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# **Understanding COVID-19 through the Lens of Data Analytics II: Developing Countries**

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**ARIC appreciates the medical staff, street bureaucrat,  
and citizen who never give up to COVID-19  
but demonstrate the power of our community.**

## 00. Beyond Common sense?

- ✓ Are the developing countries more affected than the rich by COVID-19?
- ✓ Do the developing countries have higher fatality rate?
- ✓ Do the developing countries take more time to reach at the peak of COVID-19?
- ✓ Do the developing countries with more doctors show faster recovery trend?

Need to check the fact and details with data

# 00. International Travel bans





# 00. Domestic Travel bans

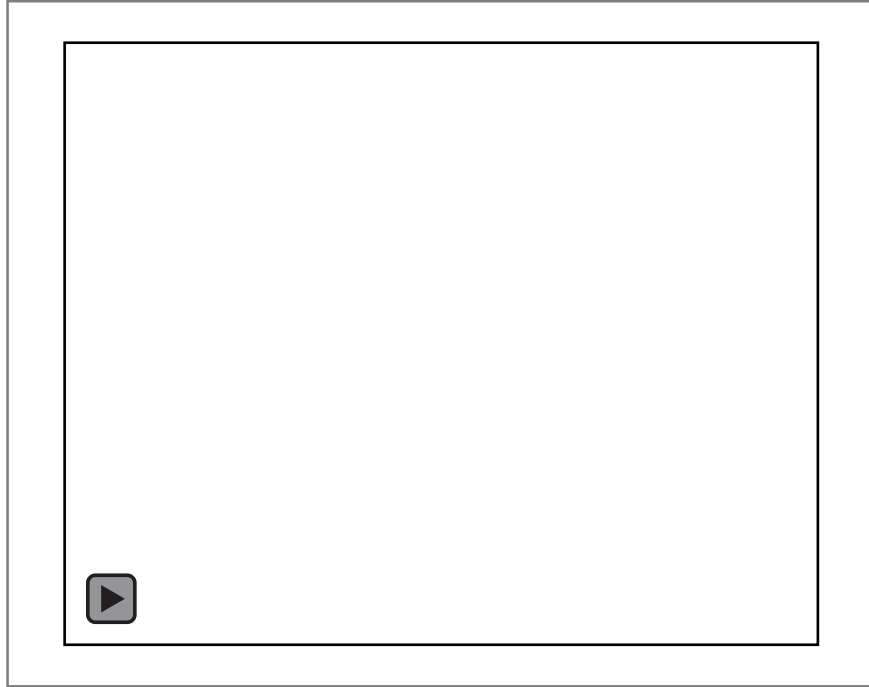


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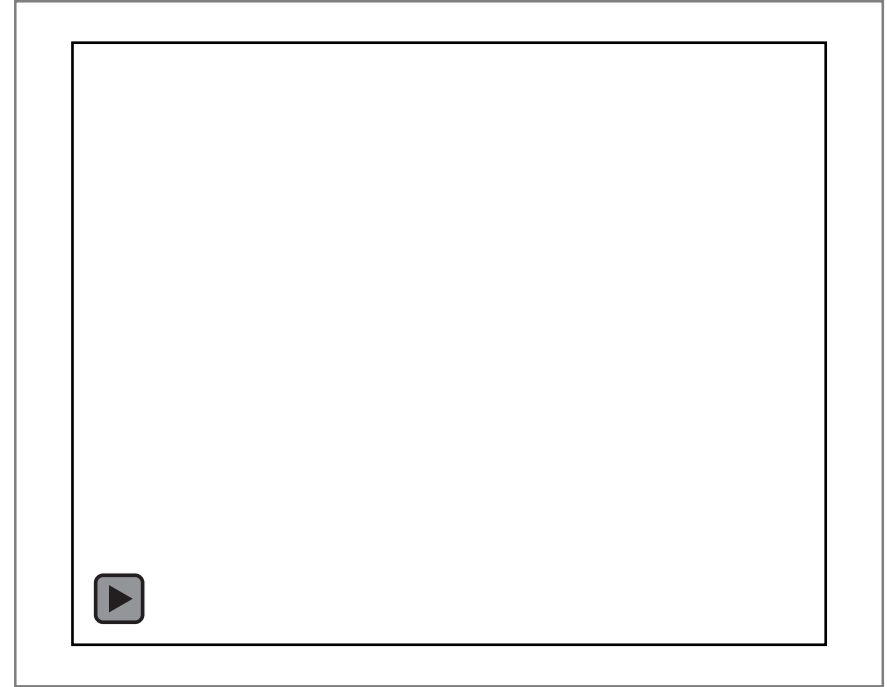


# 00. Social Distancing – ABM (Agent Based Model)

[ Social Distancing : Low ]

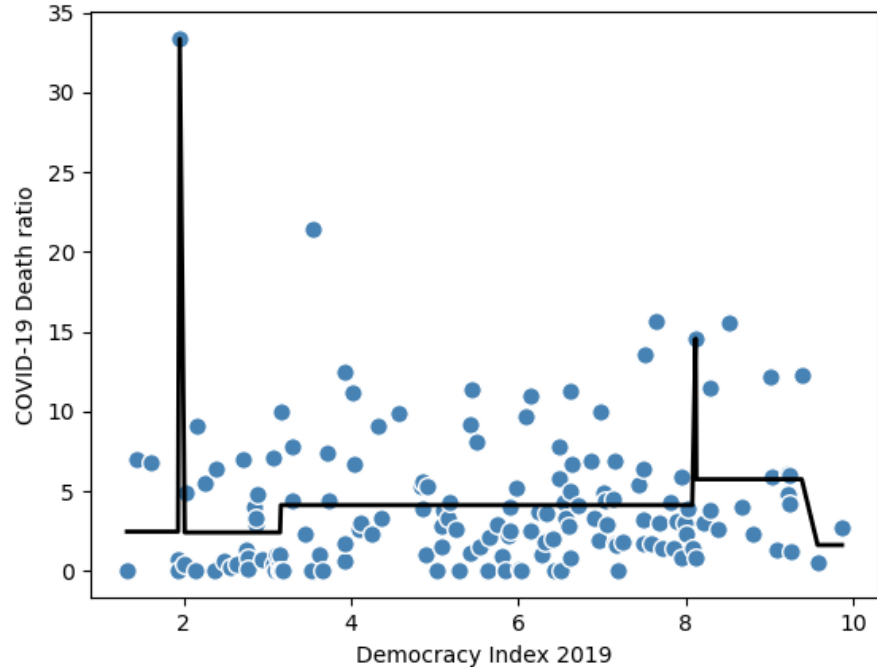


[ Social Distancing : High ]

