Background

HealthLandscape (an innovation of the American Academy of Family Physicians [AAFP]) and the Robert Graham Center for Policy Studies in Family Medicine and Primary Care are pleased to present the World Health Mapper. This powerful tool for visualizing and understanding global health data gives you easy access to an array of country-level health indicators that can be displayed as a map, table, bar chart, or trend graph. You can also examine the relationship between two health indicators by creating a side-by-side map or a comparison map. The World Health Mapper includes data on the global status of family medicine, which will be particularly interesting if you are engaged in promoting the model of family medicine. These data, which were gathered recently by Graham Center fellow John Parks and others, have been supplemented with population health indicators from the World Bank's World Development Indicators data catalog and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Health Database to provide context for understanding family medicine’s growth worldwide.

More information about the data sources is available at:

World Bank World Development Indicators

OECD Health Database
www.oecd.org/health/health-systems/health-at-a-glance.htm

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When you enter the World Health Mapper, a **welcome screen** displays general information about the tool’s data sources. It also presents eight topic areas in boxes. Hover your cursor over a topic to get more information about the indicators it includes. Click on one of the topic boxes to create a map.
Creating a Map

Create a map by doing the following:

1) Select a topic by clicking on a topic box.
2) Select an indicator by clicking the radio button next to the desired indicator.
3) Select a group/category from the drop-down menu.

Once you have selected a group/category, a world map in different shades of blue will be displayed.

Zoom in on the map by doing one of the following:

• Double-click on the area of interest.
• Hold down the Shift key while you click and drag with your mouse to draw a box on the map.
• Click the (+) on the zoom bar in the upper left-hand corner of the screen.

Zoom out by clicking the (-) on the zoom bar in the upper left-hand corner of the screen.
Thematic Map View

The initial map you create will display a **thematic map view**. In addition to your map, you will see a **legend** and **legend controls** at the bottom of the screen. The legend indicates the range of values represented by each shade of color on the map. The legend controls allow you to change the map’s color scheme and color palette, the number of value categories into which the data is grouped, and the distribution (i.e., quantile or equal interval). When you move your mouse over a country, a pop-up window called a **tool-tip** will appear. It shows data for the selected indicator in all available groups/categories for the highlighted country.
Threshold Map View

Change to a **threshold map view** by clicking the radio button next to “Threshold” in the legend controls at the bottom of the screen. On a threshold map, you can click and drag the slider bar at the bottom of the screen to set a threshold value so that you will only see countries with values greater than or equal to that value. This allows you to pinpoint countries that have high values on specific health indicators.
Adding a Secondary Indicator (Side-by-Side Maps)

View two indicators at the same time on side-by-side maps by doing the following:

1) Click on “Add Secondary Indicator” in the bottom right-hand corner of the screen. (You may need to scroll down to see this text.)

2) Select a topic by clicking on a topic box.

3) Select a secondary indicator by clicking the radio button next to the desired indicator.

4) Select a group/category from the drop-down menu.

Once you have selected a group/category, you will see two maps side-by-side. The map on the left-hand side of the screen displays the primary indicator, and the map on the right-hand side of the screen displays the secondary indicator. When you move your mouse over a country on one map, it is highlighted with a dark red outline on both maps (if data for the selected indicator is available).
Adding a Secondary Indicator (Comparison Map)

Merge side-by-side maps together by clicking the radio button next to “Comparison” in the legend controls at the bottom of the screen. This will merge the primary and secondary indicators together by percentile. Click and drag the slider bar at the bottom of the screen to select the break points for your percentiles. A comparison map displays countries in the following colors, which correspond to the break points:

- **Blue** = High/High
- **Red** = High/Low
- **Light blue/green** = Low/High
- **Yellow** = Low/Low

For example, if your break points are 40/60, then blue countries have both primary and secondary indicators in the 60th percentile or above; red countries have the primary indicator in the 60th percentile or above and the secondary indicator in the 40th percentile or below.
Data Table

See all of the data for your selected indicator in tabular form by clicking on the **Data tab** in the upper left-hand corner of the screen. Click on a column header to sort the data by column in ascending or descending order. Download the data table as a .csv file by clicking on the “**Export**” button on the upper right-hand side of the screen.
Bar Chart

See all of the data for your selected indicator as a bar chart by clicking on the Chart tab in the upper left-hand corner of the screen. Select a Sort By option from the drop-down menu at the top of the screen to sort the chart by value or alphabetically.

Gray bars on the chart indicate benchmarks for countries categorized by region (e.g., South Asia) and/or income level (e.g., lower middle income).
Trend Graph

See trend data for your selected indicator (if available) by clicking on the Graph tab in the upper left-hand corner of the screen. Keep in mind the following when you are graphing trend data:

- The graph may take a few minutes to load.
- To display or hide a country on the graph, click on the checkbox next to the country's name to select or deselect it.
- Trend data is not available for all indicators.
Printing

Print a map directly from the World Health Mapper by clicking the "Print" button on the upper right-hand side of the screen. In the pop-up window that opens, you can enter a title for your map, and click and drag the map to position it for printing.

You also have the option of downloading a data table and/or map as a PDF. Data tables cannot be printed directly from the tool.
Reset Button

Clear your map and start over by clicking the “Reset” button on the upper right-hand side of the screen.