specifics of various regions.

Applying Best Case Examples from Other regions

By analyzing the specific metrics that certain regions rank well in, decision makers can identify the exact factors behind positive region rankings in specific categories.

Avoiding the Mistakes of Other regions

The frameworks account for both positive and negative factors impacting regions' effectiveness at combating COVID-19, identifying critical mistakes to avoid.

Actionable Data-Driven Answers to Key Questions

Above all else, the frameworks have been formulated to enable the identification of tangible, action-oriented insights on how regions should adjust their policies and efforts maximize beneficial outcomes for their citizens and national economies.

Deep Knowledge Group COVID-19 Analytics

















Deep Knowledge Group's COVID-19 Analytics in the Media

DER SPIEGEL



"According to a ranking, the Federal Republic is currently the safest and most stable country in Europe and even the second safest in the world. Only Israel manages the crisis better, according to the country comparison of the London Deep Knowledge Group (DKG), which is exclusively available to SPIEGFI "

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"Deep Knowledge Group assessed countries based on 76 parameters. Some were conventional coronavirus cases and deaths, geographic size and demographics, hospital capacity and medical expertise. Others were less obvious "GovTech" or e-government systems and defence capabilities."

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tests and the availability of hospital beds."



'Germany is the safest country in Europe, with Greece in 30th place and Cyprus in 29th place. In their research, DKG analysts took into account many different criteria, such as the validity of restrictive measures, the number of quarantine violations, the range of travel bans, the number of diagnostic

"According to the "Deep Knowledge Group" website report. it released a list of "the safest countries in the world", one to five of which are: Israel, Singapore, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Although the Middle East is a severely affected area, Israel can effectively control the domestic epidemic through the mobile app."

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"The Palestinians benefit from the Israeli assistance since Israel was just ranked the safest country in the world during the pandemic by the Deep Knowledge Group," - Fox News says."

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Deep Knowledge Group's COVID-19 Rankings and DKG's General Partner's predictions were published in the Forbes Article "Al Can Help Us Fight Infectious Diseases In A More Effective Way", written by Margaretta Colangelo. contributor to Cognitive World.

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"The Deep Knowledge Group, a respected a consortium of commercial and non-profit organizations, has just published an interim review of measures to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, including a "Safety Countries Ranking" of the 40 countries that are doing the best job of protecting their citizens against coronavirus."

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YAHOO!



And science is exactly what the Deep Knowledge Group are basing their latest findings on. According to the data published on the international group's website. New Zealand is the third-safest country in the world to be in during the ongoing pandemic, behind Israel and Singapore.

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"The countries that will be able to provide long-lasting protection for their citizens, and stay stable, they will to some extent automatically attract financial activity," Dmitry Kaminskiv, DKV's founder and managing partner, told the Nikkei Asian Review

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Esquire



"...Where the Philippines makes an appearance, According to the Deep Knowledge Group's risk levels ranking, the top 10 countries that are the riskiest to stay in right now are the U.S.A., Italy, Indonesia, Spain, Irag, Iran, the Netherlands, France, U.K., and the Philippines."

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"In order to assemble the ranking, DKG analysts gathered information on several factors, including the period of lockdown and the number of confinement infractions per country. Other indicators are travel bans, coronavirus testing and how well hospitals are equipped in each country."

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"Israel completed a successful bond issue on Wednesday. selling \$5 billion worth of government bonds, including \$1 billion over 100 years. Two days before Israel was ranked as the safest place in the world in regard to the outbreak of the Coronavirus by the Deep Knowledge Group."

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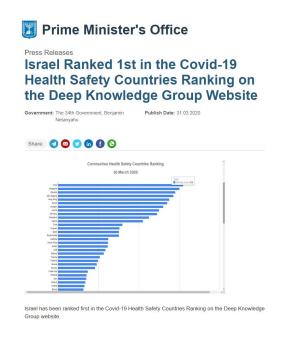


Deep Knowledge Group's COVID-19 Analytics in the Media

Deep Knowledge Group's recent "COVID-19 regions Health Safety Ranking" attracted significant public interest. Since their initial publication, the rankings have received widespread media attention in Der Spiegel, NIKKEL Asian Review, Deutsche Welle, Esquire, Forbes and others, and was acknowledged by Israel's Prime Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel and personally by Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu. The Group was also mentioned on i24 TV Channel. The Full Media Coverage can be found here: https://www.dkv.global/media-news