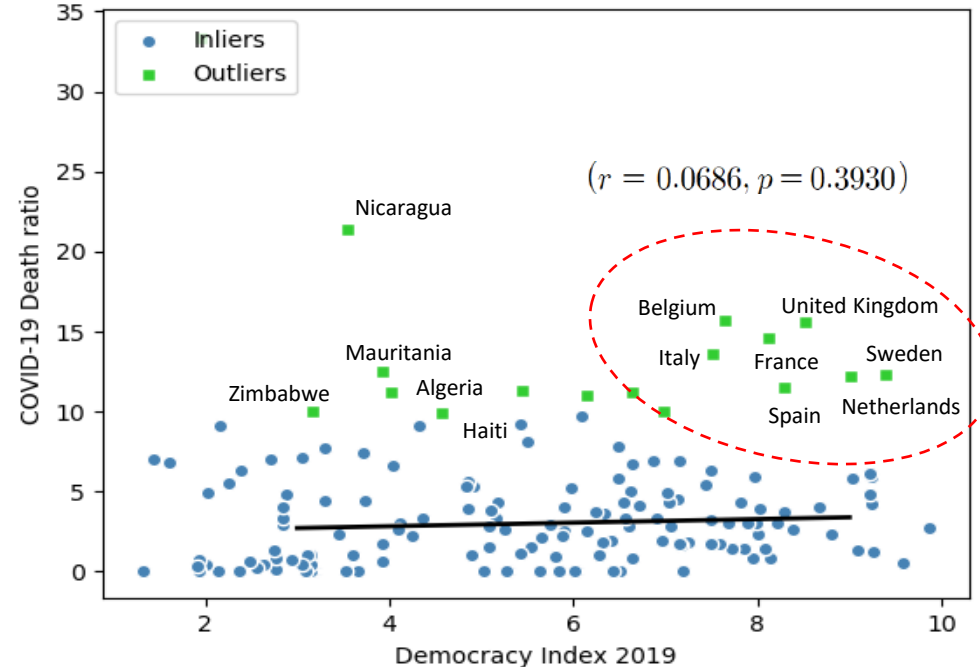


# • Correlation between Democracy Index 2019 and COVID-19 mortality rate

[ Scikit-learn : Decision Tree Regressor ]

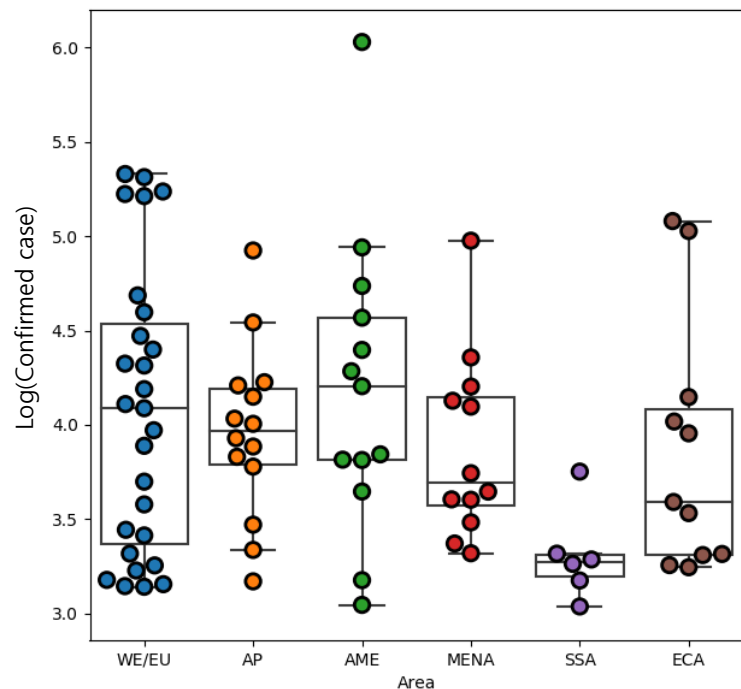


[Scikit-learn : Random sample consensus – Outlier ]



There was no significant correlation between the Democracy index 2019 and COVID-19 mortality. but In cross-country comparisons, European countries appeared as outliers, unlike the general case.

## • COVID-19 Confirmed case by World Region (2020.04.30)



ID	Region
WE/EU	Western Europe & EU
AP	Asia Pacific
AME	Americas
SSA	Sub-Saharan Africa
MENA	Middle East & North Africa
ECA	Eastern Europe & Central Asia

Analysis of Variance						R-Square	0.4835
						Adj R-Sq	0.4199
Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F		
Model	9	17.47155	1.94128	7.59	<.0001		
Error	73	18.66193	0.25564				
Corrected Total	82	36.13348					

Parameter Estimates						
Variable	Label	DF	Parameter Estimate	Standard Error	t Value	Pr >  t
Intercept	Intercept	1	3.75447	0.24652	15.23	<.0001
old	old	1	-0.00812	0.01577	-0.51	0.6083
CPI	CPI	1	0.00387	0.00418	0.93	0.3573
POPD	POPD	1	0.00002692	0.00006755	0.40	0.6914
Trade	Trade	1	0.00000107	1.58034E-7	6.78	<.0001
WE	WE	1	-0.05176	0.22638	-0.23	0.8198
AP	AP	1	-0.34533	0.22575	-1.53	0.1304
AME	AME	1	0.05772	0.21727	0.27	0.7912
SSA	SSA	1	-0.58012	0.29045	-2.00	0.0495
MENA	MENA	1	-0.11200	0.25519	-0.44	0.6620

