Executive summary

The **main** objective in this report is to produce forecasts of the number of deaths in the week ahead for each country with active transmission. We forecast reported deaths; therefore, forecasted deaths in the week ahead for countries with poor reporting of deaths will be an underestimate.

Based on our best estimates of transmissibility, the COVID-19 epidemic is:

* significantly declining (Rt<1)1 in XX countries (xx,xx),
* stabilising (Rt~1)2 in XX countries (xx,xx).
* slowly growing (Rt>1)3 in XX countries (xx,xx),
* rapidly growing (Rt>2) in XX countries (xx,xx,),

Based on our forecast (median), the total number of deaths in the coming week is expected to be:

* relatively small (<100) in XX countries (xx,xx),
* relatively large (100 to 1000) in XX countries (xx,xx),
* large (1,000 to 5,000) in XX countries (xx,xx),
* very large (>5,000)4 in XX countries (xx,xx),

1.condition relates to upper confidence limit. 2.condition relates to upper and lower confidence limits encompassing 1. 3.condition relates to lower confidence limit.