Deep Knowledge Group's COVID-19 MedTech Analytics IT-Platform

Deep Knowledge Group's new COVID-19 MedTech Analytics IT-Platform is designed to serve as a comprehensive database of the most relevant entities, technologies, and developments in the COVID-19 MedTech ecosystem, aggregating, profiling and visualizing the companies, organizations, scientists and technologies at the forefront of neutralizing the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuring the health and safety of individuals and nations during this time of unprecedented crisis. The platform aims to cover all major sectors and relevant activities in the global COVID-19 MedTech landscape from science to technology, R&D, treatment, diagnostic and vaccine development, and practical applications occurring globally, providing data on particular scientific and technological sectors and geographical regions.



















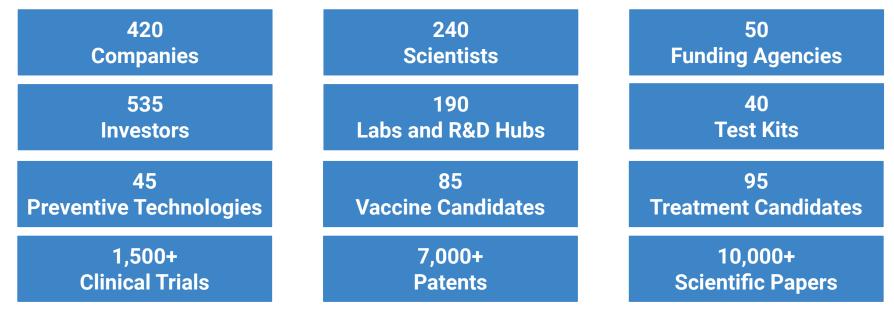






Deep Knowledge Group's COVID-19 MedTech Analytics IT-Platform

The platform was created by <u>Deep Knowledge Analytics</u> utilizing the sophisticated IT-solutions and <u>Interactive MindMap and Data Visualization</u> capabilities that the DeepTech analytics subsidiary of the group has developed over the past several years. Its ultimate aim is to serve a comprehensive database and one-stop informational resource designed to keep both the public and relevant decision makers informed on the latest developments in the COVID-19 MedTech landscape, profiling 95 Treatment Candidates, 85 Vaccine Candidates, 60 Preventative Tech, 40 Test Kits, 220 Scientists, 380 Companies, 535 Investors, 50 Funding Agencies, 1500+ Clinical Trials and 180 Universities, Labs and R&D Hubs working at the frontier of neutralizing the pandemic and promoting beneficial outcomes for those already infected.



Analytical Subsidiaries



Deep Knowledge Analytics

Deep Knowledge Analytics is a deep tech analytical agency using multidimensional algorithms to produce advanced industrial reports on DeepTech and frontier technologies. An online analytics platform with interactive visuals updated in real-time was released early this year



Aging Analytics Agency

Aging Analytics Agency began producing reports before the industry emerged and it is exclusively focused on Longevity, Geroscience, AgeTech and Preventive Medicine. The company has been developing its methodology since 2015 and is the main source of market intelligence in the field.



Pharma Division

The Pharma Division of Deep Knowledge Analytics specializes in the production of the most comprehensive analytical reports on the topics of Artificial Intelligence, Drug Discovery, Data Science and Digital Health within the broader Pharma Healthcare Industry and intersection of Al and Pharma.



GovTech Division

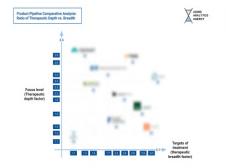
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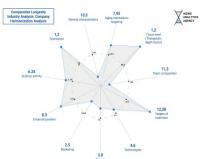


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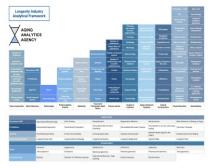
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Global Longevity Governance Landscape 2019



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GovTech / E-governance Global Industry Landscape Overview 2019



National Longevity Development Plans: Global Overview 2019



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