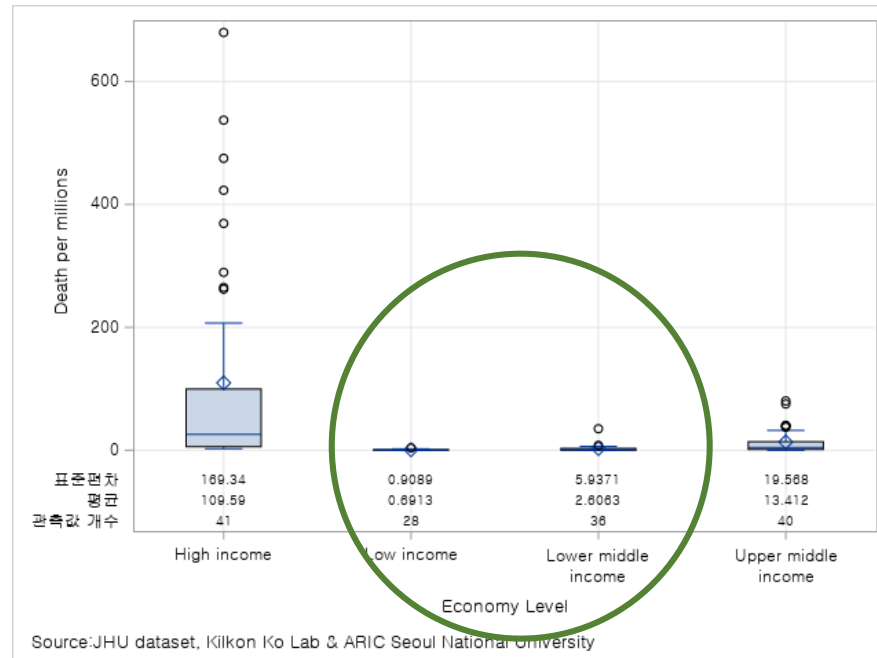
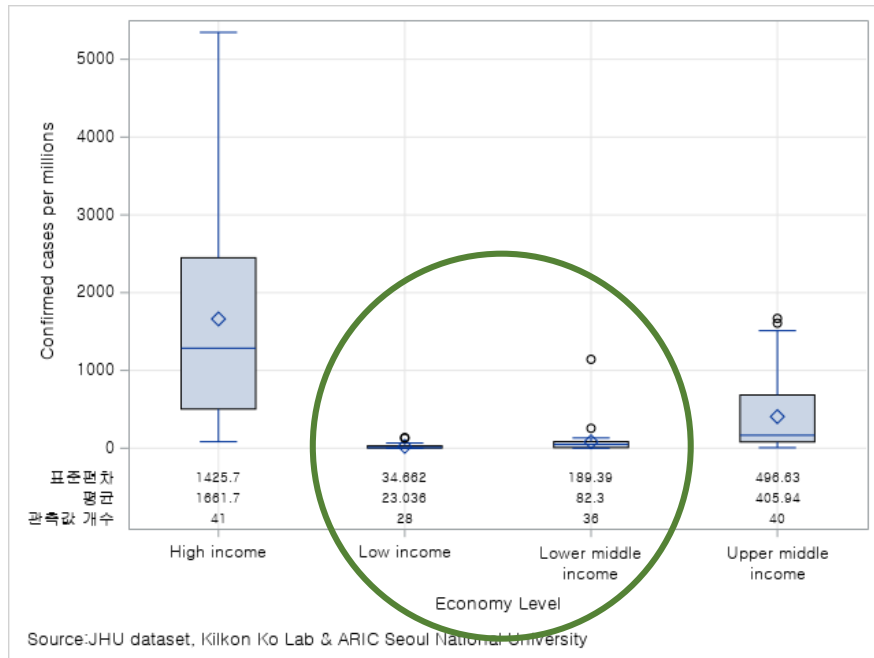
As a result of analyzing by adding dummy variables for each World Region in 83 countries where more than 1,000 confirmed cases occurred, the Log(Confirmed case) was large when the WTO merchandise Trade volume was high (1% significance level)

Data: JHU, As of May 6, 2020  
2019 WB criteria. The income is as of 2018 income.

Group	Income Range
Low income	~ 1,025USD
Lower-middle	1,025~3,995USD
Upper middle	3,996~12,375USD
High	12,376 USD~

# 01. Are developing countries more heterogeneous in infection and death?

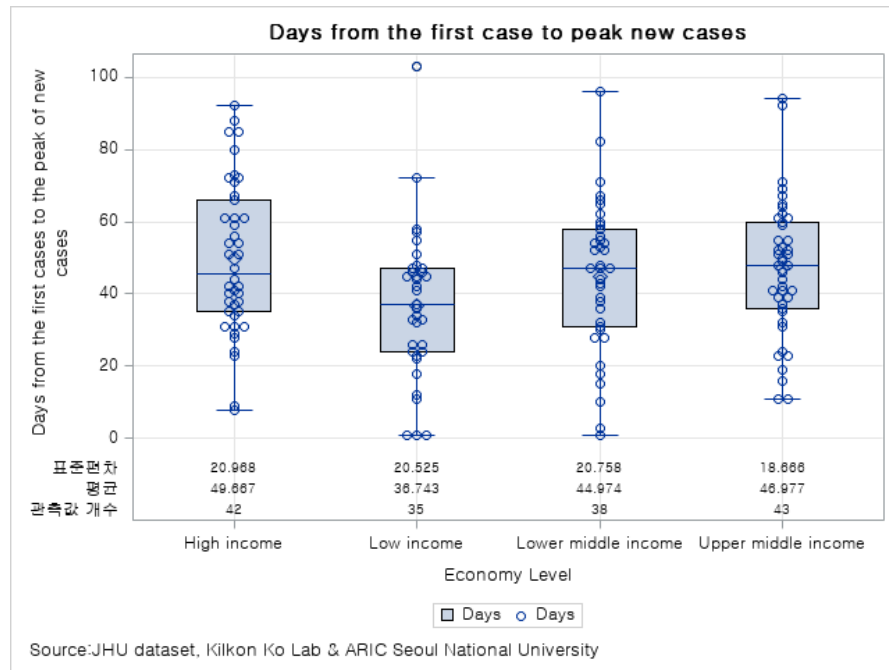
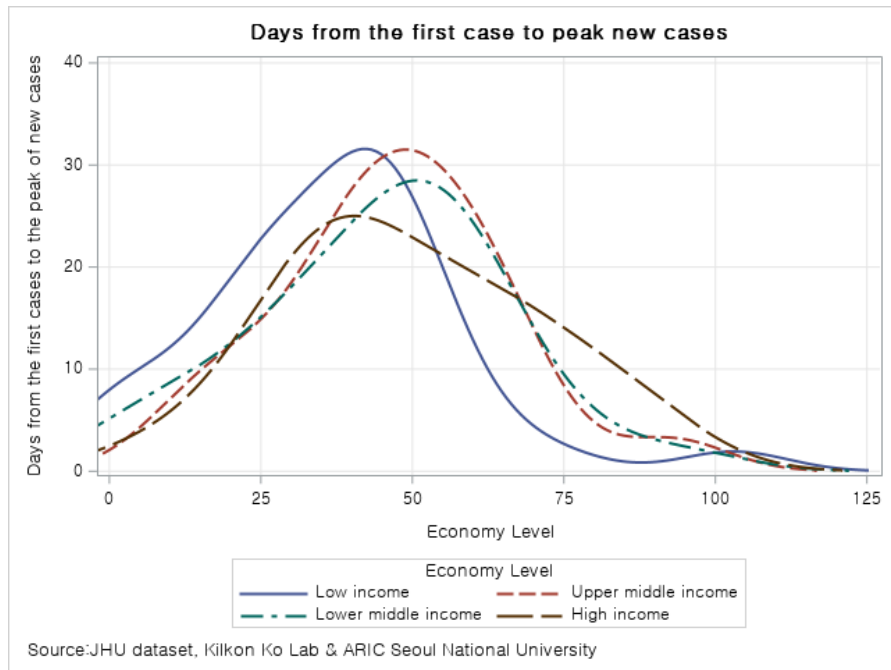
▶ **NO!!** Developed countries are more heterogeneous than the developing countries



