The global all-cause morbidity and mortality burden in adolescents by country income groups, age and sex

*Disability-adjusted life years (DALYs) are a measure of the overall disease burden, including both the morbidity burden (expressed as years of healthy life lost due to disability, YLD) and the mortality burden (expressed as years of healthy life lost due to mortality, YLL). Disease burden refers to morbidity and mortality from all causes.

- The disease burden among adolescents decreases substantially with increasing country income in all adolescent sex and age groups.
- The variation in the adolescent disease burden across income groups is largely due to higher mortality in the lower-income countries, while the morbidity burden shows much less variation by country income groups.
- The disease burden is higher in older adolescents (15–19 years) than in younger adolescents (10–14 years) across all income groups and for both males and females.
- The disease burden is higher in males than in females, except in lower-middle-income countries.