This folder contains, in addition to the count of deaths due to COVID-19:

* A metadata file detailing the source and coverage of the data
* A codebook defining the variables
* A file containing population estimates for each country over the period of the pandemic, on several dates as far as possible

**It is important to refer to the metadata before any data analysis and, especially to envisage a comparison between 2 countries or 2 data sources.**

The pooled data files can be merged:

* With the metadata file using the country identification variables and “excelsheet” as merging key
* With population estimates using the country identification variables (country, country\_code, region, country\_no)