Note: countries less than "1 million Pop" are excluded from the analysis

## 02. How long do DCs arrive at its peak of infection?

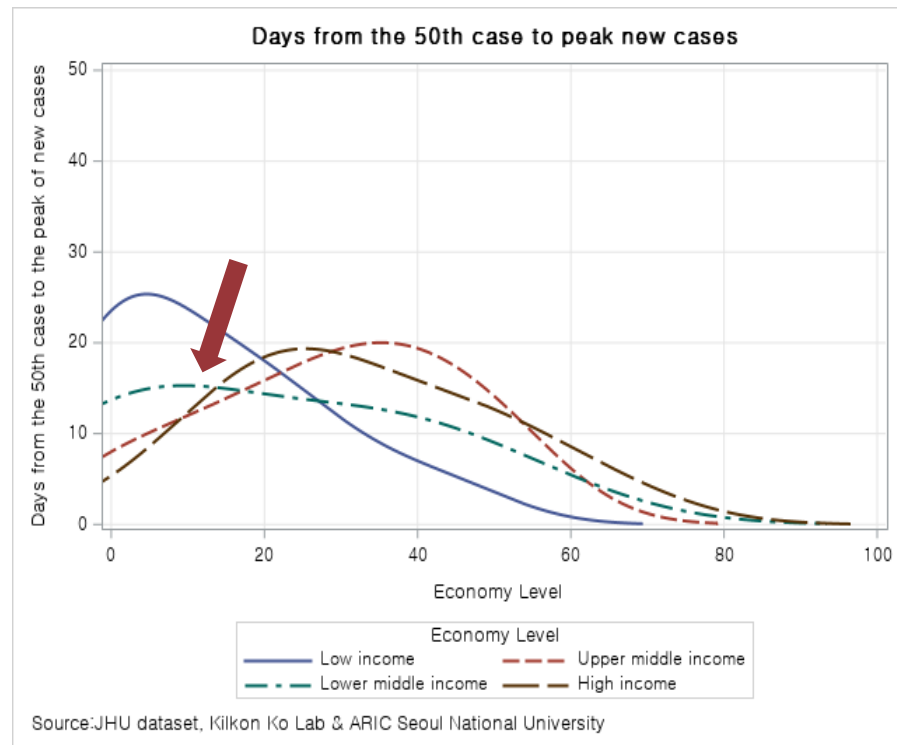
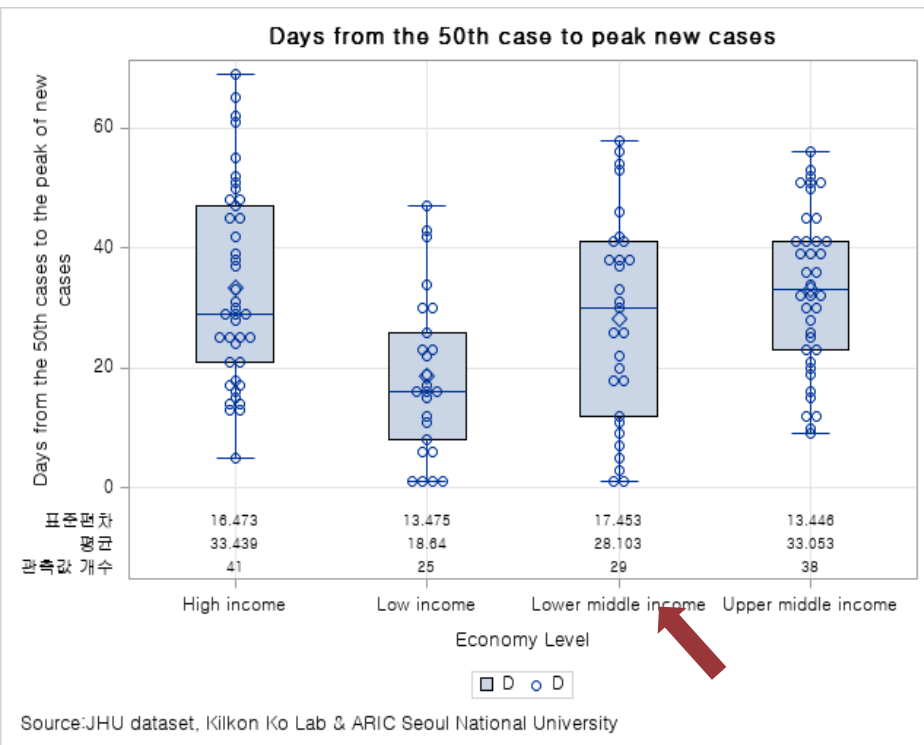
High income countries took longer time to reach the peak of new cases (around 37 days)





