The top global causes of adolescent mortality and morbidity by age and sex, 2019

- The causes of mortality among adolescents are different than the causes of morbidity.
- Injuries such as road injury, drowning and self-harm; communicable diseases including diarrhoeal diseases, tuberculosis and lower respiratory infections; and maternal conditions are the main causes of mortality among adolescents.
- Road injury is the leading cause of mortality among adolescent boys.
- Mental disorders including childhood behavioural, anxiety and depressive disorders are among the leading causes of morbidity among adolescents of both sexes and across age groups.
- Iron-deficiency anaemia is an important cause of morbidity among younger adolescents of both sexes.