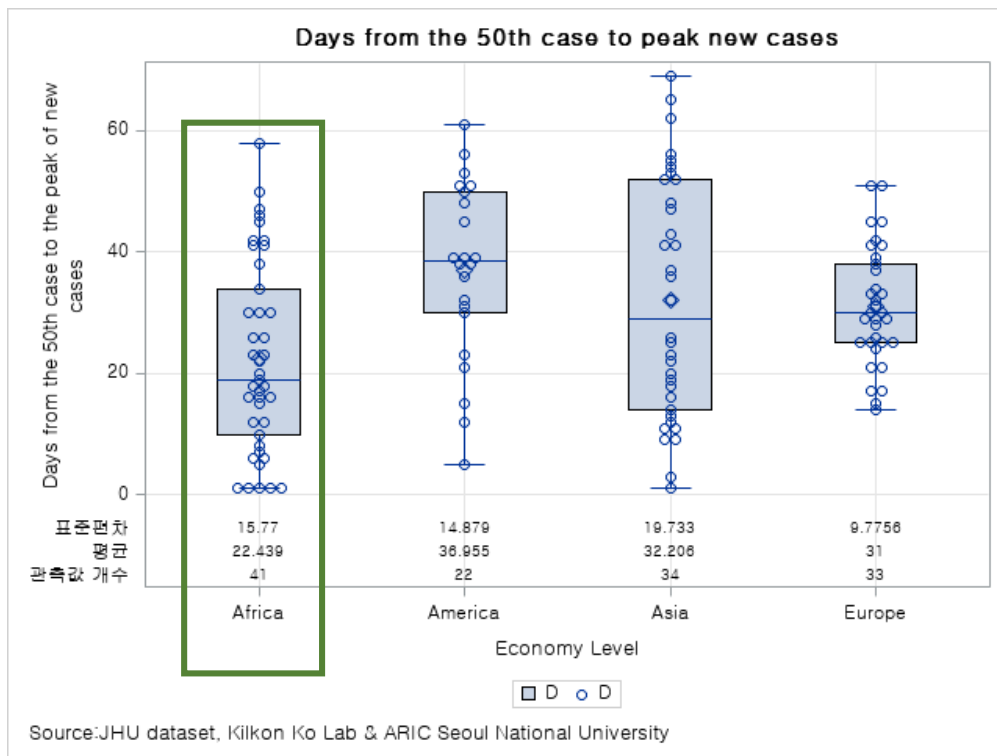
## 02. How long do DCs arrive at its peak of infection?

After the first 50 cases,  
lower-middle income countries took 28 days to reach their peak of new cases

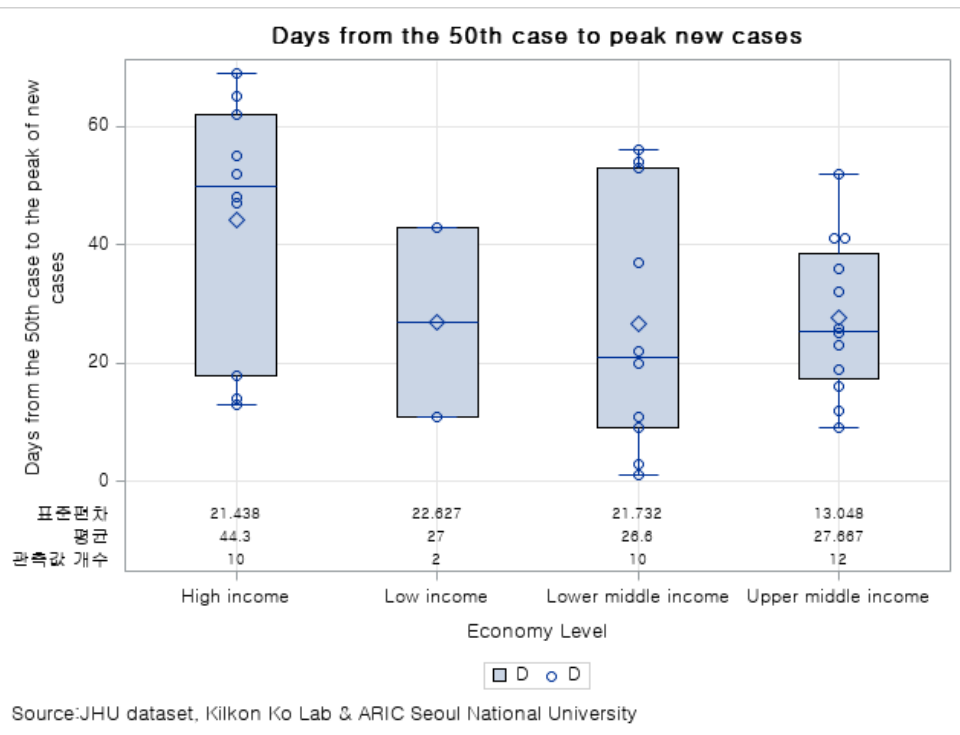


### 03. North-South Divide in COVID-19 responses???

Countries in Africa is less affected than other countries.



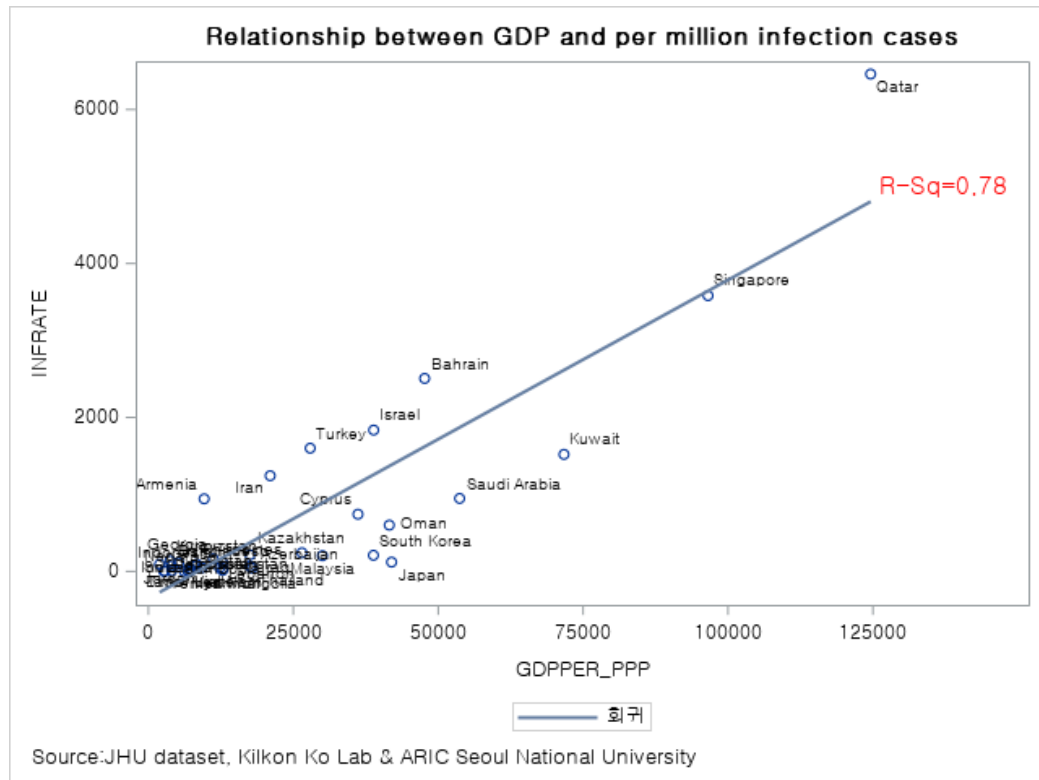
## 04. Does Asia differ from other continents?



Even within Asia,  
the high income countries  
took a longer time  
to reach the peak of new cases

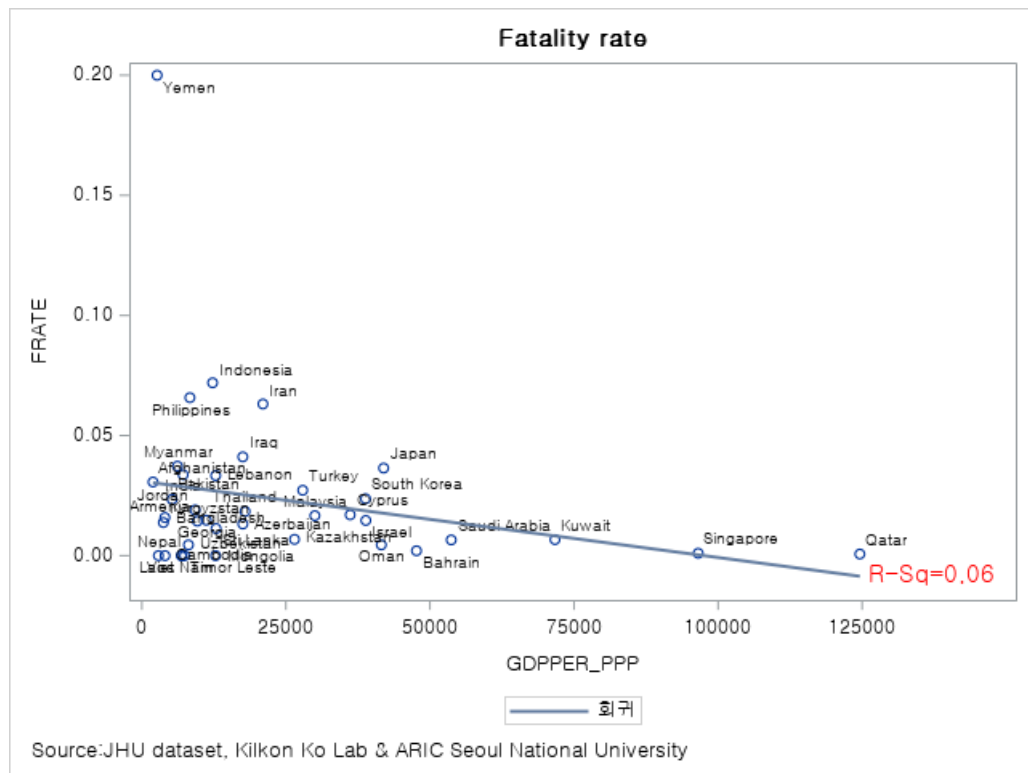
## 05. Are the developing countries less effectively prevent infections?

► **Opposite!** There is a positive correlation between GDP and infection per million.



## 06. Do developing countries treat the infected poorly?

► **No!** Although the rich countries has less fatality rate, the relationship is not strong.



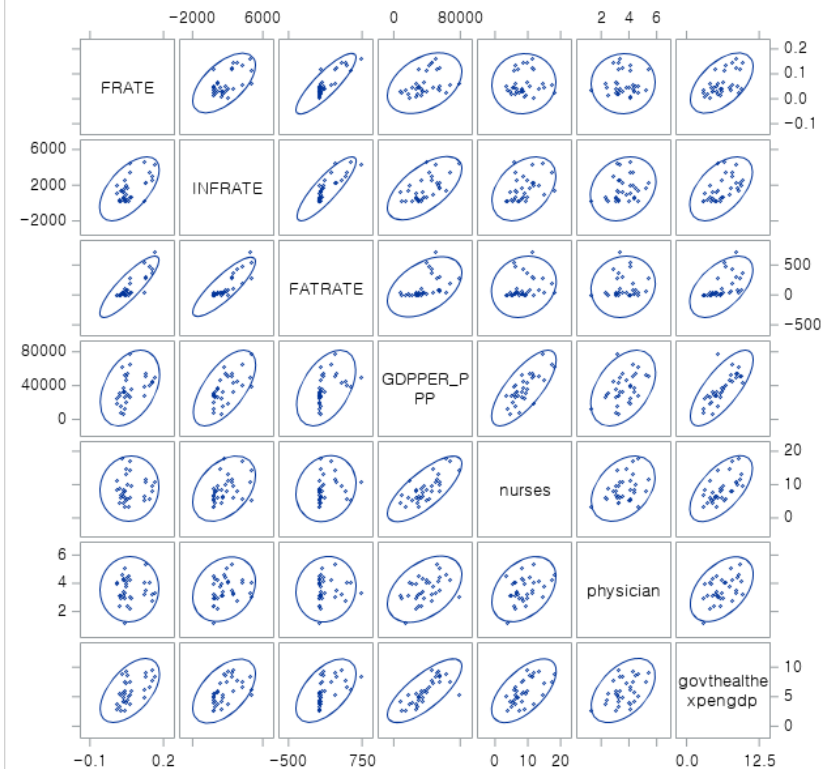
# 07. No relationship because of poor quality of data???

## Asia



Source: JHU dataset, Kilkon Ko Lab & ARIC Seoul National University

## Europe



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## 08. Even European countries **do not** show clear relationships

Europe, DV=Infection per million

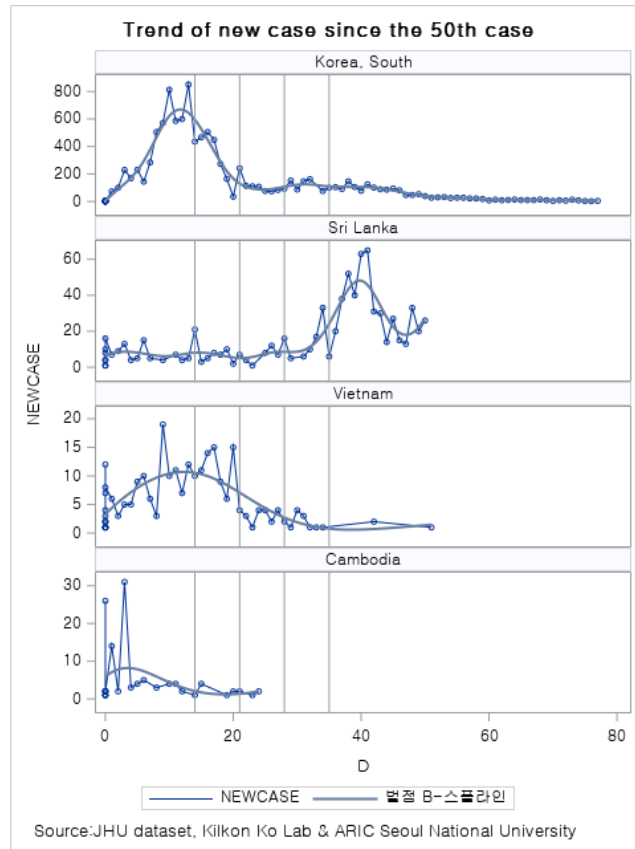
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GDPPER_PPP	0.0541753	0.0216362	2.50	0.0184
nurses	-70.0105017	80.3508552	-0.87	0.3910
physician	-107.4719424	254.1848430	-0.42	0.6757
Govt.health.exp en.gdp	112.0446427	150.0109504	0.75	0.4613

## 09. Is South Korea only an exemplar ?

No!!

- ✓ Cambodia has 122 cases but zero death
- ✓ Viet Nam has 270 cases but zero death
- ✓ Sri Lanka has 668 cases and 7 deaths

**This is the reason why we should look for success factors not based on general conjectures but on in-depth case studies.**





# 10. COVID-19 Country Report

## ARIC and SNU work for COVID-19 Country Report Series

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So far, the 19 countries' COVID-19 reports have been made .

ARIC will add more with **YOU** !!!

# 11. Case Study – Cambodia, Sri Lanka and Vietnam

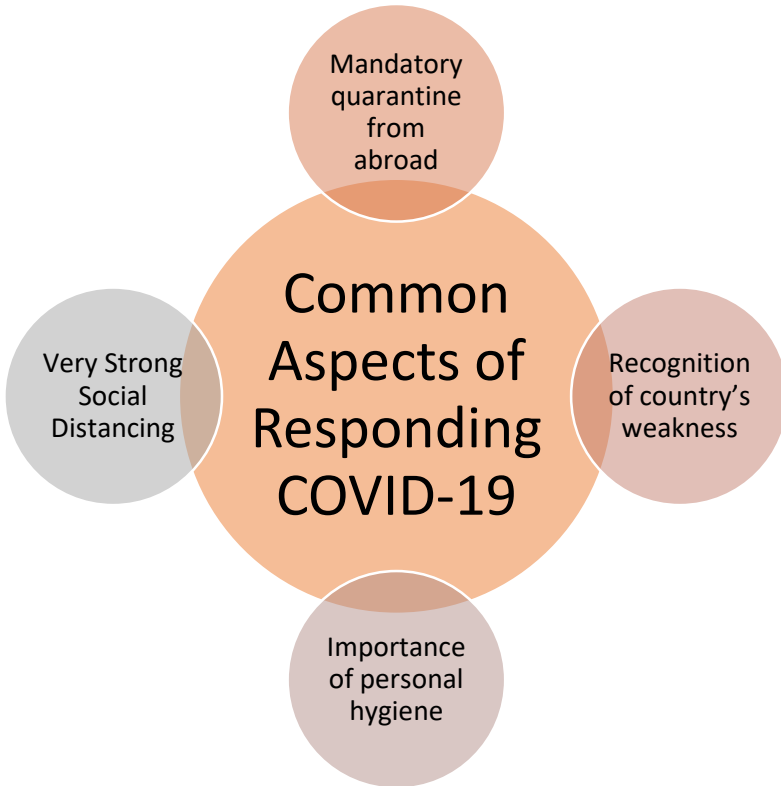
As of May 3

Country	1 <sup>st</sup> Confirmed Case	2 <sup>nd</sup> Confirmed Case	Total Confirmed	Total Death	# of conducted test	per 1,000 people
Cambodia	Jan 27	Mar 7	122	0	12,378	0.76
Sri Lanka	Jan 27	Mar 11	707	7	29,378	1.35
Vietnam	Jan 23	Jan 31	271	0	261,004	2.68

As of April 26 from Our World in Data

## What made them so successful in combating COVID-19?

# 11. Case Study – Cambodia, Sri Lanka and Vietnam



- ✓ Very strong “social distancing”
- ✓ Emphasizing the importance of personal hygiene including wearing masks
- ✓ Spontaneously realizing the country’s limitations and prepare to the lack of quarantine system as a developing countries
- ✓ Mandatory quarantines for overseas inflow

## 11. Case Study – Cambodia

- Cancelled the celebration of Khmer New Year (April 13-16)  
: implementing 'No-holiday' policy to all employees and officials
- Targeting the entire community of people, not the people.

# 11. Case Study – Cambodia

- Less than 50% internet penetration rate, having a device to use Internet
- Television and radio as a medium of remote learning
- Smartphone and Facebook attracting viewers
- The availability of contents due to Open Education Repository (OER) and Others ([WB](#))

# 11. Case Study – Sri Lanka

- As of 23 March, forty-five quarantine centers have been built in the country by the Sri Lanka Army as a preventive measure to tackle the coronavirus pandemic. [\(link\)](#)
- Tackling the misinformation and fake news by the government
  - 1) Sri Lankan Police requested to the general public to not mislead themselves from rumors which are spread across social media platforms. [\(link\)](#)
  - 2) Former MPS are currently under investigation for delivering false information to the public [\(link\)](#)
    - prevent the public from being panic
    - providing the adequate information at right timing

# 11. Case Study – Vietnam

Densely populated neighbor of China

Weak healthcare system

Low budget for combating the coronavirus

one of the most susceptible  
countries to the COVID-19  
at the beginning stage



**Vietnamese Government declared  
fighting COVID-19 as a WAR**

# 11. Case Study – Vietnam

## Immediate response policy implementations

- 1) Mobilizing on all fronts
- 2) Vietnam's surveillance state
- 3) War rhetoric



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join hands to combat the COVID-19 epidemic

Việt Nam News  
@VietnamNewsVNS



URGENT: Ministry of Health looks for passengers on flights with #COVID19 patients. Please check [vietnamnews.vn/society/654109](https://vietnamnews.vn/society/654109) ...#Vietnam #flights #coronavirus

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH**  
**URGENT NOTIFICATION**  
Updated 8h on 25/3/2020

**HOTLINES: 19009095 - 19003228**

The following flights were identified having passengers infected with COVID-19

DATE	ORIGIN ▶ DESTINATION	FLIGHT	
15/3/2020	Dubai ▶ HCMC	EK 364	Connecting from Emirates EK 38 from London to Dubai
15/3/2020	Moscow ▶ Ha Noi	SU 290	
15/3/2020	Bangkok ▶ Ha Noi	TG 560	Connecting from London
17/3/2020	Brunei ▶ HCMC	BI 381	Connecting from Malaysia
19/3/2020	Dubai ▶ HCMC	EK 392	Connecting from Emirates EK 4 from London to Dubai
19/3/2020	Japan ▶ HCMC	NH 831	Connecting from United States
20/3/2020	Tokyo ▶ Ha Noi	JL 751	

Ministry of Health calls for all passengers on these flights immediately contact the City Disease Control Center for health monitoring instructions.

Travel agencies have responsibility for notifying the passengers purchasing air tickets on the flights mentioned above.

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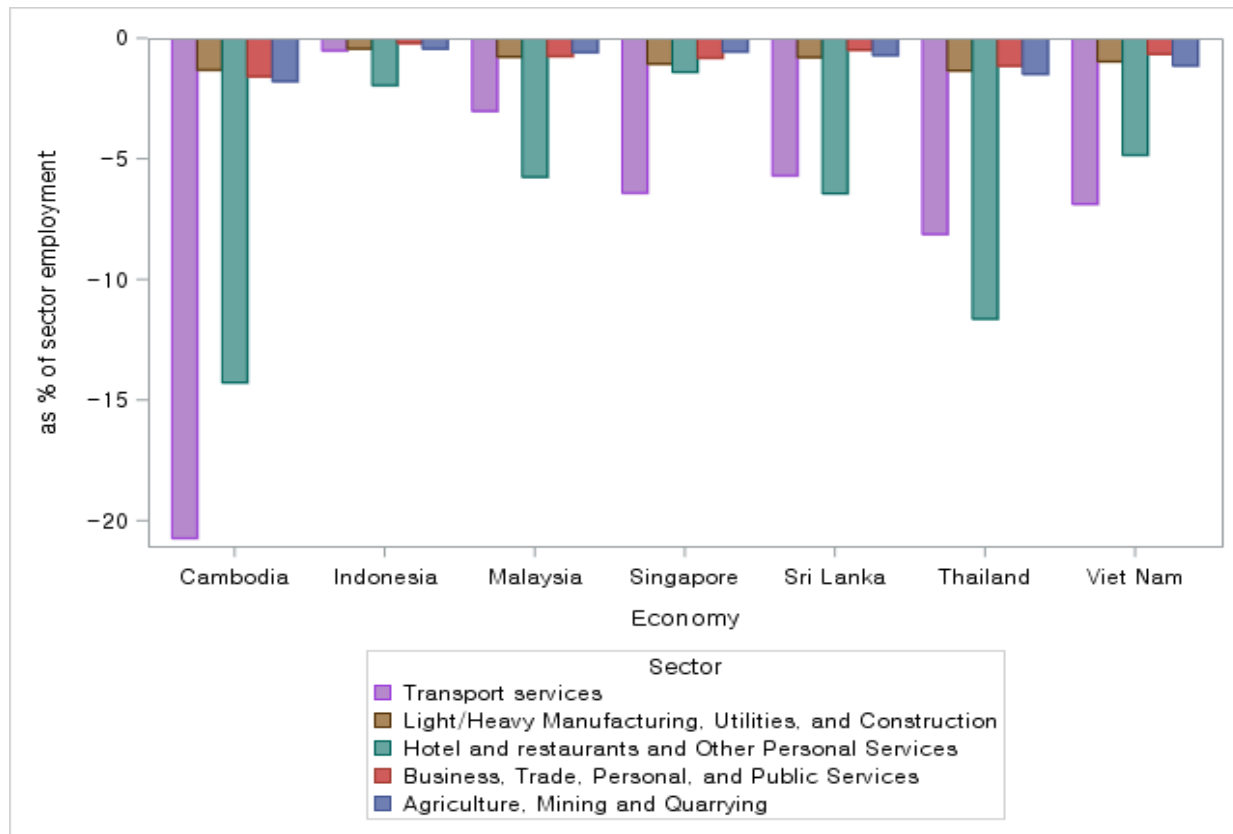


# 11. Case Study – Vietnam

- Social Consensus and Anti-epidemic campaign
  - Educational song about the virus + famous pop stars / posters
  - Launching a new app to alert the suspected infections
    - Make citizens feel “comfortable” to come over the pandemic situation
    - Criticism: is it voluntary?
- Strong Trust buildings (individuals - individuals & individuals – state)
  - Open communications using SNS, text messages and TV broadcasts
    - Rebuilding public trust
- Pre-emptive measures
  - Massive and aggressive testing
    - Could detect the possible infections readily in advance

# 12. Post COVID-19 Era in Developing Countries

## ► Heavily damaged labor-intensive industries



- ✓ Short-term
- ✓ mild impact scenario
- ✓ ADB

# 13. Conclusions

## Developing countries do their own ways of responding COVID-19

- Some of them are successful, others not
- Do not simply impose the ways that developed countries' approach (e.g. more hospital, more inspection, more IT, etc.) to developing countries
- It's time to understand the developing countries' way of response
- Post-Corona Impacts will be acute to developing countries

**ARIC is open to all for broader collaboration !!!**

**THANK YOU**

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